



2026-2027 School Profile
CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
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Mission: The mission of Calvary Christian Academy is to educate the whole student within a Christian context of spiritual, social, mental, and physical development. As an extension of the ministry of the Church, we exist to help students cultivate a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, to discover and encourage their gifts, and to inspire each student to realize his or her full potential in serving God in spirit and in truth.

Enrollment: Founded in 2011, Calvary Christian Academy now enrolls 184 students from grades K-12. In the Upper School, the enrollment is 29 students, the student-faculty ratio is 2:1, and the average class size is 9.

Academic Program: CCA implements a rigorous curriculum, structured after the classical trivium and consisting of three stages—grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Students complete courses via a hybrid model, which combines 2.5 days of classroom learning with 2.5 days of home-based learning.

- **Logic and Rhetoric:** As students complete full-year courses, they implement acquired skills in logic and rhetoric throughout the curriculum, demonstrating cross-curricular reasoning. CCA students clearly and persuasively articulate the knowledge they acquire across departments and courses.
- **Classical Texts and Primary Sources:** CCA seeks to inspire students with the knowledge that they are both inheritors and responsible contributors to historical, social, and cultural contexts much greater than themselves. As part of this process, CCA students engage with classic texts and primary sources. The CCA humanities sequence includes of a study of western literature and history from antiquity to postmodern times.
- **Classical and Modern Languages:** All students at CCA study Latin. In the upper school, after one year of Latin, students may choose to continue their Latin studies or begin to learn a modern language.
- **Academic Tracks:** Many CCA students pursue an Honors Level diploma. At CCA, the academic program is rigorous and comparable to other Classical Christian schools.
- **Advanced Placement:** By design, CCA does not offer classes adhering to the Advanced Placement curriculum. In contrast, classical pedagogy entails in-depth discussion of essential questions and great works which may be limited by the AP curriculum.
- **Senior Thesis:** Students in grade twelve complete a senior thesis project, which serves as an opportunity for students to synthesize the CCA academic curriculum, demonstrate cross-curricular thinking, and apply rhetorical skills. Students prepare, present, and formally defend a substantive argument to a panel of faculty and guests.

- **Ranking:** CCA does not rank students.

Academic Honors: CCA students receive academic honors, determined by the student's cumulative GPA.

- **Summa Cum Laude:** 4.0 GPA
- **Magna Cum Laude:** 3.75-3.99 GPA
- **Cum Laude:** 3.5-3.74 GPA

<u>Grading Scale:</u>	A+ 100-97% (4.0)	A 96-93% (4.0)	A- 92-90% (3.7)
(unweighted -	B+ 89-87% (3.3)	B 86-83% (3.0)	B- 82-80% (2.7)
4.0 scale)	C+ 79-77% (2.3)	C 76-73% (2.0)	C- 72-70% (1.7)
	D+ 69-67% (1.3)	D 60-66% (1.0)	F 59% and below

Graduation Requirements – CCA Honors Diploma

Core Classes:

English – 4 courses
 Math – 4 courses
 Science (with labs) – 3 or 4 courses
 History/Social Sciences – 4 courses
 Foreign Language – 3 or 4 courses
 Logic – 1 course
 Rhetoric – 1 course
 Apologetics – 1 course
 Senior Thesis – 1 course

Integrated Studies:

Fine Arts – a minimum of 2 courses
 Physical Education – a minimum of 4 seasons
 Student Service Hours – a minimum of 128 hours

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Integrated Studies:

Fine Arts – a minimum of 2 courses
 Physical Education – a minimum of 4 seasons
 Student Service Hours – a minimum of 80 hours



Calvary Christian Academy, San Jose was named one of the top ten schools in Classic Learning Test's (CLT) [2022-2023 CLT School Rankings](#). This award recognizes Calvary Christian Academy's student body for collectively receiving one of the highest average scores in the nation on the CLT during the 2022-2023 academic year.

CCA Rhetoric School Humanities – Selected Reading List

Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan
The Beautiful and Damned, F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Garies and Their Friends, Frank J. Webb
Animal Farm, George Orwell
The American Story: The Beginnings, David Barton
The Iliad, Homer
The Odyssey, Homer
Media, Euripides
The Aeneid, Vergil
The Metamorphoses, Ovid
The Republic, Plato
Beowulf, unknown
The Consolation of Philosophy, Boethius
The Divine Comedy, Dante Alighieri
Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare
Twelfth Night, William Shakespeare
The Merchant of Venice, William Shakespeare
Henry V, William Shakespeare
Hamlet, William Shakespeare
Macbeth, William Shakespeare
Paradise Lost, John Milton
Paradise Regained, John Milton

City of God, St. Augustine
Persuasion, Jane Austen
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Brontë
Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde
All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Remarque
Four Quartets, T.S. Eliot

Selections From:

- Early American Poetry
- Nathaniel Hawthorne, Selected Stories
- Edgar Allan Poe, Selected Stories
- "Self-Reliance," Ralph Waldo Emerson
- *Democracy in America*, Alexis de Tocqueville
- *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*
- *On Liberty*, John Stuart Mill
- The Federalist Papers
- The Anti-Federalist Papers
- *Politics*, Aristotle
- *Symposium*, Plato
- *Eclogues*, Vergil
- *Georgics*, Vergil
- Poetry of Horace and Catullus
- *The Prince*, Machiavelli
- Poetry of Wordsworth, Keats, and Coleridge

CCA College Acceptances

- Biola University
- Baylor University
- Colorado Christian University
- University of Dallas
- Geneva College
- Grand Canyon University (*attended*)
- Grove City College
- Hillsdale College (*attended*)
- Liberty University (*attended*)
- LeTourneau University
- The Master's University (*attended*)
- New Saint Andrews College
- Patrick Henry College (*attended*)
- Point Loma Nazarene University (*attended*)
- Providence College
- Purdue University (*attended*)
- San Diego Christian College
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- Simpson University (*attended*)
- The Master's University
- The University of Austin (*attended*)
- Westmont College
- Wheaton College
- Whitworth University (*attended*)