



VERITAS

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

VERITAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL is an independent, Christian, classical, coeducational, non-discriminatory, University-Model School®, enrolling 313 students in grades k-12 located in the downtown area of Greenville, SC. The Veritas Telos is to be a community of students and families growing in the love of God as courageous learners, thoughtful communicators, and gracious servants. University Model Schooling provides an academically challenging education while integrating the home and the school in the common goal of educating children. Veritas is a classical school in terms of both pedagogy and curricula. Instruction in Latin begins in grade 3 and continues until the sophomore year of high school followed by Greek junior and senior year. Veritas began in the fall of 2013 and had its first graduating class in 2022.

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SERVICE LEARNING AND HOUSE SYSTEM

At Veritas, service learning is an integral part of our school community. The entire k-12 student body participates in 1 school day per semester of community service together as a school. Our Upper School students are encouraged to volunteer their time in creating school clubs and athletic groups for our younger students, growing in leadership with involvement in the House System, serving in student government, and organizing school social events. All students in grades k-12 are members of one of four houses.

CLASSICAL ACADEMIC DISTINCTIVES

Veritas provides a rigorous, traditional liberal arts education, emphasizing reading of original texts and the study of classical language. Distinctives include: instruction in Latin and Greek; formal coursework in the liberal arts of grammar, logic, and rhetoric; Socratic seminars; and laboratory experimentation in all science courses. Students take the National Latin Exam annually in 6th-9th grades. Veritas uses the Singapore Dimensions Math Curriculum in K5 through 8th grades. Students translate Cicero in 9th grade. In 10th grade, students translate Virgil and Caesar, even if they are not enrolled in AP Latin. By the end of the 12th grade year, students are translating sections of the Greek New Testament and Septuagint.

Veritas does not disclose class rank for college admissions purposes. Veritas does not allow middle school courses to count towards high school credit.

FINANCIAL AID

For the 2023-2024 school year, 29% of students received financial aid; during the past 10 years over \$1 million in financial aid and tuition assistance has been awarded.

ATHLETICS

Beginning in 5th grade, our Veritas students have the opportunity to compete in athletics. In only our third year of sports, we are competing in JV/Varsity Cross Country and Track, middle school and JV Girls Volleyball, middle school boys and girls basketball, and JV Boys Basketball. Our athletics program also provides positions for students to grow in leadership and serve their fellow students as team managers and team captain positions. All student athletes are committed to regular practices, competitions, and we are proud to be an NCAA-approved high school.

SENIOR THESIS

In our capstone Senior Thesis course, students write a 20-25-page, six part, Ciceronian essay on a topic of their choice that must be substantial, controversial, and pertinent to the Christian life. This paper is presented in May to the entire school community and open to the public. Students must also answer questions from the audience at the end of their presentation.

ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS



28 Students in grades 9-12 enrollment 2023-2024

6 Students in the class of 2024

Semester
Academic calendar

1:8 Upper School faculty to student ratio

7 Average Upper School class size

7 Advanced Placement courses available

83% From 2020-2023, 42 AP exams were taken with 83% scoring a 3 or higher.

1325 SAT Avg.
Verbal: 687, Math: 638
(Classes 2022-2024)

29 ACT Avg.
(Classes 2022-2024)

1st National Merit Semifinalist in the Class of 2024

GRADING SYSTEM:

Veritas utilizes a semester system with two 18 week semesters. A student's final numerical grade for the year is calculated by averaging the grades earned each semester and is the grade that will appear on the student's final official transcript. The VPS grading scale uses a numerical system ranging from 0-100, with corresponding 10-point letter-grade bands, to determine individual course grades. Each course is graded on the 100-point scale, with the grades from all courses averaged together at the end of each academic year to calculate the Cumulative Weighted Average (CWA). In recognition of the increased demands of Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) coursework, Honors courses are weighted with an additional 3 points, and AP courses are weighted with an additional 7 points. The weighted scores are only used in calculating the CWA and are not reflected in individual course grades. The Upper School utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (SCUGP) in calculating and reporting GPAs and grades. VPS will follow the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (SCUGP) for determining class rank. Rank will be calculated based on all academic classes at the end of each academic year, and rank will include all diploma seeking students enrolled at VPS.

GRADING SCALE

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and below

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
History	3 units
Government	1/2 unit
Economics	1/2 unit
Lab Science	4 units
Classical Languages	4 units
Rhetoric	4 units
Fine Art	1 units
Physical Education	1 unit
Total	26 units

RHETORIC SCHOOL HUMANITIES**BOOK LIST:**

The Odyssey, Homer
The Aeneid, Virgil
The Oresteia, Aeschylus
The Apology, Plato
The Republic, Plato
Confessions, Augustine
Beowulf
The Divine Comedy, Dante
Julius Caesar and Hamlet, Shakespeare
Paradise Lost, Milton
Frankenstein, Shelly
Brave New World, Aldous Huxley
Freedom of a Christian Luther
Reflections on the Revolutions in France, Burke
The Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers
The Communist Manifesto, Marx
The Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald
The Grapes of Wrath, Steinbeck
Jane Eyre, Bronte
Democracy in America, Tocqueville
Souls of Black Folk, DuBois
Up From Slavery, Washington
Silence, Endo
Oeconomicus, Xenophon
The Consolation of Philosophy, Boethius
The Death of Ivan Illych, Tolstoy

**COLLEGE PREP/
ELECTIVES****HONORS****AP**

English	Eng I: Ancient Literature Eng II: European Literature Eng III: American Literature Eng IV: Great Books	Eng I: Ancient Literature Eng II: European Literature Eng III: American Literature Eng IV: Great Books	AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature
Math	Geometry Algebra II Algebra III Precalculus/ Trigonometry Statistics	Geometry Algebra II Precalculus/ Trigonometry Statistics	AP Calculus
History	Western Civilization European History American History US Government/ Economics	Western Civilization European History American History US Government/ Economics	AP European History AP American History
Science	Biology Physics Chemistry	Biology Physics Chemistry	AP Environmental Science
Language	Latin III Latin IV: Cicero/Horace Latin V: Virgil/Caesar Greek I Greek II	Latin III Latin IV: Cicero/Horace Latin V: Virgil/Caesar Greek I Greek II	AP Latin: Virgil/Caesar
Rhetoric	Composition IV Rhetoric I: Persuasive Speech Rhetoric II: Mock Trial Rhetoric III: Senior Thesis	Composition IV Rhetoric I: Persuasive Speech Rhetoric II: Mock Trial Rhetoric III: Senior Thesis	
Electives	Art I: Painting Music I, II Photography Film Studies		
Electives	Physical Education Yoga Life Skills Creative Writing C.S. Lewis Seminar Health and Exercise Science		