

# 2024- 2025 School Profile

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## **History & Mission**

Founded in 2019, Treasure Valley Classical Academy is an open-enrollment, K-12 public charter school for students who live in Idaho's Treasure Valley. The school's first senior class will graduate in 2026.

The mission of Treasure Valley Classical Academy is to train the minds and improve the hearts of students through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.

#### 2023-2024 National Assessments

## CLT 10 (Class of 2026):

Ranked at/above 90th percentile: 23%Ranked at/above 75th percentile: 47%

## CLT 10 (Class of 2027):

Ranked at/above 90th percentile: 10%Ranked at/above 75th percentile: 19%

## **Latin Exams:**

TVCA students have participated in national ranked in both the National Latin Exam and the Universal Latin Exam.

#### AP Exams:

71% of students who took the AP Biology exam scored a 3 or higher (more AP exams will be added next year and following).

#### **Faculty**

Treasure Valley Classical Academy's Upper School (grades 7 and above) faculty has 18 faculty members. Teachers are hired based on their mastery of academic disciplines in the liberal arts and sciences; certification is not required. 56% of the Upper School faculty have a Master's degree or PhD.

#### **Enrollment**

Upper School (7-11): 221 Elementary School (K-6): 369 Total: 590 (24% students of color)

Class of 2026: 44

#### **Grading & Grade Point Average**

Grade point averages are computed using semester grades and the grading scale below. Treasure Valley Classical Academy strongly discourages grade inflation.

<b>A</b> 94-100 (4.0)	<b>A-</b> 90-93 (3.7)	<b>B+</b> 87-89 (3.3)
<b>B</b> 84-86 (3.0)	<b>B-</b> 80-83 (2.7)	<b>C+</b> 77-79 (2.3)
C 74-76 (2.0)	<b>C-</b> 70-73 (1.7)	<b>D+</b> 67-69 (1.3)
<b>D</b> 64-66 (1.0)	<b>D-</b> 60-63 (0.7)	<b>F</b> Below 60 (0.0)

Two GPAs are computed for grades 9-11: a cumulative overall GPA and a cumulative overall weighted GPA. The cumulative overall GPA is based on semester grades earned in all credited subjects graded A-F. The cumulative overall weighted GPA includes additional AP credits earned (+.5).

Because of the rigorous nature of our program, our students' high standing on national norms, and the small size of our program, Treasure Valley Classical Academy does not calculate class rank.

#### **Cumulative Unweighted GPAs:**

	Class of 2027 (Sophomore Year)		Class of 2026 (Junior Ye
18 %	3.75 and above	33 %	3.75 and above
15 %	3.5 to 3.75	23 %	3.5 to 3.75
26 %	3.0 to 3.5	26 %	3.0 to 3.5
21 %	2.5 to 3.0	10 %	2.5 to 3.0
21 %	Below 2.5	5 %	Below 2.5

25%	64%	5
of students participate	of students participate	student-led
in Sports or Athletic Clubs	in Fine Arts programs	Clubs

virtus | scientia | felicitas

A classical education is a liberal arts education intended to equip students for virtuous, knowledgeable, and happy lives. Our students will be engaged citizens and intellectually rigorous contributors, well qualified for future studies in law, medicine, business, engineering, technology, theology or any other professional or vocational pursuit.

In the **humanities**, students engage in Socratic discussion, as teachers propose questions based on close readings of complete works. Freshmen read The *Iliad* and *The Aeneid* and delve into the works of historians and philosophers such as Thucydides, Herodotus, Plato, and Plutarch. In their sophomore year, students read Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dickens, and Austen, while considering the religious and political contributions of Augustine through Adam Smith. Students discover America in their junior year, completing courses in American Literature, American History, and American Government. They read the founding documents as well as the influential Federalist papers and other writings of the founders, presidents, authors, and activists of the 19th century. Finally, the senior year focuses on modern times with works by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and George Orwell and a study of the presidencies, wars, politics, and theories that shaped the era.

Mathematics and science classes place an emphasis on the search for

their academic performance and good character.

truth and beauty and the primacy of logic (including Euclidian Geometry), as well as deductive reasoning as students move from foundational to more advanced courses.

After three years of Latin in grades 6-8, students must complete three more years of a foreign language. Many choose to continue with Latin.

Other required courses include at least one semester of **Composition** with an emphasis on coherent, concise, and compelling writing and habits of clear thinking. Students take Moral and Political Philosophy, which focus on the moral and political traditions of Western Civilization.

Students may continue to build upon the performing and visual arts instruction received during their elementary and middle school years by participating in choral or orchestral ensembles and advanced art classes.

Seniors must write a 10-15 page **Senior Thesis** and defend it before faculty members and peers.

#### Curriculum

(48 semester credits required)

## English (8 credits)

Classical Literature Medieval & British Literature American Literature Modern Literature

#### History (8 credits)

Ancient History (Greece & Rome) Medieval & Early Modern History American History Modern History

## Mathematics (8 credits)

Algebra I & II Geometry **Pre-Calculus** Calculus I (AP option)

#### Science (8 credits)

Biology I (AP option) Chemistry I (AP option) Physics I (AP option) Astronomy or Comp Sci (AP option)

Foreign Language (6 credits)

Latin I-V

Modern Language Option

## Additional Requirements (7 credits)

Health/Personal Fitness, Composition, Economics, Moral Philosophy, Political Philosophy, American Government

## Electives (Up to 11 credits)

Leadership, Robotics, Physical Education, Orchestra, Choral Ensemble, Studio Art, Drama, Print Media, Photography.

#### Advanced Placement (AP)

AP coursework is available beginning in 10th grade, with additional AP courses offered in following years, particularly in math and science. Students enrolled in an AP course are expected to take the corresponding exam. Because all our high school courses are rigorous and follow a coherent trajectory, Treasure Valley Classical Academy offers AP courses only when they closely align with the curriculum.

Students must first complete the non-AP core course and may take optional follow-on AP courses only when this is recommended by their teachers.

#### ACTIVITIES | SPORTS | LEADERSHIP | CLUBS | SERVICE

9th Grade Iliad Essay Contest: Ninth grade students finish their study of Homer with a deep analysis on a topic of their choosing. Literature teachers select a small group of outstanding essays, and the Principal chooses the winner from that group. Honor Guard: Students who demonstrate exemplary character and sound academic performance receive the honor of lowering,

folding, and hoisting a new flag at our annual Veterans Day ceremony. Student Government: Officers and class representatives are elected and mentored; parliamentary procedure is followed; they develop proposals, collaborate with school leadership, and coordinate initiatives to serve the community and student body. Student of the Quarter: Each quarter, students in the Upper School grades are recognized by the faculty and administration for

Timberwolves Serve: Treasure Valley Classical Academy actively sponsors long-term, student-led community service projects. Sports: Boys/Girls Varsity and Junior-Varsity Basketball, Soccer, Cross Country, and Volleyball. Club Sports in Wrestling. Clubs and Organizations: Student Government, Orchestra, Choir, Drama, Outdoor Pursuits Club, Service Club, Honor Guard.