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The Ambrose School is accredited through the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS).

School Profile

THE AMBROSE SCHOOL

2017 - 2018

The Ambrose School is a K-12 liberal arts co-educational school that teaches students how to learn through a classical and Christian approach to education. We seek to educate the whole student by fostering virtue and mature character, sound reason and sound faith, a masterful command of language, well-rounded competence, literacy with a broad exposure to books, and an established aesthetic.

CORE CHARACTERISTICS

Great Ideas | Our teachers engage students in Socratic discussions of great works of history, literature, poetry, art, music, and science. Students study over 115 original works including the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, *Antigone* and *Oedipus Rex*, the *Bible*, *Divine Comedy*, the *Koran*, *Beowulf*, *Hamlet*, *Paradise Lost*, *Pride and Prejudice*, the *Communist Manifesto*, and *Origin of Species*.

Senior Thesis and Rhetoric | One of the main ends of our students' education is the ability to winsomely persuade others through clear and purposeful writing and speaking. Students take a year of logic instruction, and read Aristotle, Cicero, and Quintilian's works on rhetoric. As the culmination of their Ambrose education, students research and write a 20+ page thesis on a political, theological or cultural issue, and then defend it before a panel of community members.

House Leadership and Community Service | Students in grades 7-12 are members of one of six school Houses. Through our House Program students serve in leadership roles, mentor younger students, compete against one another in athletics, and partner with community service organizations. Our student body completes 2500 to 3000 hours of community service yearly.

Senior Trip | Our seniors spend two weeks encountering the art, architecture and history of London, Paris, Florence, and Rome. From the Roman Colosseum to the Louvre to the Churchill War Rooms, our students experience first-hand the history and heritage of Europe.

Well-Rounded Core Classes | Ambrose students gain a strong foundation in the humanities, mathematics, the natural sciences, and world languages; additionally, students take four years of performing or applied arts, including theater, choir, orchestra, art, and broadcast media.

STUDENTS AND SCHOOL

- 24 students in the class of 2018
- 128 students in grades 9-12
- 583 total student body
- 98% college matriculation rate in 2017
- School founded in 1995
- Graduated first class in 2006
- 186 alumni from 2006 to present

GRADING AND TRANSCRIPTS

- Semester system
- 4-point grading scale for most courses
- 5-point grading scale for honors courses
- 11 honors courses offered (see reverse)
- 41 concurrent credits offered (see reverse)
- We do not provide class ranking.

CLASS OF 2017 ACT SCORE AVERAGES

Total Tested	34
Composite	26.2
English	27.5
Math	24.8
Reading	27.6
Science	24.5

FACULTY

- 25 teaching faculty
- 13 have advanced degrees
- Average class size: 18

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities	87 credits
Rhetoric	31 credits
Science	25 credits
Math	35 credits
Languages	10 credits
Arts Electives	16 credits
Total Required Credits	204 credits

CLASS OF 2017 SAT SCORE AVERAGES

Total Tested	9
Composite	1291
Critical Reading	651
Math	640

2017 NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

102 out of 122 students examined received honors.

CONCURRENT CREDIT COURSES/HONORS COURSES

- Latin 211 (4 credits: Boise State University)
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- Chemistry (4 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)
- Human Biology (4 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)
- Calculus (4 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)
- Pre-calculus (6 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)
- Humane Letters IV (6 credits: Colorado Christian University)
- Humane Letters V (6 credits: Colorado Christian University)
- Rhetoric I (3 credits: Colorado Christian University)

ADDITIONAL HONORS COURSES

- Humane Letters III
- Humane Letters VI

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (2012-2017)

- 8 National Merit Scholars
- 1 Semifinalist
- 6 Commended Scholars
- 1 National Hispanic Scholar

AP EXAMS

The Ambrose School does not offer AP exams. Students are instead encouraged to enroll in concurrent credit courses.

CURRICULUM

(Courses in **bold** are required for graduation)

HUMANITIES

Letters III, IV, V, and VI are two-hour daily courses integrating the literature, history, art, and philosophy of a time period. Freshmen study American history and culture, sophomores the ancient Greeks and Romans, juniors the Middle Ages, and seniors the early modern through contemporary periods. Additionally, students take **Comparative Civilizations** and **20th Century Art and Culture**. In all of these courses, teachers lead students in Socratic discussions of original works and seek to understand these works in their historical and cultural context as well as their lasting influence on our world today.

RHETORIC COURSES AND THESIS

Freshmen in **High School Writing** focus on persuasion through the written word. Sophomores in Rhetoric I practice oral persuasion through public speaking. Juniors in **Summa Theologica** and seniors in **Summa Civitas** research, write, and defend thesis papers. Recent thesis titles include, "Gene-Editing Technology and the Imago-Dei," "Interpretation in Question: The Supreme Court and Judicial Activism vs. Judicial Restraint," and "Cruel and Unusual Punishment: The Problem with Three Strikes Laws."

Science

- **Biology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Conceptual Physics** or **Physics**
- Earth Science
- Human Biology

Math

- **Algebra I**
(typically taken in 8th)
- **Geometry**
- **Algebra II**
- **Trigonometry** or **Pre-calculus**
- Calculus

Languages

- **Latin 211**
- Latin 212
- Greek I
- Greek II
- French I
- French II

Arts Electives

- Orchestra
- Devoveo & Gaudeo Choirs
- Art I, Art II, Art III, Projects
- Drama
- Mock Trial
- Broadcast Media
- Graphic Design
- Journalism

PRECEPTORIALS AND TEACHER APPRENTICESHIPS

Our one-credit preceptorial courses are electives on a wide variety of subjects. Teaching assistantships give students experience helping in a classroom. Students in a teaching apprenticeship help run the classroom and gain teaching experience.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS

(Colleges where graduates are currently attending or have attended appear in **bold**.)

Arcadia University
Arizona Christian University
Arizona State University Barrett Honors College
Ashland University Honors
Auburn University
Azusa Pacific University
Baylor University
BIOLA University
BIOLA University Torrey Honors Institute
Boise Bible College
Boise State University
Boise State University Honors College
Calvin College
Carrroll College
Central Washington University
Chapman University
Clemson University
College of Idaho
College of Southern Idaho
College of Western Idaho
Colorado School of Mines
Concordia University
Corban University
Dixie State College
Dordt College
Eastern University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Southern College
Fort Hays State University Honors College
George Fox University
Gonzaga University

Grand Canyon University
Grove City College
Gutenberg College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hillsdale College
Idaho State University
Iowa State University
Johnson State College
Letourneau University
Lewis and Clark State College
Liberty University
Macalester College
Maine Maritime Academy
Marion Military Institute
Mary Baldwin College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Michigan State University
Mississippi College
Montana State University
Moody Bible Institute
New Mexico Military Academy
New Saint Andrews College
North Idaho College
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwest University
Northwest Nazarene University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Olivet Nazarene University
Pacific Lutheran University
Palm Beach Atlantic University

Point Loma Nazarene University
Portland State University
Purdue University
Regis University
Rhodes College
Richmond University in London
Rocky Mountain College
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
San Jacinto College
San Francisco State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
Southeast Missouri State
St. Mary's College
Stetson University
Texas A & M University
Texas Tech University
The King's College
The Master's College
Treasure Valley Community College
Trinity Western University
Tulane University
University of California Berkeley
University of California Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
University of California San Diego
US Air Force Academy
US Military Academy at West Point
University of Alabama

University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Dallas
University of Denver
University of Houston
University of Idaho
University of Idaho Honors College
University of Idaho Law School
University of Illinois
University of Massachusetts
University of Minnesota
University of Montana
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Redlands
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Utah
University of Washington
Utah State University
Valley Forge Military College
Walla Walla University
Washington State University
Westminster College
Westmont College
Wheaton College
Whittier College
Whitworth University
Willamette University
Wofford College