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

School Profile

THE AMBROSE SCHOOL

2019 - 2020

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 eight 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

- 30 students in the class of 2020
- 147 students in grades 9-12
- 519 total student body
- 97% college matriculation rate in 2019
- School founded in 1995
- Graduated first class in 2006
- 242 alumni from 2006 to present

GRADING AND TRANSCRIPTS

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

CLASS OF 2019 ACT SCORE AVERAGES

Total Tested	17
Composite	27.9
English	29.4
Math	25.7
Reading	29.6
Science	26.1

FACULTY

- 22 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 2019 SAT SCORE AVERAGES

Total Tested	21
Composite	1245
Critical Reading	634
Math	611

2018 NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

106 out of 170 students examined received honors.

CONCURRENT CREDIT COURSES & HONORS COURSES

- 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)
- Humane Letters III
- Humane Letters VI

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (2012-2019)

- 9 National Merit Scholars
- 1 Semifinalist
- 9 Commended Scholars
- 2 National Hispanic Scholars

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)

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 IV**
- Latin V
- Greek I
- Greek II
- French I
- French II

ARTS ELECTIVES

- Orchestra
- Choir
- Art
- Drama
- Mock Trial
- Broadcast Media
- Graphic Design
- Journalism
- Teacher Apprentice (TAp)

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**. Students participate in Socratic discussions of original sources. We study these works in their historical and cultural contexts and for their lasting influence on our world.

RHETORIC COURSES AND THESIS

Freshmen in **Writer's Rhetoric** 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."

PRECEPTORIALS AND TEACHER APPRENTICESHIPS

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

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS

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

Abilene Christian University	Dixie State College	Mississippi College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Idaho Law School
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Dordt College	Montana State University	Seattle Pacific University	University of Illinois
Arcadia University	Eastern University	Moody Bible Institute	Seattle University	University of Massachusetts
Arizona Christian University	Eastern Washington University	New Mexico Military Academy	Southeast Missouri State	University of Michigan
Arizona State University Barrett Honors College	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	New Saint Andrews College	Southern Methodist University	University of Minnesota
Ashland University Honors	Fashion Institute of Technology	New York University	St. Mary's College	University of Montana
Auburn University	Flagler College	North Idaho College	Stetson University	University of North Texas
Azusa Pacific University	Florida Southern College	Northeastern University	Technologico de Monterrey, Guadalajara, Mexico	University of Notre Dame
Baylor University	Fort Hays State University Honors College	Northern Arizona University	Texas A & M University	University of Oklahoma
Belmont University	Fresno Pacific University	Northwest University	Texas Christian University	University of Pittsburgh
Berklee College of Music	George Fox University	Northwest Nazarene University	Texas Tech University	University of Portland
Biola University	Gonzaga University	Notre Dame de Namur University	The King's College	University of Redlands
Biola University Torrey Honors Institute	Grand Canyon University	Ohio Northern University	The Master's College	University of Southern Mississippi
Boise Bible College	Grove City College	Ohio State University	Treasure Valley Community College	University of Utah
Boise State University	Gutenberg College	Oklahoma Baptist University	Trinity University	University of Washington
Boise State University Honors College	Hawaii Pacific University	Olivet Nazarene University	Trinity Western University	University of Wyoming
Boston College	Hillsdale College	Oral Roberts University	Tulane University	Utah State University
Cal State University, Fresno	Idaho State University	Pacific Lutheran University	University of California Berkeley	Valley Forge Military College
California Polytechnic State University	Indiana University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of California Irvine	Vanderbilt University
Calvin College	INSA Lyon, France	Pepperdine University	University of California Los Angeles	Walla Walla University
Carrroll College	Iowa State University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of California San Diego	Washington State University
Central Washington University	Johnson State College	Portland State University	US Air Force Academy	Weber State
Chapman University	Letourneau University	Purdue University	US Military Academy at West Point	Western Michigan University
Clemson University	Lewis and Clark State College	Regis University	University of Alabama	Westminster College
College of Idaho	Liberty University	Rhodes College	University of Arizona	Westmont College
College of Southern Idaho	Loyola Marymount University	Richmond University in London	University of Chicago	Wheaton College
College of Western Idaho	Macalester College	Rocky Mountain College	University of Colorado Boulder	Whittier College
Colorado Christian University	Maine Maritime Academy	Rollins College	University of Dallas	Whitworth University
Colorado School of Mines	Marion Military Institute	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Denver	Willamette University
Colorado State University	Mary Baldwin College	Rutgers University	University of Houston	Wofford College
Concordia University	Maryville University, St. Louis	San Jacinto College	University of Idaho	
Corban University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	San Francisco State University	University of Idaho Honors College	
Covenant College	Michigan State University	Santa Clara University		