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

School Profile

THE AMBROSE SCHOOL

2020 - 2021

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. Our mission is 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 Europe 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

- 34 students in the class of 2021
- 154 students in grades 9-12
- 522 total student body
- 97% college matriculation rate in 2019
- School founded in 1995
- Graduated first class in 2006
- 272 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 2020 ACT SCORE AVERAGES

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| Total Tested | 25 |
| Composite | 28.1 |
| English | 28.2 |
| Math | 27.1 |
| Reading | 27.3 |
| Science | 25.8 |
| Writing | 9.5 |

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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| 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 2020 SAT SCORE AVERAGES

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| Total Tested | 18 |
| Composite | 1260 |
| Critical Reading | 631 |
| Math | 629 |

2019 NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

89 out of 175 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 (2012-2020)

- 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
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Arcadia University
Arizona Christian University
Arizona State University Barrett Honors College
Ashland University Honors
Auburn University
Azusa Pacific University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Biola University
Biola University Torrey Honors Institute
Boise Bible College
Boise State University
Boise State University Honors College
Boston College
Cal State University, Fresno
California Polytechnic State University
Calvin College
Carroll College
Central Washington University
Champlain College
Chapman University
Clemson University
College of Idaho
College of Southern Idaho
College of Western Idaho
Colorado Christian University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Concordia University
Corban University

Covenant College
Dixie State College
Dordt College
Eastern University
Eastern Washington University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Flagler College
Florida Southern College
Fort Hays State University Honors College
Fresno Pacific University
George Fox University
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grove City College
Gutenber College
Hawaii Pacific University
Hillsdale College
Idaho State University
Indiana University
INSA Lyon, France
Iowa State University
Johnson State College
Letourneau University
Lewis and Clark State College
Liberty University
Loyola Marymount University
Macalester College
Maine Maritime Academy
Marion Military Institute
Mary Baldwin College
Maryville University, St. Louis
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Michigan State University
Mississippi College
Montana State University
Moody Bible Institute
New Mexico Military Academy
New Saint Andrews College
New York University
North Idaho College
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwest University
Northwest Nazarene University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Olivet Nazarene University
Oral Roberts University
Pacific Lutheran University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pepperdine 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
Southern Adventist University
Southern Methodist University
St. Mary's College
Stetson University
Technologico de Monterrey, Guadalajara, Mexico
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The King's College
The Master's College
Treasure Valley Community College
Trinity University
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 Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Montana
University of North Texas
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
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Valley Forge Military College
Vanderbilt University
Walla Walla University
Washington and Lee University
Washington State University
Weber State
Western Michigan University
Westminster College
Westmont College
Wheaton College
Whittier College
Whitworth University
Willamette University
Wofford College