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

# School Profile

## THE AMBROSE SCHOOL

### 2021 - 2022

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

- 49 students in the class of 2022
- 167 students in grades 9-12
- 591 total student body
- 98% college matriculation rate in 2021
- School founded in 1995
- 307 alumni from 2006 to present

### 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         |
| <b>Total Required Credits</b> | <b>204 credits</b> |

### 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)
- 43 concurrent credits offered (see reverse)
- We do not provide class ranking

### 2020 SAT SCORE AVERAGES

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| Total Tested     | 56   |
| Composite        | 1295 |
| Critical Reading | 656  |
| Math             | 640  |

### 2020 ACT SCORE AVERAGES

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| Total Tested | 33 |
| Composite    | 29 |
| English      | 30 |
| Math         | 28 |
| Reading      | 29 |
| Science      | 27 |

### 2019 NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

89 out of 175 students examined received honors.

## CONCURRENT CREDIT COURSES & HONORS COURSES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry (4 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)</li> <li>• Human Biology (4 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)</li> <li>• Calculus (4 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)</li> <li>• Pre-calculus (6 credits: Northwest Nazarene University)</li> <li>• Humane Letters III (6 credits: Colorado Christian University)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humane Letters IV (6 credits: Colorado Christian University)</li> <li>• Humane Letters V (6 credits: Colorado Christian University)</li> <li>• Rhetoric I (3 credits: Colorado Christian University)</li> <li>• Summa Civitas (3 credits: Colorado Christian University)</li> <li>• Choir (1 credit: Colorado Christian University)</li> </ul> |
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### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (2012-2021)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 National Merit Scholars</li> <li>• 4 Semifinalists</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 Commended Scholars</li> <li>• 2 National Hispanic Scholars</li> </ul> |
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### 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
- 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**.)

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