



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2020-2021

CEEB CODE:	210754
STAFF:	Headmaster & Upper School Principal: <i>Roy Griffith</i> Admin Assistant: <i>Monica Ault</i> College Advisor: <i>Jerry Keehner</i> College Admin: <i>Cindy Davis</i> Resource Coordinator: <i>Stefanie Bachmann</i> Athletic Director: <i>Jerry Keehner</i> Registrar: <i>Tammy Rhodes</i>
COMMUNITY DATA:	Rockbridge Academy is located in the historic area between the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland. The school is also situated approximately 35 minutes east of Washington, D.C.
AFFILIATIONS:	Association of Classical & Christian Schools (ACCS), Moscow, Idaho Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Colorado Springs, Colorado
ACCREDITATION:	ACCS, January 2004; Accreditation Renewal, June 2016
STUDENT BODY*:	Kindergarten through High school 323 Grammar School (K-6) 158 Upper School: Dialectic (grades 7-9) 91 Rhetoric (grades 10-12) 74 Dialectic - Rhetoric School Student/Teacher ratio 6:1
	<i>*Please note that these figures are projected and subject to change.</i>
CALENDAR:	36 weeks; 3 trimester grading system; seven 48-minute rotating class periods in grades 7-12.
HIGH SCHOOL:	26 teachers (20 full-time, 6 part-time); 15 with advanced degrees.
GRADUATION:	Class of 2020: 27 minimum credits – one credit for each yearlong course and .5 credit for each course that meets less than five days per week.

<i>Core Courses:</i>	
English.....	4 credits
History.....	4 credits
Mathematics.....	4 credits
Science (lab courses).....	2 credits
Latin.....	3 credits
Theology.....	4 credits
Rhetoric (Thesis).....	2 credits
Seminar in Ideas.....	.5 credit
Grand Tour*.....	.5 credit

<i>Academic Electives:</i>	
College Calculus.....	1 credit
College Chemistry.....	1 credit
Chemistry.....	1 credit
College Physics.....	1 credit
Physics.....	1 credit
Economics.....	1 credit
Spanish I.....	1 credit
Spanish II.....	1 credit
<i>Total of 3 credits</i>	

<i>General Electives:</i>	
Concert Choir.....	.5 credit
Studio Art.....	.5 credit
Debate.....	.5 credit
Orchestra.....	.5 credit
Journalism.....	.5 credit
Photography.....	.5 credit
Yearbook.....	.5 credit
Mock Trial.....	.5 credit
<i>Total of 2 credits from any of above</i>	

*\*Taught in Junior year; includes a 17-day educational tour of Greece and Italy*

<i>Physical Education/Interscholastic Sports.....</i>	
	<i>.5 credit</i>
<i>Total of 1 credit</i>	

**DISTINCTIVES:**

Rockbridge Academy is a classical Christian school, employing the centuries-proven methodology known as the *Trivium*, Grammar, Dialectic, and Rhetoric. At the high school level (spanning Dialectic and Rhetoric), Rockbridge Academy's history and English program focuses on an intensive study of the great writings, people, events, works, and ideas that have formed and reformed civilization as we know it. Special emphasis is given to the study of Western Culture. Classic works of our culture are studied within their historical settings and from a traditionally biblical perspective, which helps the students understand how these works and the people who wrote them were influenced by those historical settings. It also reveals the universal nature of the great works, which are classics precisely because they speak to all men through all ages. Emphasis is placed upon reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills. *All English, math, history, literature, and science courses are taught at the honors level.*

**GRADING:**

Letter Grade	Grade Point Average	Numerical Average
A	4.0	90-100
B	3.0	80-89
C	2.0	70-79
F	0.0	0-69

**GRADING POLICY DURING (COVID-19) SPRING TRIMESTER 2020:**

In order to “do no harm to students” when our school unexpectedly pivoted to fully remote instruction (March 13, 2020), Rockbridge Academy instituted a grading policy that allowed for passing spring trimester grades of B or C to be recorded as a passing grade of P. A passing P gave the student credit for passing the class while not impacting GPA either positively or negatively. If a student received a grade of A, that grade was recorded, and it was computed into the GPA.

**GPA COMPUTATION:**

The GPA is determined in the following manner: all math and science classes are awarded a quality point of 3, all humanities are awarded a quality point of 2, and general electives are awarded a quality point of 1. The student's average in any given subject garners its grade point average equivalent (see above). These two factors are then multiplied. For example: If a student receives an A+ average (GPA of 4.0) in a calculus class (quality point of 3), those two factors are multiplied for a total of 12. These totals are then added, along with the total number of quality points. The total is then divided by the total number of quality points for the final GPA. GPA is computed on all subjects in grades 9+, while also including 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra I and Latin II.

**CUMULATIVE HONORS:**

Summa Cum Laude = 3.7+  
 Magna Cum Laude = 3.5 - 3.69  
 Cum Laude = 3.25 - 3.49

**CLASS RANKING POLICY:**

Because of the size of our student body (the class of 2020 totals 30 students), Rockbridge Academy does not rank its students.

**NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM:**

**Classes of 2004-2020**  
 In addition to 4 National Merit Scholars, 8 National Merit finalists, 1 National Merit semi-finalist, 2 National Achievement finalists, and 2 National Achievement semi-finalists, 54 of our 321 graduates received letters of commendation.

SAT SUMMARY:

**Class of 2019**

ERW Mean – 684

Math Mean – 665

**Class of 2020**

ERW Mean – 651

Math Mean – 609

PSAT SUMMARY:

**Class of 2020**

ERW Mean – 625

Math Mean – 584

**Class of 2021**

ERW Mean – 643

Math Mean – 578

PERCENT OF GRADUATES  
MATRICULATING TO 4-YEAR  
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES:

**Class of 2017**

88% (+4% attending  
community college)

**Class of 2018**

81% (+19% attending  
community college)

**Class of 2019**

90% (+10% attending  
community college)

**Class of 2020**

83% (+7% attending  
community college)

COLLEGE CHOICES:

**Recent graduates of Rockbridge Academy have been accepted into the following four-year colleges and universities:**

- Albright College
- Arizona State University (*Honors Program*)
- Arizona, The University of
- Auburn University
- Baylor University
- Belmont University
- Bentley University
- Bob Jones University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bridgeport University
- Bridgewater College
- Bryant University
- Bucknell University
- Calvin College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Catholic University of America, The
- Cedarville University
- Charleston, College of
- Chestnut Hill College
- Clemson University (*Honors College*)
- Cornell University
- Covenant College
- Delaware, University of
- East Carolina University (*Honors College*)
- Eastern University (*Templeton Honors*)
- Eastman School of Music
- Elizabethtown College
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Falmouth University
- Ferrum College
- Florida International University
- Frostburg State University
- Furman University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gordon College
- Grove City College
- Hillsdale College
- Hofstra University
- Houghton College (*Honors College*)
- Illinois, University of
- Indiana University (*Bloomington*)
- Jacksonville State University
- James Madison University (*Honors College*)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- King's College, The
- Lafayette College
- Liberty University
- Lipscomb University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola University Maryland (*Honors College*)
- Maryland, University of (*Honors College*)
- Maryland, University of - Baltimore County (*Honors College*)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Massachusetts (Amherst), University of
- McDaniel College
- Mercer University (*Honors College*)
- Messiah College
- Miami University, Ohio
- Miami, University of
- MICA
- Michigan State University
- Mount St. Mary's University (*Honors Program*)
- New Haven, University of
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New Jersey, The College of
- New York University
- Niagara University
- North Park University
- North Texas, University of
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Notre Dame, University of
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State University
- Oregon, University of
- Pennsylvania, University of
- Pennsylvania State University, The
- Point Park University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University (*Honors Program*)
- Regent University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Richmond, University of
- Rutgers University
- Saint Mary's College of MD
- Salisbury University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Seattle Pacific University
- Seton Hall University (*Honors College*)
- Simmons College
- St. Johns College
- Sterling College
- Stevenson University
- Suffield Academy
- Taylor University
- Temple University (*Honors Program*)
- Tennessee (Knoxville), The University of
- Texas A&M University
- Texas State University
- Towson University (*Honors College*)
- United States Coast Guard Academy
- United States Military Academy, West Point
- United States Naval Academy
- University of the Arts, Philadelphia
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University (*Honors College*)
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Tech
- Virginia, University of
- Wake Forest University
- Washington College
- Washington & Lee University
- West Point (USMA)
- Wheaton College
- William & Mary, The College of
- Wilson College
- York College
- York College of Pennsylvania (*Nursing Program*)