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# ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY School Profile 2022-2023\*

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## STAFF

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## COMMUNITY DATA

Rockbridge Academy was established in 1995 and is located in the historic area between the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland, and is also approximately 35 minutes east of Washington, D.C.

## AFFILIATION & ACCREDITATION

Association of Classical & Christian Schools (ACCS), Moscow, Idaho  
Accredited, January 2004; accreditation renewal, April 2022

## STUDENT BODY\*

**383** TOTAL in junior kindergarten through high school

**194** Grammar School (junior kindergarten-6th grade)

### UPPER SCHOOL

**98** Dialectic (grades 7-9)

**91** Rhetoric (grades 10-12)

**9:1** Upper School Student:Teacher ratio in grades 7-12

*\*Please note that these figures are projected and subject to change.*

## CALENDAR

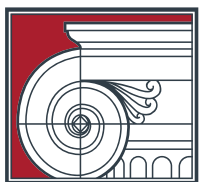
38 weeks; 3 trimester grading system;  
seven 46-minute rotating class periods in grades 7-12.

## UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY

27 teachers (19 full-time, 8 part-time); 17 with advanced degrees.  
63% of our upper school faculty hold advanced degrees.

## GRADUATION

**CLASS OF 2022:** 27 minimum credits – one credit for each yearlong course and .5 credit for each course that meets less than five days per week.



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## HONORS LEVEL COURSEWORK

As an ACCS accredited institution we provide an Honors level curriculum for all students. Many of our students take AP exams and score well enough to receive college credits. Every core course from Latin to calculus represents academic depth and challenge. Though we operate according to a different educational methodology than AP or IB, the courses compare favorably in rigor. *All literature, rhetoric, science, math, and history courses are taught at the honors level.\**

SUBJECT <i>*Honors Level</i>	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade	CREDIT HOURS
<b>Theology</b>	Systematic Theology	Bibliology & Hermeneutics	New Testament	Apologetics	4 credits
<b>History*</b>	European History II*	US History*	History of Great Ideas I*	History of Great Ideas II*	4 credits
<b>Literature*</b>	Late European Literature*	American Literature*	Literature of Antiquity & Christendom*	Modern Literature*	4 credits
<b>Science* (lab courses)</b>	Biology*	Chemistry*	Physics*	Advanced Physics,* Advanced Chemistry,* or Advanced Biology*	2-4 credits
<b>Math*</b>	Geometry*	Algebra II*	Pre-Calculus*	Calculus*	4 credits
		Algebra IIa*	Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry*	Pre-Calculus*	
<b>Latin</b>	Latin III Officium *	Latin IV Officium*			3 credits Includes one 8th grade Latin credit
	Latin III Meditatio	Latin IV Meditatio			
<b>Spanish / Econ Option</b>	Spanish I	Spanish II	Spanish I	Spanish II or Economics	2 credits
<b>Rhetoric*</b> <i>*This class culminates in a 15-20 page thesis paper, 5-minute speech, and defense with interlocutors.</i>			Rhetoric I*	Rhetoric II*	2 credits
<b>Grand Tour / Seminar in Ideas</b> <i>Grand Tour class culminates in a 17-day educational tour through Greece and Italy in the summer after Junior year.</i>			Grand Tour Class	Seminar in Ideas	1 credit

### General Electives for .5 credit each

- Concert Choir
- Studio Art
- Debate
- Orchestra
- Short Stories & World Literature
- Photography
- Yearbook
- Mock Trial

*Total of 2 credits from any of above*

- Physical Education/Inter-scholastic sports

*Total of 1 credit*

*27 minimum credits for graduation.*

## 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.



## 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

## SAT SUMMARY

CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
ERW Mean – 679	ERW Mean – 676
Math Mean – 623	Math Mean – 630
<b>TOTAL: 1302</b>	<b>TOTAL: 1306</b>

## PSAT SUMMARY

CLASS OF 2022	CLASS OF 2023
ERW Mean – 649	ERW Mean – 640
Math Mean – 562	Math Mean – 566
<b>TOTAL: 1211</b>	<b>TOTAL: 1206</b>

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

CLASS OF 2019	CLASS OF 2020
<b>90%</b> (+10% attending community college)	<b>93%</b> (+7% attending community college)
CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
<b>96%</b> (+4% attending community college)	<b>83%</b> (+13% attending community college)

## 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. We resumed fully in-person instruction by September 2020.

## 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 8th grade Algebra I and Latin II.

## CUMULATIVE HONORS

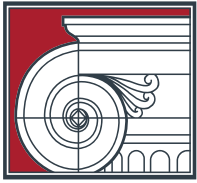
SUMMA CUM LAUDE: 3.7+  
MAGNA CUM LAUDE: 3.5 - 3.69  
CUM LAUDE: 3.25 - 3.49

## CLASS RANKING POLICY

Because of the size of our student body (the class of 2023 totals 19 students), Rockbridge Academy does not rank its students.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**CLASSES OF 2004-2022:** In addition to 4 National Merit Scholars, 9 National Merit finalists, 1 National Merit semi-finalist, 2 National Achievement finalists, and 2 National Achievement semi-finalists, 59 of our 372 graduates received letters of commendation. As such, 20.7% of our graduates have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program.



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## COLLEGE CHOICES

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

- American University
- Auburn University
- Belmont University
- Bentley University
- Bob Jones University
- Bucknell University
- Calvin College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve
- Catholic University of America, The
- Cedarville University
- Clemson University (Honors College)
- Cornell University
- Covenant College
- Drexel University
- East Carolina University (Honors College)
- Eastman School of Music
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emory University
- Franciscan University
- Frostburg State University
- Geneva College
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gordon College
- Grove City College
- High Point University
- Hillsdale College
- James Madison University (Honors College)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- King's College, The
- Liberty University
- Loyola University
- Loyola University Maryland (Honors College)
- Mercer University (Honors College)
- Messiah College
- Miami University, Ohio
- Michigan State University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Pennsylvania State University, The
- Point Park University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University (Honors Program)
- Regent University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University
- St. Johns College
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Salisbury University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)
- Syracuse University
- Towson University (Honors College)
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Coast Guard Academy
- United States Military Academy, West Point
- United States Naval Academy
- University of Charleston
- University of Delaware
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (Honors College)
- University of Maryland, College Park (Honors College)
- University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Richmond
- University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University (Honors College)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University
- Washington & Lee University
- Wheaton College
- William & Mary, The College of