



Purpose of the Veritas Academy Rhetoric School

The purpose of the Rhetoric School is to provide the Savannah community an educational opportunity for high school age students that is Christian, classical, and covenantal.

Mission of the Veritas Academy Rhetoric School

The mission of the Rhetoric School is to teach and encourage students to think, speak, and act Christianly, and to seek, discern, and apply Truth to all of their life by providing an education of excellence that is Christ-centered, classical, and covenantal. In short, to produce students who are wise and eloquent.

Vision of the Veritas Academy Rhetoric School

To be Savannah's foremost Center for Classical Christian Learning by providing an education of excellence that is Christ-centered, classical, and covenantal. We seek to graduate young men and women who are scholars who love to learn, readers who love books, leaders who love the family, citizens who love their nation, members of the Body of Christ who love the church, and missionaries who love the lost: who are equipped to extend God's kingdom by spreading the gospel, transforming culture, and pursuing Truth, beauty, and righteousness all their days.

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What is a rhetoric school?

Simply stated, as the capstone to the classical trivium a rhetoric school is a high school. However, to leave it at that would not adequately answer the question. Properly defined, rhetoric is the art of speaking and writing clearly, eloquently, and persuasively. When this “subject” is taken to represent a stage of education (i.e., high school), the implication is that rhetoric becomes the emphasis of all learning which takes place during that stage. What this means is that students in a rhetoric school learn to present their knowledge truthfully and eloquently. The curriculum of a rhetoric school centers around a study of the Western tradition of history, literature, philosophy, and theology. As students read the “Great Books” of the West and thus enter into the “Great Conversation,” they are challenged to participate in that conversation themselves through discussion, written essay, and oral presentation. The goal is to produce a student who is, as Quintillian stated, “A good man speaking well.”

What is unique about the Veritas Rhetoric School?

The uniqueness of the Veritas Rhetoric School can be seen in how we carry out the philosophy of education outlined above. As students in the Veritas Rhetoric School study and engage the Western tradition of history, literature, philosophy, and theology, they reckon with the truth that God is the author of history and has a definitive purpose for His world. Therefore, they study the ideas and ideals that have dominated different time periods of Western development in the light of the incarnate Christ and the Gospel message. This “theological” approach to learning and truth is also employed in the study of math and science as we see God as the creator of the natural world with its order, symmetry, and beauty. The aim in such an approach to education is to form and shape students who think Christianly about God, themselves, and the world around them, always growing in their understanding of God’s purpose for humanity and human civilization. The end result is a true liberal arts education, producing free citizens fit for life and leadership in a free society.



What about extra-curricular activities?

As a Classical and Christian School we place a high priority on students being *exposed to* and *trained in* the fine arts of Western culture. Just as Beauty was one of the chief pursuits of classical culture, as well as the crown of the Christian understanding of truth, so it is our aim to create an excellent fine arts program that will include music, drama and visual art, each in turn drawing the student’s attention to eternal Beauty. In addition, we believe in the developmental value of competitive team sports. Thus, we are currently working towards providing athletic opportunities for our Rhetoric Students that will include but are not limited to the following: volleyball, basketball, swimming, rowing, tennis, golf, riflery and lacrosse. Finally, as the high school component of a classical school, we recognize and appreciate the need for social stimuli. Thus, we are committed to cultivating a social atmosphere at the Rhetoric School reflecting this appreciation through clubs, educational trips, and other programming designed for social enhancement.

What if my child has no background in classical education?

As the only classical school in Savannah, we understand the concern of some parents that their child may or may not find success at the Rhetoric School level having had little to no background in Latin (core aspect of classical learning) or the Omnibus program (our History, Literature and Theology curriculum). Thus, we have put together a *Summer Latin Program* and are currently completing an *Omnibus Primer*, both of which are specifically designed to allow a student from a non-classical background to successfully transition into the Veritas Academy Rhetoric School.

