



BEREAN

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2026-2027
School Profile

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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ADMINISTRATION

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ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Cognia (formerly AdvanceED)
Texas Private School Accreditation
Commission (TEPSAC)
Association of Classical Christian Schools
(ACCS)
Society of Classical Learning (SCL)
National (& Texas) Association for College
Admission Counseling (NACAC/TACAC)
North American Coalition for Christian
Admissions Professionals (NACCAP)

MISSION STATEMENT

Berean Christian Academy's mission is to educate students in a Christ-centered worldview, equipped to recognize Truth, Goodness, and Beauty in God's Creation. Berean operates as a partnership between faculty and parents, preparing students to live their lives for the glory of Christ and benefit of others.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Berean is a Kindergarten through 12th grade independent, interdenominational, classical Christian school founded in 2016 and located just outside of the greater Houston area. The academy's student-faculty ratio is 6:1 with an average class size of 12 which allows for individual feedback and encouragement. Berean's faculty are all degreed in their respective fields and 72% of the Upper School faculty have advanced degrees. Berean Christian Academy is focused on creating a strong educational foundation that builds upon the skills and knowledge developed each year, creating higher-order thinking as the child grows.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DISTINCTIVES

As a classical Christian school, Berean utilizes the time tested learning model of the seven liberal arts. The Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric stages are the first three of the seven liberal arts. In the Grammar stage (K-6th grade), students learn the key who, what, when, and where of all their subject matter with a focus on math and Latin. In the Logic stage (7th-9th grade), students explore independent thinking and reasoning, seeking truth by probing the student for sound argument and application of what they are learning. Through formal logic and debate classes, Harkness Table conversation, Latin, and research students test the integrity of ideas and explore differing opinions. The Rhetoric student (10th-12th grade) takes the knowledge and understanding that he has developed in past years and begins to impart wisdom through eloquent and beautiful conversations and writings, focused on highlighting truth. With deeper study into the "great books," original ancient texts, theology, philosophy, and the masters of oratory, the student persuasively defends his thoughts and ideas. The capstone of this stage is modeled through a 12th grade Senior Thesis. In addition to implementing the intensive classical approach, all students are continually involved in service projects, leadership opportunities, virtue development, and mentorships.

Admissions requirements include entrance exams, transcript screening, teacher recommendations and in-person interviews of students and families.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING SCALE

	GRADE	ENGLISH	HISTORY	MATH	SCIENCE	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	CLASSICAL STUDIES	CHRISTIAN STUDIES	FINE ARTS
School of Logic	7th	ANCIENT LIT & COMP	ANTIQUITIES	PRE-ALGEBRA	INTRO A&P	LATIN I	INFORMAL LOGIC	THEOLOGY	ART CHOIR THEATER
	8th	EURO LIT & COMP	CHRISTENDOM	ALGEBRA I	IPC	LATIN II	FORMAL LOGIC	THEOLOGY	ART CHOIR THEATER
	9th	EARLY MODERN LIT & COMP	EARLY MODERN HISTORY	GEOMETRY	BIOLOGY	LATIN III	DEBATE MOCK TRIAL	THEOLOGY	ART CHOIR THEATER
School of Rhetoric	10th	ANCIENT LITERATURE	ANCIENT HISTORY	ALGEBRA II	CHEMISTRY	LATIN IV OR SPANISH I	RHETORIC I	WORLD RELIGIONS	ART CHOIR THEATER
	11th	MEDIEVAL LITERATURE	MEDIEVAL HISTORY	PRE-CALCULUS	PHYSICS	LATIN V OR SPANISH II	RHETORIC II	APOLOGETICS	ART CHOIR THEATER
	12th	MODERN LITERATURE	AMERICAN REPUBLIC 2	AP CALCULUS OR COLLEGE ALGEBRA	ENV SCIENCE OR COLLEGE CHEMISTRY	LATIN VI OR SPANISH III	SENIOR THESIS	PHILOSOPHY	ART CHOIR THEATER
	CREDITS	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.5	2.0	2.0

Civics and Economics are satisfied as a part of 9th and 11th grade Humanities, respectively. Students may choose Spanish or continued Latin studies as their Foreign Language after Latin III. BCA students take a physical education course or compete in athletics each year.

LETTER	GRADE	STANDARD
A	93 - 100	4.00
A-	90 - 92	3.75
B+	87-89	3.5
B	83-86	3.25
B-	80-82	3.0
C+	77-79	2.75
C	73-76	2.5
C-	70-72	2.25

Beginning in Fall 2025, all Honors (H), AP, and Dual Credit (AP/DC) courses will receive an additional 1.0 weighted point. Prior to Fall 2025, Honors courses received an additional 0.5 weighted points.

Due to BCA's small class sizes, class rank is not reported. However, rank is calculated and provided to Texas public universities for automatic admission purposes and to U.S. military service academies.

All core courses in Mathematics, Science, History, Literature/Composition (grades 9-12), Spanish III, and Latin IV-VI are taught at the Honors level.

C.S. Lewis Academic Achievement Award Dean's List:

Summa Cum Laude Dean's List 3.85 GPA and above
Magna Cum Laude Dean's List 3.75-3.84 GPA

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

FAITH AND REASON

BY GOD'S GRACE, GRADUATES WILL HAVE A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW THAT HOLDS THE BIBLE AS THE MEASURE OF ALL TRUTH. THEY WILL APPROACH COMPLEX ISSUES WITH A SOUND MIND AND THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE CLARITY AND CHARITY IN EXPRESSION.

A COMMAND OF LANGUAGE

WE SEE LANGUAGE AS A GIFT OF GOD THAT ENABLES US TO LEARN AND TO PASS ON KNOWLEDGE. STUDENTS WILL MASTER VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR, USAGE, AND TRANSLATION THROUGH OUR STUDY OF LATIN, ENGLISH, AND MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

VIRTUE

BY GOD'S GRACE, GRADUATES WILL POSSESS A HEART-LEVEL AFFECTION FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. WE DO NOT SIMPLY AIM FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR AND PROMPT OBEDIENCE. WE SEEK A RIGHTLY ORDERED DESIRE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF MAN.

WELL-ROUNDED

OUR GRADUATES WILL HAVE COMPETENCY IN AREAS INCLUDING FINE ARTS, DRAMA, MUSIC, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, MATH, LOGIC, AND SCIENCE. IN EVERY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT SKILLS ARE INTRODUCED THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE LIFELONG LEARNER.

WELL-READ

OUR GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS LITERATURE, SCIENCE, ART, HISTORY, RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, AND MUSIC. WE FOCUS ON THE LITERATURE AND IDEAS OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND THE WESTERN WORLD.

APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY

GRADUATES WILL HAVE A JOYFUL APPRECIATION OF TRUTH, GOODNESS, AND BEAUTY. WE HOPE TO EQUIP EVERY GRADUATE, NOT ONLY TO MAKE A LIVING, BUT TO LIVE.

These qualities, clothed in humility, create the foundation that enable graduates to exhibit leadership qualities in vocational and academic excellence for the glory of God.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Berean Christian Academy had its first graduating class in May of 2025

Baylor University
Cedarville University
Dallas Baptist University
Houston Christian University
John Brown University
LeTourneau University

Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Mississippi State
Pensacola Christian College
Sam Houston University
Samford University

Southern Methodist University
Stephen F. Austin University
Texas A&M University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University

University of Arkansas
University of Houston
University of Oklahoma
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

200 Hours of Extracurriculars Per Year

Recognizing that all learning cannot happen in the classroom, all students, K-12, are required to log 200 hours of extracurricular learning, experiences, or service that happen outside of the classroom each year. Students are able to pursue opportunities that meet their personal passions and interests as they grow as well rounded individuals.

Capstones to the Logic School - Science Fair and Mock Trial

Students in 7th-9th grade participate twice in a science fair and at least once in Mock Trial. Science Fair is an individual learning opportunity with a focus on research and utilization of the Scientific Method while Mock Trial is a cooperative exercise allowing students to learn about the judicial system, read and analyze legal documents, prepare persuasive statements, integrate information from several sources, and create and deliver oral presentations. The culmination of Science Fair is an oral presentation of the students' findings in front of a panel of judges and peers. Mock Trial's presentation is presided over by a local judge and a jury composed of members of the community.

Capstone to the Rhetoric School - Senior Thesis

The culmination of a BCA education can be seen in the capstone project of Senior Thesis, a requirement for a Berean graduation. With the help of a Rhetoric instructor and a faculty advisor, the students research, write, memorize, and present a 15-20 page paper. The student then has the opportunity to defend their thesis to a panel of judges made up of members of the community, experts, and peers. This opportunity offers students a chance to put into practice the skills they have cultivated over the course of their educational journey at BCA: the Canons of Rhetoric and the modes of persuasion, as well as professional academic research. Students graduate with a firm understanding of completing academic research, evaluating arguments, and presenting a public defense of their ideas.

Community and International Service

All students, K-12, have community service opportunities built into their year. Students recognize the need and responsibility to use their education and resources to be the hands and feet of Christ to the world around them. Examples include: Providing Christmas to all children at International Treasure House Ministries of Kenya, Hope Pregnancy Center, Katy Christian Ministries, Samaritan's Purse, aiding local senior citizens, and visiting nursing homes, veterans, and special needs adults.

BCA House System - Student Government

The Logic and Rhetoric School House System provides opportunities for student body leadership, community and international service/missions, friendly competition and deep community. Students operate their Houses as a counsel where officers hold monthly meetings, host school-wide events, and manage a budget.

Mentorship

Every upper school student weekly partners with a community leader in a mentorship program where they discuss complex issues about the world in preparation to selflessly impact their community now and after graduation.

Competitive Athletics

Offerings for students include Men's Flag Football, Women's Volleyball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Track and Field, Golf, Tennis and Baseball. Students compete in the Texas Association of Private & Parochial Schools (TAPPS), Texas Christian Flag League (TCFL) and West Houston Christian Athletic Conference (WHCAC).

READING LIST

Sample Humanities Reading List 7th - 12th Grade Berean Students

<i>The Odyssey</i>	<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i>	<i>Henry V</i>	<i>Brave New World</i>
<i>The Iliad</i>	<i>Canterbury Tales</i>	<i>Macbeth</i>	<i>Tale of Two Cities</i>
<i>The Cure at Troy</i>	<i>Bondage of the Will</i>	<i>Of Plymouth Plantation</i>	<i>Perelandra</i>
<i>Herodotus' Histories</i>	<i>Magna Carta</i>	<i>The Social Contract</i>	<i>Screwtape Letters</i>
<i>Plutarch's Lives</i>	<i>Paradise Lost</i>	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	<i>Letters from a Birmingham Jail</i>
<i>Till We Have Faces</i>	<i>Inferno</i>	<i>The Federalist Papers</i>	<i>Old Man and the Sea</i>
<i>Livy's History of Rome</i>	<i>Pilgrim's Progress</i>	<i>The Anti-Federalist Papers</i>	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
<i>Eusebius' History of the Church</i>	<i>Julius Caesar</i>	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	<i>Communist Manifesto</i>
<i>Augustine's Confessions</i>	<i>Taming of the Shrew</i>	<i>Frankenstein</i>	<i>Great Gatsby</i>
<i>The Rule of St. Benedict</i>	<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	<i>The Hobbit</i>
<i>Beowulf</i>	<i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	<i>Animal Farm</i>	<i>Fellowship of the Ring</i>
<i>Song of Roland</i>	<i>The Epic of Gilgamesh</i>	<i>East of Eden</i>	<i>Luther's Progress to the Diet of Worms</i>