



The Liberty Distinction

What is classical education and why should parents choose it?

The classical education approach follows a three-part process of educating the mind that works hand-in-hand with the natural developmental stages every child experiences. This classical pattern is called the trivium, three stages of learning called grammar, logic, and rhetoric. The early years of school are spent absorbing core knowledge of various subjects. During the middle grades, the emphasis shifts to teaching students how to think through arguments and information logically. In simple terms, this process teaches knowledge, then understanding, and finally, wisdom. Classical education also values a full liberal arts curriculum. Liberty Classical Academy's graduation standards require four years of each of the core subjects: math, lab science, history and English. This rare standard shows our commitment to producing the best-educated, most well-rounded young scholars possible.

Explain how Liberty teaches to the three stages of learning (grammar, logic and rhetoric).

Grammar Stage (Pre-K – 6th Grade):

Grammar involves the facts and rules of each subject – the acquisition of knowledge. Wired for discovery, children at this stage amaze adults with their ability to memorize. We build students' confidence and acquaint them with the basics of subjects by teaching them the way they love to learn. At Liberty, young students learn through a range of engaging, multi-sensory tools, as well as traditional reading, writing, and math exercises. Our goal is to make it exciting and make it memorable.

Logic Stage (6th – 8th Grade):

Logic is necessary to understanding. Most parents can pinpoint the day their child progressed to the logic stage – teens are compelled to question, challenge, and debate. We train students to think critically, which simply means thinking logically. In addition to a formal Logic class, we use analytical exercises such as compare and contrast, diagramming and debate.

Rhetoric (9th – 12th Grade):

Rhetoric is the ability to analyze and synthesize information – to construct original ideas and communicate them clearly to others. It is the exercise of wisdom. High school students are eager to express their own ideas as their awareness of societal and ethical issues begins to grow. Liberty prepares these young students with two years of formal Rhetoric as well as classroom discussions, speeches, position papers and more.

Academic Distinction. Classical Tradition. Christian Worldview.

How is Liberty Classical Academy closing the achievement gap?

Liberty's students consistently achieve because our program rests on three pillars: academic rigor, classical tradition, and a Christian worldview. Liberty has a proven track record in academic proficiency by its students. ACT reports that for the past five years, Liberty students have achieved the college readiness benchmark scores across all categories tested by ACT—English, math, reading and science—consistently outperforming their Minnesota peers. Recent ACT score results for 2015 show Liberty students continue to achieve. Of all students taking the ACT test in Minnesota, 100-percent of Liberty students had demonstrated college readiness, compared to only 39-percent of their Minnesota peers. The last three graduating classes have been awarded an average per-student college scholarship total of \$25,000 a year.

Is Liberty Classical Academy affiliated with any church or religious denomination?

Liberty is an independent, non-denominational school not affiliated with any particular church. As such, we teach primary Christian doctrine only, directing students to Scripture, their parents, and history for guidance in forming secondary beliefs. While students of diverse faiths are welcomed and their families are not required to sign LCA's statement of faith, parents must understand that their students will be taught from a Christian perspective.

How did Liberty Classical Academy start?

Liberty was started to fill a void in the educational options in the Twin Cities. With public schools and many Christian schools falling short with respect to high academic standards, and with the private secular college prep schools falling short with respect to of the Judeo-Christian values and broad-based history instruction necessary for a democratic republic, Liberty was founded to be both highly academic and unapologetically Christian. From the beginning, our vision has been to develop the moral leaders of tomorrow; and we are succeeding in that goal.

How does tuition work at Liberty? Do you offer financial assistance?

The program at Liberty – and its decade long record of results – provides an unmatched value among area schools. With an academic level rivaling the top college-prep private schools and a tuition level set among the most affordable faith-based private schools, Liberty is a rare find. For specific information on current tuition programs, please visit: www.libertyclassicalacademy.org/admissions.

For some, circumstances or seasons of life mean our reasonable tuition packages are still out of reach. For those cases, the parents of Liberty themselves raise tuition assistance dollars each year at our LCA Golf Classic. Recently, we have raised over \$100,000 from our last fundraiser and approximately 35 percent of current students receive scholarships.

How many students attend Liberty Classical Academy? What is the student-teacher ratio?

For the 2015-16 academic year, Liberty's student enrollment totals 185. The average class size is from 12 to 16 students per teacher.

Is Liberty a private school or a charter school?

Liberty is an independent, private school and is a member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS).

Is Liberty only accessible to gifted children or with high academic scores?

Liberty is open to all children of average ability and above. Children from many different educational backgrounds – public, private and home schooled – have successfully transitioned to Liberty at any grade level. It is never too late to start a child in a classical Christian education. The benefits of this method are significant even when a student begins at a later stage.

For additional information, call 651.772.2777 or visit the web site at www.libertyclassicalacademy.org