

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What is the Rhetoric school offering for 2021-2022 year?

You can see our preliminary Curriculum [here](#). We are actively searching for a Math & Science teacher, a Humanities teacher, and a Greek teacher. This curriculum may vary slightly depending on the teachers hired, but the core outline will be followed.

Q Why do you refer to grades 9-12 as Rhetoric School?

Classical education acknowledges 3 stages in learning: Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric. Grades 9 (or 10) through 12 make up this last stage. Simply put, it is the stage where the students are now ready to outwardly express and apply by written and spoken word, with *wisdom*, the facts and information they have learned/memorized (Grammar Stage) and have come to understand after much critical thinking (Logic Stage).

Q I don't see any elective classes. Does PCA plan on offering electives?

At this time, we plan on offering these preliminary core classes. In the future, we would like to offer electives.

Q. What about sports?

We believe that physical education is important and that learning humility and teamwork through sports is important. At this time, however, we will be unable to offer any sports programs.

Q. How is this different from other Christian High Schools in the area?

It is very similar in the subjects studied, however the methodology in which it is taught is different from other 9-12 grade schools. A Rhetoric school is meant to take everything you have learned from K-8 and now instruct the students how they may use and share the knowledge in an applicable way.

A quick idea of the classical method regarding grades 9-12 is that we take the knowledge (grammar grades K-6) now understood (logic grades 7-8/9) and being transmitted outwards as wisdom (rhetoric grades 9/10-12).

Q My child has not learned Latin, will it interfere with their education?

No. We will offer Greek as a classical language course. We do this so that our children may learn to read the original language scripture to gain a better understanding of the truths of the Bible, as well as the Greek classics. If your child already knows Latin this may help but will not be required.

Q. How many students are expected?

We do not yet have an official count. The first class will most likely be small, probably only 2-10 students so far.

Q. How much is Tuition?

We are still working on an official amount, but we are currently targeting \$7500 for full tuition. If we are unable to offer certain classes, there will be a reduced rate to reflect this.

Q. Why are you not offering STEM or STEAM classes?

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is a way to integrate the before mentioned disciplines into specific class. “The idea of STEM is a classical one. STEM refers to the integration of science and mathematics with an eye to practical uses in technology or engineering. The idea is to use mathematical models to understand real data from science, applied to solving modern problems—something we should easily be able to picture ancient Greek natural philosophers and engineers doing, not to mention the practical Romans with their aqueducts, plumbing, advanced road systems and architectural marvels. STEAM goes the full way and includes the arts, just like the classical quadrivium included music.” (Jason Barney, Clapham School). You can also visit <https://classicalchristian.org/stem-vs-classical-science/?v=a44707111a05> for a better comparison.

About Providence

There are two main tenets of our school. The first is that we are Conservative Reformed. We hold very tightly to the Reformed Confessions of the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Confession of Faith. We desire our school to mirror very closely what is taught in the home and in the church. The second is that we teach from a classical methodology. This gives us the emphasis on truth, beauty, and goodness. We teach the traditional liberal arts with an emphasis on integrating across the curriculum as well as from Christian worldview in all areas. We also teach with the grain of the developmental stages of the grammar, logic, and rhetoric stages. There is more information about all of this on our website.

We invite you to visit our website at www.providenceca.org/ to learn more about our school. You will find detailed information about the families who attend our school by clicking on "About" along the top of the site. Then, look under Vision/Constitution, and you'll be able to view our Constitution (also attached). Under Article 9 on admissions, it gives information on membership in our school.

We invite you to look at <https://www.naparc.org/basis/>. Providence requires you to be a member in good standing of a NAPARC affiliated church to be a voting association member. We encourage families who share a proper orthodox view of scripture to send their children here. However they will not have voting privileges.