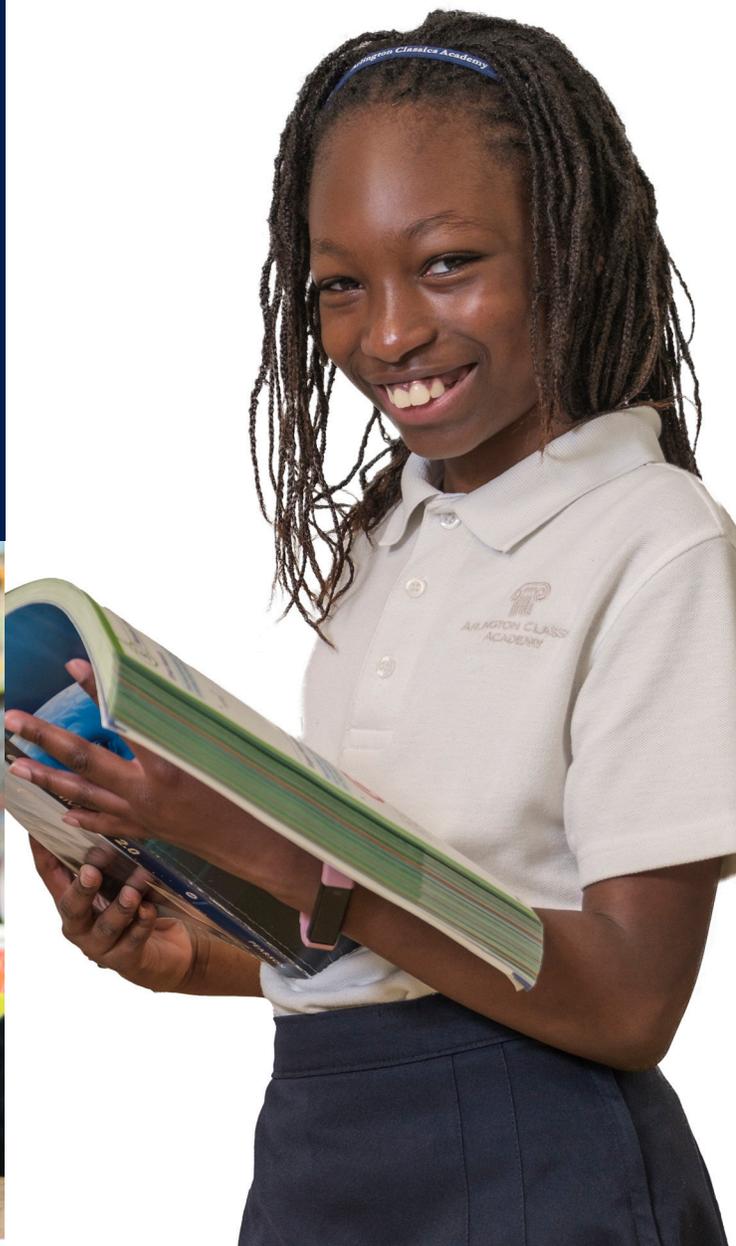




Arlington Classics Academy  
*Knowledge for a Lifetime*





Arlington Classics Academy is an open enrollment, tuition-free, publicly funded K-8 charter school serving families residing in Tarrant, Dallas, and Johnson Counties, and surrounding communities. ACA is uniquely designed to

## Welcome to ACA A Tuition-Free Charter School

meet the highest of educational goals for families seeking an alternative to traditional public schools. Our three campuses (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8) serve over 1500 students.



## Why Choose ACA?

- Over 80% of ACA students meet or exceed the national mean on norm reference assessment
- Spanish as a foreign language begins in Kindergarten
- ACA students achieved “mastered” level on the state assessment at a rate 16% higher than the state-wide average
- Middle school students can earn up to 6.5 high school credits
- Average 8th grader enters 9th grade with over 20% of the credits needed to graduate high school (2021)
- Highest accountability rating from the Texas Education Agency (since 2007)
- Earned a perfect score on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (since 2014)
- TXSmartSchools.org 5-star rating for producing high academic achievement while maintaining cost-effective operations (since 2015)\*
- Named to the Texas Comptrollers Honor Circle (2014)

*\*Not all performance ratings, assessments and programs were conducted during the 2019/2020 school year due to Covid-19.*

## Tradition of Excellence

As a charter school, ACA has more freedom and flexibility in developing an enriching and challenging curriculum along with character-building student activities. Texas charter schools receive limited funding from the Texas Education Agency; active parent and volunteer involvement is the key to our students’ success.



Through rigorous curriculum, our students become lifelong learners.

Through character education, our students become engaged, responsible, and compassionate leaders.

## Applying to ACA:

**February 1, 2022**

Pre-admission applications are available online or at any campus location. (See back for details.)

**February 28, 2022**

For inclusion in the public lottery, pre-admission application forms **must be submitted by 6pm.**

**March 11, 2022**

All forms submitted before the pre-admission application deadline will be included in a public lottery for available spots.

## Leadership in Every Arena

Classical education is sometimes called “leadership education” because it builds skills needed for leadership: logic, debate, public speaking, class reasoning, researching, writing, and communicating. These skills are practiced in every subject which prepares students to become leaders in any field they pursue. ACA offers opportunities for students across a wide number of disciplines including:

**Academic Competitions:** chess club, PSIA, spelling bees, reading bees, composition contests, and Odyssey of the Mind  
**Arts:** choir, band, strings, music ed, and theatre  
**Sports:** cross country, track and field, and basketball

### Awards:

- Junior Visual Arts Scholastic Event: Two ACA students received Platinum Award (2018, 2019)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Girls Cross Country Team State Champions (2014 - 2019, 2021)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Boys Cross Country Team State Runner Up (2018, 2019)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Texas Cup Award (2019)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Girls Track and Field State Champions (2018, 2019, 2021)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Boys Track and Field State Runner Up (2018, 2019)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Regional Runner-Up (2017, 2018), Division Co-Champions 2021
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Division Champions (2017, 2021)
- Advancement to State Level PSIA Competition (2012-2019)
- Directors Choice Contest, Beginner and Advanced Band, Outstanding (2019)
- ACA Odyssey of the Mind Team advanced to World Finals (2015, 2018, 2019)
- Texas State Odyssey of the Mind OMER Award for Team Spirit (2017)
- Representation in the All Region Choir Competitions (2015 - 2021)
- Region 2 Scholastic Chess Tournament Unrated K-3rd and 4th-6th, First Place (2019)

*Due to COVID-19, our participation in sports, art, and academic competitions was limited during the 2019/2020 school year.*

## Our Approach to Academics

### The Classic Education Model

ACA’s classical curriculum includes fundamentals like language arts, science, social studies, accelerated math and reading programs, Spanish, physical education, art and music. The Classic Education Model is based on the understanding that true learning, or mastery, occurs at the point where knowledge, understanding, and wisdom intersect. Ancient scholars embraced Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric as the foundation for all learning. Once these three skills are mastered, the student is well-prepared to pursue and study anything.

### Early Years

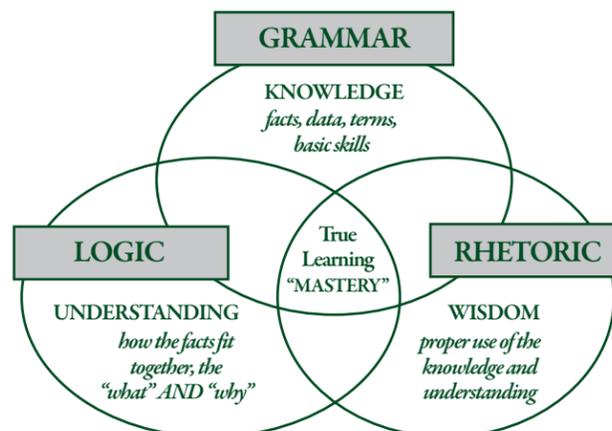
In the early years, we focus on Grammar – absorbing essential knowledge and learning basic skills, data and facts.

### Middle Years

In the middle grades, children learn Logic – how to synthesize information and think via debate.

### Latter Years

Students preparing for high school focus on Rhetoric – expressing original thoughts using the discovery and proper use of information.



### Teacher/Student Expectations

We set high expectations for our students and faculty, integrating the principles of Strength, Wisdom, Courage, and Vigilance into core curriculum experiences. As such, students wear uniforms to keep academics, not fashion trends, at the forefront.

## Parent Involvement

Become a part of the #GriffinTribe! As a tuition-free open enrollment public charter school, ACA relies on the active participation of our dedicated families; we proudly boast over 1,000 approved parent and grandparent volunteers who assist with everything from fundraising to field trips.



#GriffinTribe



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## Primary Campus K-2

2800 W. Arkansas  
817-274-2008

2022 Information Sessions:  
Thursday, February 10th —

9:00am & 5:30pm

Tours Every Tuesday  
in February at 9:00am

## Intermediate Campus 3-5

2800-B W. Arkansas  
817-303-1553

2022 Information Sessions:  
Thursday, February 10th —

10:00am & 5:00pm

Tours Every Tuesday  
in February at 10:00am

## Middle School 6-8

5200 S. Bowen  
817-987-1909

2022 Information Sessions:  
Thursday, February 10th —

11:00am & 6:00pm

Tours Every Thursday  
in February at 9:00am



“The idea behind core knowledge education is simple and powerful: knowledge builds on knowledge. The more you know, the more you can learn.... For the sake of academic excellence, greater equity, and higher literacy, elementary and middle schools need to teach a coherent, cumulative and content-specific core curriculum.” - E.D. Hirsch, Jr.