



Arlington Classics Academy
Knowledge for a Lifetime





Welcome to ACA A Tuition-Free Charter School

Arlington Classics Academy is a tuition-free, publicly funded,

and open-to-all K-8 charter school. Serving families residing in Tarrant, Dallas, and Johnson Counties and surrounding communities, ACA is uniquely designed to meet the highest of educational goals in a safe learning environment for families seeking an alternative to traditional public schools. ACA's three campuses (K-2, 3-5, and 6-8) serve over 1500 students. Every child deserves a great education, and all kids learn differently. While small, the ACA community has a big impact on the individual growth and development of our students.

Building Bright Futures Through a Timeless Education



Why Choose ACA?

- Safe learning environment with high parent involvement
 - Students learn critical thinking skills aligned to college and career readiness
 - Small school with big impact
 - 82% of students scored at or above the grade level mean RIT for national norm in Reading and Math at the end of the 21-22 school year
 - Spanish as a foreign language begins in Kindergarten
 - Historically, 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 (2022)
 - Highest accountability rating from the Texas Education Agency (Since 2007)
 - 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

Arlington Classics Academy was founded by a group of parents with the desire to create a safe learning environment with the highest level of instruction. Our founders planned a school community built on a strong partnership of parents, teachers and students working together towards the success of each individual student. This philosophy continues to drive us today. ACA's rigorous curriculum and high behavioral standards provides an enriching, challenging and personalized educational experience for our students. Our curriculum combines the proven practices of a classical education with modern teaching advancements which includes instruction in music, art, and Spanish beginning in kindergarten. Students are set on the path to academic success with the development of critical thinking skills aligned to college and career readiness.



Through rigorous curriculum, our students become lifelong learners.

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

Applying to ACA:

November 6, 2023

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

December 1, 2023

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

December 15, 2023

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, spelling bees, reading bees, composition contests, and Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem-solving competition for students of all ages

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, 2022)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Boys Cross Country Team State Runner Up (2018, 2019)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Texas Cup Award (2019)
- TCSAAL 6th – 8th Grade Girls Track and Field State Champions (2018, 2019, 2021)
- TCSAAL 6th – 8th Grade Boys Track and Field State Runner Up (2018, 2019)
- TCSAAL 6th – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Regional Runner-Up (2017, 2018), Division Co-Champions 2021, Division Champions 2022
- TCSAAL 6th – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Division Champions (2017, 2021), Regional Runner-up 2022
- Advancement to State Level PSIA Competition (2012-2019)
- Pride of Texas Contest, Beginner and Advanced Band, Outstanding (2022)
- ACA Odyssey of the Mind Team advanced to World Finals (2015, 2018, 2019, 2022)
- Texas State Odyssey of the Mind OMER Award for Team Spirit (2017)
- Representation in the All Region Choir Competitions (2015 - 2022) - 7th/8th Grade Choirs received highest rating in UIL Competition (2023)
- 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

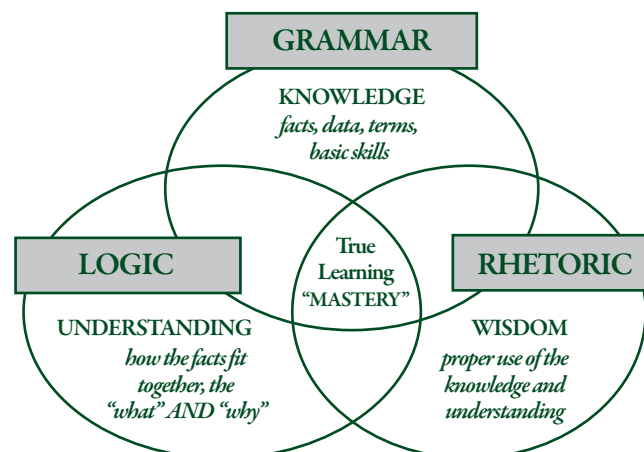
In the early years, we focus on **Grammar** – absorbing essential knowledge and learning basic skills, data and facts.

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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• WISDOM • VIGILANCE • COURAGE • STRENGTH

Primary Campus K-2

2800 W. Arkansas
817-274-2008

2024 Information Session:
Monday, Nov. 13, 2023 —

8:30am & 5:30pm

Tours Every Thursday
in November at 10:00am

Intermediate Campus 3-5

2800-B W. Arkansas
817-303-1553

2024 Information Session:
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 —

9:00am & 5:00pm

Tours Every Tuesday
in November at 9:00am

Middle School 6-8

5200 S. Bowen
817-987-1909

2024 Information Session:
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 —

6:30pm

Tours Every Thursday
in November 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.