



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

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.

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

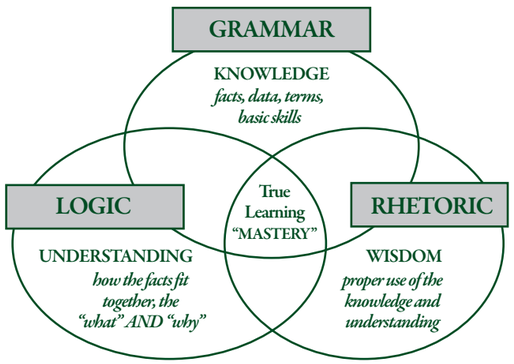
In the early years, we focus on **Grammar** – absorbing essential knowledge and learning basic skills, data and facts.

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.



Applying to ACA:

We can't wait to meet you!

Schedule your personalized tour today. Or, get more information about ACA, take virtual tours, see online testimonials, and review our online application at

www.tryaca.com.

Arlington Classics Academy is building bright futures through a timeless education. Schedule a visit and see how ACA can maximize your students' learning opportunities.

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.

Why Choose ACA?

- Challenging curriculum taught through a classical education approach
- Smaller, safe school environment where parent voices are valued
- Highly qualified and dedicated teaching staff
- Intentional gradual growth in student academic independence leading to college and career readiness
- Focus on developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills
- Of the 147 8th-grade graduates in 2025, all earned at least one high school credit, with a combined total of 910.5 credits
- 86% of ACA's 8th-grade Biology 1 students met or exceeded expectations, with 41% achieving mastery (state averages of 62% and 21%, respectively)
- 63% of ACA's 8th-grade Algebra 1 students met or exceeded expectations, with 38% reaching mastery (state averages of 47% and 29%, respectively)
- Spanish as a foreign language begins in Kindergarten

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 - 2024)
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- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Texas Cup Award (2019)
- TCSAAL 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, 2025)
- TSCAAL 6th – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Regional Runners-Up (2017, 2018), Division Co-Champions 2021, Division Champions 2022, 2025
- TCSAAL 6th – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Division Champions (2017, 2021, 2025), Regional Runners-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, 2025)
- Texas State Odyssey of the Mind OMER Award for Team Spirit (2017)
- Representation in the All Region Choir Competitions (2015 - 2025) - 7th/8th Grade Choirs received highest rating in UIL Competition (2023)
- North/Central Texas State Scholastic Chess Team Champions (2024-2025)





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Primary Campus K-2	Intermediate Campus 3-5	Middle School 6-8
2800 W. Arkansas 817-274-2008	2800-B W. Arkansas 817-303-1553	5200 S. Bowen 817-987-1909
Information Session - Thursday October 29 - 6:00 pm	Information Session - Tuesday, November 3rd - 6:00 pm	Information Session - Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 pm
November Tours on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm and Thursdays at 9:00 am	November Tours - Thursdays at 9:00 am	November tours - Thursdays at 9:00 am

Open Enrollment
November 2nd - December 4, 2026

Public Lottery
December 11, 2026

"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.

