

ACCS ACCREDITED



**YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD.
WE KNOW YOUR SCHOOL.**

THE ACCS ACCREDITS ONLY ONE TYPE OF SCHOOL - classical Christian. Why does this matter? Over the past three decades, classical Christian education has grown in popularity. While other forms of private education have struggled, we've seen continuous growth since our inception in 1993. Today, the ACCS is among the largest associations of private Christian schools in the country. This success brings attention. Many schools claim to be classical Christian schools, but how can you tell?



I am grateful to the ACCS for holding forth a high standard of excellence worthy of the name of Christ and for supporting classical Christian schools in accomplishing our mission.

-PETER HANSEN, Annapolis Christian Academy,
Corpus Christi, Texas



WHO WE ARE

THE ASSOCIATION OF CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS (ACCS) IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST ORGANIZATION

dedicated to the quality and growth of classical Christian education. With hundreds of members in the U.S. and abroad, our mission is to promote, establish, and equip member schools that are committed to a classical approach to education in light of a Christian worldview.

4 FACTS ABOUT ACCS ACCREDITATION

1. ACCS-accredited schools are set on a continuous improvement path. This helps schools continue to grow and improve even after the accreditation cycle is complete.
2. Unlike some other accreditors, the ACCS will not enforce state academic standards* like the Common Core. At present, 37 states have adopted the Common Core, and many more have some form of state approved standards. Many private schools pursue the same standards as the public schools. We believe classical schools can offer something better.
3. ACCS-accredited schools are leaders in the restoration of classical Christian schools nationally. Your school is uniquely positioned to certify teachers and participate with the ACCS in setting national standards.
4. The ACCS is nationally recognized among the most prominent and growing private Christian associations of schools.**

*Except where required by law.

**National Center for Educational Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, Private School Universe Survey.



LEARN MORE

ABOUT ACCS ACCREDITATION AT:
CLASSICALCHRISTIAN.ORG/ACCREDITATION.



Being accredited by the Association of Classical Christian Schools means we are doing what we say we are doing, and (by God's grace) doing it well.

-CRAIG DUNHAM, Petra Academy, Bozeman, Montana



OUR PROCESS

FOR A SCHOOL TO SEEK ACCS accreditation, it must first meet our membership requirements. The school must have a plan for serving families K-12, it must meet specific classical Christian practices, it must agree with our conservative statement of faith, and it must have been in operation for 5 years. The school must comply with ACCS standards in 5 categories: School Goals and Objectives, Classical Christian Academics, Governance and Administration, Faculty and Instructional Resources, and any state mandated requirements for private schools. A visitation team, typically of 3 administrators from other accredited ACCS schools of similar or larger size, visits the school for about 3 days. If the team observes acceptable practices and outcomes, it will grant accreditation for between 3 and 5 years at which time the process is repeated.



ACCREDITATION WITH DISTINCTION

THE ACCS DIFFERS from other accrediting organizations in our commitment to the classical Christian model of education. As with other “authorization model” accreditors like the International Baccalaureate® or Waldorf Schools®, we verify adherence to a specific form of education – in our case, classical Christian. Mainstream accreditors are not suited to evaluate the particular excellence of a classical Christian school. As we seek to provide an education that supersedes academic knowledge and cultural norms, ACCS accreditation provides accountability.





There are other accrediting agencies, but ACCS is the only one I am aware of that truly understands the vision of classical Christian education and is willing to hold schools accountable to pursuing that vision.

-RON GILLEY, Trinitas School, Pensacola, Florida

Classical Christian Education is the cultivation of virtue and wisdom by nourishing the soul on truth, goodness, and beauty according to God's revelation, using the classical liberal arts.

Its purpose is to train the soul to love that which is worth loving.



ACCS SCHOOLS DELIVER RESULTS

BENCHMARK SCORES (2015)

ACCS
+237

INDEPENDENT
+99

RELIGIOUS
+46

PUBLIC
-88

TYPE OF SCHOOL

EACH YEAR, THE ACCS SURVEYS MEMBERS on academic performance. The results are unparalleled by any other type of school nationally—even highly selective preparatory schools.

Though we excel academically, our primary purpose is to cultivate the souls of students to worship God and to love Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

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The mission of The Classical Academy is to partner with parents to equip students to gain knowledge, apply understanding, and walk in the wisdom of God. We aim to have students master a core body of knowledge and possess a life-long passion for learning.



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