



**TRUE NORTH**  
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

# True North Classical Academy 2023 - 2024 School Profile

True North Classical Academy is a network of non-profit, tuition-free public charter schools serving students of Miami-Dade County. Our school network serves grades K-12 across four campuses. The school-wide class size average is 20 students.

CEEB/ACT Code: 102515

K-12 Enrollment: 1,871

High School Enrollment: 365

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## SCHOOL RANKINGS

As of 2023, True North Classical Academy Schools ranked:

- Highest rated-schools in Miami-Dade County
- K-12 Top 1% in Florida
- A-Rated schools since inception

## TRUE NORTH CLASSICAL ACADEMY'S VISION & MISSION

The mission of True North Classical Academy is to inspire a thirst for knowledge within our students, aligning passion to purpose, in the pursuit of the True, Good, and Beautiful. True North achieves its vision through a rigorous, knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the tradition of the classical liberal arts. Through steadfast focus on scholarship, citizenship, and leadership in an environment that values and models intellectual and moral virtue, we seek to empower our students to reach their highest potential, develop into exceptional persons and citizens, and sustain a lifelong love of learning.

## THE HONOR CODE

Instilled in all students from the moment they begin at our school the True North Classical Academy Honor Code was developed by our students to embody the core virtues we stand by and is signed by all students each academic year.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

True North Classical Academy offers a highly rigorous, accelerated academic curriculum built on two fundamental beliefs: that both virtue and knowledge are necessary to live the good life; and that a flourishing, free society requires its members to be wise citizens of virtue. Primary source texts and the Great Books drive our humanities instruction. They present students with a rich and varied array of content and an introduction to the history of human thought and great ideas.

Classical virtues, leadership, and service opportunities, and the cultivation of self-governance are taught explicitly through the curriculum and in the spirit of the Western heritage. The Socratic method is implemented widely throughout upper school classrooms and as appropriate in elementary classrooms, thus engaging students in powerful discussions and contributions in the classroom. A senior thesis on a topic of fundamental importance delivered and defended in front of an audience of faculty and peers, is required to graduate.

## SENIOR THESIS AND DEFENSE

Each graduate completes a capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. The Senior Thesis is the culmination of the student's years at the academy. In this project, students work closely with a faculty advisor to read and discuss two to three significant Great Books. The student will produce a thesis that synthetically brings forth their own answer to a major philosophical question and participates in an oral defense of their work.

## HUMANE LETTERS

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the curriculum at True North is Humane Letters. Throughout grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, English and History are integrated in the Humane Letters courses: these include daily seminars, directed Socratically and revolving around readings from Western Civilization's best works in philosophy, drama, history, poetry, novels, and essays. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers. The class is an exploration of the permanent questions that animate any truly human life through the history and literature of the Great Books.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Fortunately, our instruction time was minimally interrupted and we provided in-person instruction to all students for the past two years. The area mostly impacted was our extracurricular & after-school offerings. The number of offerings was limited and our students had to find extracurricular activities outside of school in the community. Moving forward, we redesigned our club, honor society, and community service framework and are offering more diverse activities for our high school students.

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Graduating our first senior class in 2023



Classical content and methodology fosters a culture of excellence



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS			
English Language/Literature	4.0	Classical & Modern Foreign Languages	4.0
Math	4.0	Fine & Performing Arts	2.0
History and Society	4.0	Physical Education & Fitness	1.0
Science (min. 2 lab courses)	4.0	Elective Courses	1.0

TYPICAL HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM SEQUENCE				
	9 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	10 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	11 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
LITERATURE	Humane Letters I: American Experience	Humane Letters II: European Influences	Humane Letters III: Ancient World Texts	Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
HISTORY	Humane Letters: Early American History	Humane Letters: European Influences	AP or Honors United States History	Humane Letters: Rome to Modernity / Economics
SCIENCE	Biology or Chemistry	Chemistry, Physics, or AP Biology	AP Biology or Physics	AP Biology, Physics II, Anatomy & Physiology
MATH	Geometry or Algebra II	Algebra II or Pre-Calc/Trig	Pre-Calc/Trig, Honors Calculus, or AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, or AP Computer Science A
WORLD LANGUAGES	French I, Latin I, Spanish I-III	French II, Latin II, Spanish II-IV	French III, Latin III, Spanish III & AP Spanish Language & Culture	French IV/AP, Latin IV/AP, Spanish IV & AP Literature & Culture
FINE & PERFORMING ARTS	Music Core	Fine Arts Elective	Fine Arts Elective	Fine Arts Elective

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP), DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE), AND HONORS COURSES

Because our curriculum is rigorous in nature, we administer limited AP courses and exams. Students are only eligible to take a maximum of 3 AP courses per academic year starting Junior year. Any student who takes an AP course must also sit for the exam. Students have the opportunity to participate in a limited number of DE courses and earn college credit via Doral College or Miami Dade College. In order to take any AP or dual enrollment course, a student must be approved by the teacher and have a minimum weighted GPA of a 3.0. It is important to note, courses will have an AP or DE designation on official transcripts. Most courses are offered at an Honors level and designed by an H on official transcripts.

#### AP COURSES OFFERED

AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Calculus BC	AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics	AP Studio Art
AP Biology	AP Computer Science A
AP Physics 1	AP United States History
AP Art History	AP European History

#### 2022-2023 AP EXAM PASS RATES

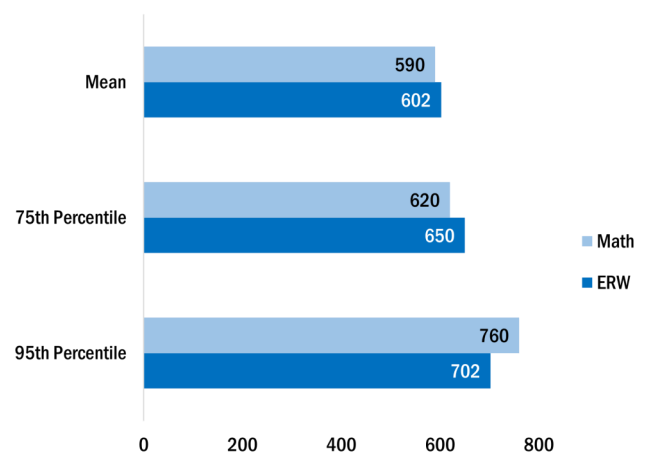
	TNCA	Global
AP Spanish Language & Culture	100%	83%
AP Calculus AB	78%	58%
AP Biology	94%	64%
AP European History	80%	59%

#### CLASS OF 2024 WEIGHTED GPA'S

At TNCA, we do not rank students. They earn 1 extra quality point for Honors courses and 2 extra quality points for AP & DE courses on their grade point averages. Below is the distribution of the Class of 2024 weighted GPAs.

GPA	Students	Percentage
4.50+	14	25%
4.0 – 4.49	17	30%
3.75 – 3.99	12	21%
3.50 – 3.74	4	7%
3.0 – 3.49	9	16%
2.0 – 2.99	1	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### CLASS OF 2024 SAT SCORES





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# College Acceptances: Inaugural Class of 2023

Appalachian State University	Louisiana State University	Suffolk University
Auburn University	Loyola University Chicago	Tallahassee Community College
Barry University	Loyola University Maryland	The Ohio State University
Baylor University	Lynn University	The University of Alabama
Boston College	Maryville College	The University of Tampa
Brigham Young University - Utah	Marywood University	The University of Texas at Dallas
Brigham Young University - Idaho	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The University of West Florida
Bryant University	Miami Dade College	Universidad de Navarra
Bucknell University	Michigan State University	University of California - Davis
Calvin University	Millsaps College	University of California - Irvine
Case Western Reserve University	Mississippi State University	University of Central Florida
Catholic University of America	Neumann University	University of Chicago
Christopher Newport University	New Jersey City University	University of Colorado Boulder
Clemson University	North Carolina State University	University of Connecticut
Concordia University	Northern Arizona University	University of Dallas
Elon University	Northwestern University	University of Florida
Emerson College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Oberlin College	University of Miami
Flagler College	Pace University	University of Michigan
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Mississippi
Florida Atlantic University	Penn State University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Florida Gulf Coast University	Pepperdine University	University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Florida Institute of Technology	Purdue University	University of North Florida
Florida International University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Richmond
Florida State University	Robert Morris University	University of South Florida
Fordham University	San Diego State University	Utah State University
Georgia State University	Savannah College of Art and Design	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Grove City College	Southeastern University	Washington and Lee University
High Point University	Southern Methodist University	Washington State University
Hillsdale College	St Mary's University	Webber International University
Kennesaw State University	St. John's University	West Virginia University
Kenyon College	St. Thomas University	Wheaton College
Liberty University	Stetson University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
	Stony Brook University	Wyoming Catholic College