

## SCHOOL PROFILE

**2021-2022 Whitefield Academy**

**CEEB code: 261729**

Head of School: Mrs. Lisa Bowe

College Counselor: Mrs. BJ Williams

### Community

Whitefield Academy is located in South Kansas City, Missouri, adjacent to the City of Leawood, Kansas to the west, and close to Interstate 435 to the south.

### School

Whitefield Academy is an academically rigorous co-educational classical Christian day school enrolling 278 students in grades Pre-K through 12. Situated close to the state line, and creating a diversified economic and cultural community, the school draws students from across the Kansas City metro area, especially from Johnson County on the Kansas side and Jackson County on the Missouri side. Opening in 1995, Whitefield moved to its current location in 2004. Whitefield Academy is an accredited member of the Association of Classical Christian Schools.

### Curriculum

The Upper School academic program is organized on a regular class schedule of six classes, plus two periods for elective classes, tutorials, and clubs. In addition to the required six academic credit classes, most students also participate in athletics, debate or fine arts. The fine arts program includes an annual Shakespeare play and our production of Sophocles' *Antigone* as well as outstanding visual arts instruction.

Upper School students read and analyze extensively from the Great Books of western civilization, understanding the great ideas that weave through literature and inform our lives. Books and authors read include but are not limited to:

- Homer's *Iliad*
- Tacitus
- Shakespeare
- Machiavelli
- Herodotus
- Dante's *Inferno*
- Descartes
- *Federalist Papers*
- Plato
- Copernicus
- Adam Smith
- Darwin
- Thucydides
- Galileo
- Isaac Watt's *Logic*
- Marx
- Aristotle
- Milton
- Boethius
- Freud
- Virgil's *Aeneid*
- Locke
- Augustine
- Hegel

Additionally, graduates have studied and mastered advanced rhetorical texts such as:

- Aphthonius' *Progymnasmata*
- Hermogenes *On Issues* and *On Style*
- Quintilian's use of Common and Special Topics in *Institutio Oratoria*

The mastery of writing skills equips our students to create arguments or ideas around various issues, arrange and develop their concepts in an appealing or persuasive manner, and, finally, compose essays or poetry with particular audiences in mind in order to most effectively convey their meaning.

Graduates have completed a thesis paper in both their Junior and Senior years, each with an accompanying oral defense. The Junior year paper is 3,500 words and the Senior paper is 6,500 words in length. These year-long projects are graded on seven components—thesis statement, annotated bibliography, note cards, outline, first draft, and final draft.

Classical education has successfully developed exceptional scholars for more than two millennia. Focusing on teaching students how to think critically, communicate clearly, and lead compassionately, classical instruction aligns with a child's intellectual development, producing outstanding results for students over a wide ability range.

As a Classical Christian school, we implement what traditionally was called a "Liberal Education." Using the Seven Liberal Arts (Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy), as the foundation of a Liberal Education, Whitefield instructs students in ways that help them critically think through a problem, communicate a solution persuasively, and thus, to be wise. Graduates receiving Classical Honors have taken two years of Logic and a minimum of two years of a classical language as well as the core content requirements.

The first three Liberal Arts, called the Trivium, train one's mind to comprehend (Grammar), analyze (Logic) and then to synthesize (Rhetoric) texts in order to solve particular problems with wisdom.

The last four of the Liberal Arts, called the Quadrivium, pertain to Matter: Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. These arts require students to learn about numbers, mathematical and scientific concepts with their specific vocabulary, and how to read the unique texts of math and science. Training about Matter is expanded to include Algebra, Trigonometry and Statistics, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. These subject areas provide unique contexts for the exploration of new areas of knowledge and require ongoing development of the skills learned each year and reinforced through our vertically integrated curriculum.

### Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 24 Carnegie Units is required for high school graduation.

Math (4 units); Science (3 units); English (4 units); Humanities or History (4 units); Logic (1 unit); Foreign Language (1 unit for each year of enrollment); Bible (1 class for each year of enrollment).

All high school students take the six core classes offered each year they are enrolled. Transfer students make up the remaining units with eligible courses from their previous schools.

### Core Classes

<i>Ninth Grade</i>	English III, Humanities III, Geometry, Bible III, Logic II, Greek I
<i>Tenth Grade</i>	Rhetoric I, Humanities IV, Algebra II, Bible IV, Biology, Spanish I or Greek II
<i>Eleventh Grade</i>	Rhetoric II/English Language and Composition AP, Humanities V, Statistics and Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Spanish II or Greek III, Bible V (½ unit), Music History (½ unit)
<i>Twelfth Grade</i>	Rhetoric III/Senior Thesis, American History, College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus, Physics, Spanish III or Greek IV, Bible VI (½ unit), Art History (½ unit)

### Grading Scale

Courses in the Upper School are graded on a 4.0 scale. Rigor in all core classes obviates the need to differentiate certain classes as "Honors" classes. Because of our small class sizes Whitefield does not rank individuals within classes.

### Standardized Test Results (previous five years)

100% of the classes took the ACT. The average composite score is 27.

### Post-High School Placement (previous five years)

- 173 graduates (92%), matriculated to four-year colleges and/or universities
- 16 graduates (7%), matriculated to 2-year institutions, with plans to transfer to four-year institution after completion of an associate degree
- Several students selected a gap year of internship, travel, work, or missions before continuing on to a four-year institution

### Colleges attended by Whitefield

#### Academy graduates

Azusa Pacific University  
Baylor University  
Boston University  
Biola University  
Cedarville University  
Colorado Christian College  
Dordt College  
Culver-Stockton College  
Eastern Nazarene College  
Ft. Lewis College  
Full Sail University  
Gordon College

Grove City College  
Hillsdale College  
John Brown University  
Kansas City Art Institute  
Kansas State University  
MidAmerica Nazarene University  
Missouri Science & Technology  
Missouri State University  
Northwestern University  
Olivet Nazarene University  
Park University  
Providence College

Samford University  
Simpson College  
Taylor University  
Texas Christian University  
Trevecca Nazarene University  
University of Arkansas  
University of Kansas  
University of Missouri  
University of Missouri, KC  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Wyoming  
Wheaton College, Illinois