



THE GENEVA SCHOOL
A CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL SCHOOL

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2023–2024

UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE



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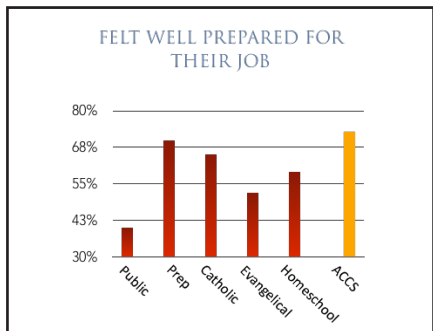
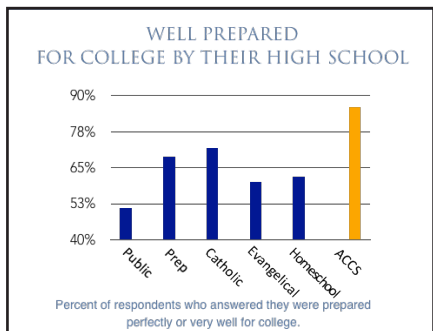
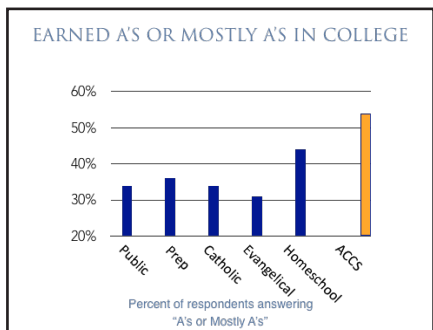
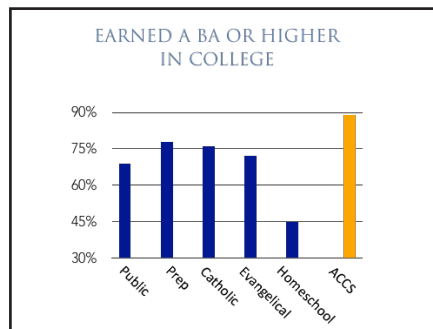
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The Geneva School seeks to provide students in grades K4–12 an extraordinary education, by means of an integrated curriculum, pedagogy, and culture, both distinctly classical and distinctively Christian, that pursues goodness, truth, and beauty in all spheres of life, while viewing these spheres as elements of a divinely ordered whole. Further, Geneva seeks to instill in students a desire to love beauty, think deeply, and pursue Christ's calling.

THE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN DIFFERENCE



The above data is from a 2018–19 comparative study called *The Good Soil* report, an analysis of 24–42 year old alumni from public, secular private, Catholic, evangelical Christian, religious homeschool, and ACCS (classical Christian) schools.

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ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIP

The Geneva School is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools, is a charter member of The Association of Classical & Christian Schools, and is also a member of the Society for Classical Learning.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

The Geneva School, established in 1993, is a coeducational, college-preparatory day school with a K4–12 student body of 685 (265 in 7th–12th). The school campus is located in Casselberry, in suburban Orlando.

FACULTY

The Geneva School seeks master teachers who have a passion for learning and who have advanced academic credentials and experience. Of the 39 faculty serving the upper school, 37 are degreed and 2 are professionals in their field (photography and AV arts/stagecraft) with many years of experience, 23 have earned one or more master's degrees, and 5 have earned their doctorate.

ADMISSION

Admission to The Geneva School is selective. The admission committee's evaluation of each applicant is based on academic records, teacher recommendations, standardized test scores, pre-admission assessments, and student interviews. The Geneva School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

RHETORIC WITH CAPSTONE THESIS

Rhetoric is the art of leading souls with words, and it requires the ability to see the available means of persuasion in any given situation. In a four-year sequence of classes, Geneva students pursue this art through study of classical and contemporary speeches and arguments of all kinds, as well as through their own public speaking, in and out of the classroom. As they grow in the skills and habits of reasoning well and speaking well, they are encouraged to use their words in ways that lead to human flourishing and that are faithful to scripture and the historic Christian tradition.

The culmination of the students' rhetorical education is the senior thesis project, in which each senior composes an extensive, carefully researched argument on a topic of contemporary significance. After working through a number of drafts of their paper with the help of a faculty advisor, the student delivers it orally in the form of a classical oration and defends it before faculty, peers, family, and community.

CURRENT COURSE OFFERINGS 9TH–12TH GRADE

AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP English Language/Comp
 AP English Literature/Comp
 AP Latin
 AP Music Theory
 AP Physics II
 AP Physics C-Electricity & Magnetism
 AP 2-D Art & Design (Studio Art & Photography)
 AP Drawing

Anatomy and Physiology (Dual Credit)
 Physics I (Dual Credit)
 Dual Credit courses are taken in conjunction
 with Colorado Christian University

English I (Honors)
 English II (Honors)
 English III (Honors)
 English IV (Honors)

Biology (Honors)
 Chemistry (Honors)
 Physics (Honors)
 Central Florida Natural History (Honors)

Geometry (Honors)
 Algebra I (Honors)
 Algebra II (Honors)
 Precalculus (Honors)
 Functions, Probability, and Statistics (Honors)

Western Civilization I (Honors)
 Western Civilization II (Honors)
 US History (Honors)
 American Social Thought & Experience:
 Government/Economics (Honors)
 Rhetoric I, II, III (Honors) (0.5 credit)
 Senior Thesis (Honors) (0.5 credit)
 Biblical Doctrines (Honors) (0.5 credit)
 Biblical Ethics (Honors) (0.5 credit)
 Worldview Analysis (Honors) (0.5 credit)
 Bible in Perspective (Honors) (0.5 credit)

French I, II, III, IV (Honors)
 Greek I, II, III, IV (Honors)
 Latin II, III, IV, V (Honors)
 Spanish I, II
 Spanish III, IV (Honors)

Studio Art I, II, III, IV
 Rhetoric Choir I, II, III, IV
 Orchestra I, II, III
 Guitar I, II, III, IV
 Digital Photography I, II, III, IV
 Journalism/Yearbook I, II, III, IV (Honors)
 Drama I, II, III, IV
 Stagecraft I, II, III, IV

Astronomy (0.5 credit)
 Basic Practical Anatomy (0.5 credit)
 Book Club (0.5 credit)
 Introduction to Computer Science (0.5 credit)
 Audiovisual Arts & Sciences (0.5 credit)
 The Life & Works of C. S. Lewis (0.5 credit)
 Introductory Cartography (0.5 credit)
 Student Magazine (0.5 credit)
 Classics in Film & Television (0.5)
 Financial Literacy (0.5 credit)
 Vocal Techniques (0.5 credit)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from The Geneva School, a student must have at least a C average (70% or higher). Geneva does not rank its students but does recognize a valedictorian and a salutatorian. Given the high value we place on academics and the ability of our students, most courses are taught at an honors, AP, or dual-credit level. Courses not designated as such are college preparatory. Designated honors and AP/dual-credit courses are weighted 0.5 and 1 point, respectively.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	4 CREDITS
HISTORY AND SOCIETY	4 CREDITS
SCIENCE	3 CREDITS
MATHEMATICS	4 CREDITS
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3 CREDITS
RHETORIC & THEOLOGY	4 CREDITS
FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS	2 CREDITS
WELLNESS AND SPORTS	1 CREDIT
TOTAL	25 CREDITS

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CLASSES OF 2001–2023	58 RECOGNIZED (24 FINALISTS & 34 COMMENDED) OF 512 STUDENTS
CLASS OF 2023	2 FINALISTS & 4 COMMENDED OF 35 STUDENTS
CLASS OF 2024	5 HIGH SCORERS AT THIS TIME / OUT OF 45 STUDENTS

SAMPLE OF BOOKS READ IN 9TH–12TH ENGLISH

1984, Orwell
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Twain
A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare
A Tale of Two Cities, Dickens
Beowulf, trans. Chickering
Brave New World, Huxley
Fahrenheit 451, Bradbury
Frankenstein, Shelley

Four Quartets, Eliot
Gilead, Robinson
Hamlet, Shakespeare
Norse Stories, Mabie
On the Unseriousness of Human Affairs, Schall
Paradise Lost, Milton
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, trans. Tolkien
The Divine Comedy, Dante

The Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald
The Lord of the Rings, Tolkien
The Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Hurston
Till We Have Faces, Lewis
 Harlem Renaissance Poets: Johnson, Hughes,
 Cullen, McKay
 Shakespeare's Sonnets

2019–2023 ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

CLASSES OF 2019–2023	421 EXAMS ADMINISTERED, 76% RECEIVED A SCORE OF 3 OR HIGHER, 50% RECEIVED A SCORE OF 4 OR HIGHER
CLASSES OF 2023 & 2024	12 AP SCHOLARS, 5 AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR, AND 1 AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

It is our aspiration that graduates of The Geneva School exhibit the following personal and intellectual capacities:

Embodies practical wisdom: Students should demonstrate a life well lived, consonant with the expectations of a biblical ethic, the integration of theory and practice, and the maturity gained from The Great Conversation and from the personal mentoring of faculty and staff.

Engages in integrative and collaborative learning: Assuming a unified field of knowledge that integrates in the person of Christ, students will synthesize a cohesive world-and-life view across the liberal arts curriculum and through exchanges with a collegial faculty.

Employs skill in truthful communication: Through the grammatical arts of dialectic and rhetoric, students will become skillful in discerning and disseminating truth through the variety of media that is at their disposal.

Exhibits the love of neighbor and a concern for the common good: Servant leadership orients a compassionate heart to pursue others' good even before one's own.

Pursues his/her calling under the intention that all of life might be redeemed: As an ambassador of Christ in this world, students will pursue their vocation with the hope that they will be a reconciling agent for the gospel in all relationships and circumstances.

Total Students: 171

GPA 50% Range

- GPA (weighted): 3.74–4.37
- GPA (unweighted): 3.34–3.93

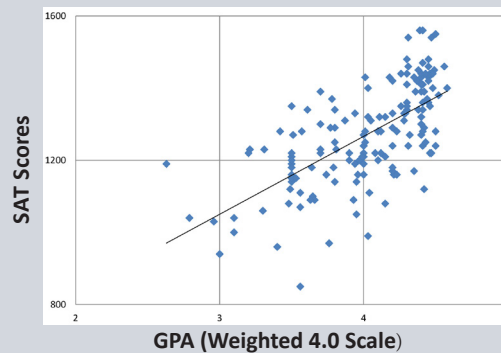
Total Students Who Took the SAT: 154

- 50% Range: 1182–1370
- Mean: 1270

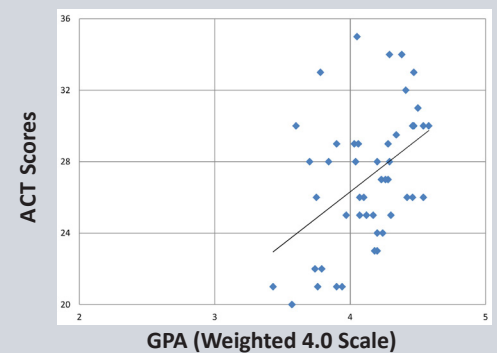
Total Seniors Who Took the ACT: 47

- 50% Range: 25–30
- Mean: 27

CLASS OF 2020–2024 SAT vs. GPA
(154 STUDENTS)



CLASS OF 2020–2024 ACT vs. GPA
(47 STUDENTS)



The correlation between Geneva students' test scores and their GPAs provides strong evidence for the integrity of The Geneva School's academic program.

SAMPLE OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATION

Anderson University *
Appalachian State University
Auburn University *
Baylor University *
Berry College*
Biola University *
Boston University
Calvin University
Case Western Reserve University *
Charleston Southern University
Clemson University *
College of Charleston *
College of William and Mary *
Colorado Christian University *
Covenant College *
Culinary Institute of America*
Davidson College *
Eckerd College *
Elon University
Emerson College *
Emory University
Flagler College *
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University *

Florida Atlantic University *
Florida Gulf Coast University *
Florida Institute of Technology *
Florida International University *
Florida Southern College *
Florida State University *
Full Sail University *
Furman University *
George Washington University *
Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta)
Gordon College *
Grove City College *
Hillsdale College *
Johns Hopkins University
Kenyon College *
Liberty University *
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Mercer University
Mississippi State University
Montreat College *
New College of Florida *
New York University *

North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University*
Oklahoma State University*
Palm Beach Atlantic University *
Pennsylvania State University*
Purdue University *
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rollins College *
Samford University *
Savannah College of Art and Design
Southeastern University *
Stetson University *
Texas A&M University *
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama *
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
The University of West Florida *
United States Military Academy at West Point
United States Naval Academy *

University of California (Santa Cruz) *
University of Central Florida *
University of Florida *
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami *
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina at Charlotte *
University of North Florida *
University of South Florida (Tampa) *
University of Virginia*
University of Washington (Seattle) *
Vanderbilt University *
Wake Forest University *
Washington University at St. Louis *
Wentworth Institute of Technology*
Wheaton College *
Winthrop University

* At least one student matriculated to this institution.