

OUR MISSION AND OUR VISION

Addenbrooke Classical Academy educates students in the kindergarten through twelfth grades. From the seminar to the science lab, from the music room to the playing field, we begin with the conviction that **all human beings can know truth, create beauty, and practice goodness**. To that end, we expect students to develop basic tools of learning, ordered basic knowledge, moral seriousness, breadth and depth of imagination, artistic ability and a sense of wonder.

We believe all students should be immersed in the best our tradition has to offer. We believe all students can be active and useful participants in the ongoing and enduring conversation that is a vibrant civilization. We believe all students can be formed in a habitual vision of greatness that makes lifelong learners of the doctor and the mechanic, the housewife and the professor. Jacques Maritain, the French philosopher, described education as a human awakening. The goal of classical education is to produce the free or liberated person. The greatest thinkers throughout the ages, including Archimedes, Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton, Shakespeare, and Thomas Jefferson, all had one thing in common: a classical education. A classical education represents a return to a time-tested educational philosophy that was standard in the United States and the western world until the early 20th century. It is the process of training the mind of the student to better confront the problems common to modern man.

ACA's TOP 10 LIST

- 1) We're a public charter school teaching grades 6-12, tuition free.
- 2) Every student will take music classes from 7th through 12th grades.
- 3) Students in our daily, one-hour high school Humane Letters seminar read original texts in literature, history, and philosophy.
- 4) Classical and Modern Languages, with 7th and 8th grade required to take Latin.
- 5) We have a warm, engaging culture in which respect, enthusiasm and integrity are paramount.
- 6) This community of learners is led by a dynamic faculty, with almost three fourths of whom have advanced degrees.
- 7) We don't teach to the test.
- 8) All students are required to wear uniforms.
- 9) Every student will have an iPad 4 with most of their textbooks included.
- 10) Tutorial hour for all students.

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

This community is anchored by the teachers' own passion for learning. Learning is a lifelong human endeavor and our faculty is committed to pursuing knowledge for its own sake. To nurture the active involvement of each student, Addenbrooke Classical Academy offers a **performance-based program** with distinctive qualities including original text, Socratic seminars, technology-integrated curriculum, and a required Music program. Furthermore, our learning community also builds a work ethic and promotes service.

We expect each student to display mastery in history, mathematics, science, music, literature, English, and Latin, as well as to gain a familiarity with at least one other language. To that end, students will follow a common academic core curriculum (not Common Core), which includes six years of history, mathematics, science, writing, literature, music, and foreign language (two years of Latin, three years of a modern language).

Although the program is demanding, Addenbrooke Classical welcomes students of ordinary ability as well as the very brightest. As Mortimer Adler cogently argues in *The Paideia Proposal*,

Those who think [a common, core curriculum like Addenbrooke's] cannot be successfully followed by all children fail to realize that the children of whom they are thinking have never had their minds challenged by requirements such as these. It is natural for children to rise to meet higher expectations; but only if those expectations are set before them, and made both reasonable and attractive.



READING LIST

SIXTH GRADE

Lewis—*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
Benet—*The Devil and Daniel Webster*
Nesbit—*The Railway Children*
McGraw—*The Golden Goblet*
Keith—*Rifles for Watie*

British and American Poetry

SEVENTH GRADE

Schaefer—*Shane*
Twain—*Tom Sawyer*
Lansing—*Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*
Adams—*Watership Down*

British and American Poetry

EIGHTH GRADE

Tolkien—*The Hobbit*
Dickens—*A Christmas Carol*
Potok—*The Chosen*
Gibson—*The Miracle Worker*

British and American Poetry

NINTH GRADE

Documents in American History

The Federalists Paper (selections)

Selections from the writings of Thomas Jefferson

Selections from the writings of Lincoln-Douglas debates

Crane—*The Red Badge of Courage*
Thoreau—*Walden; Civil Disobedience*
Douglass—*Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass,
An American Slave*

Cather—*My Antonia*

Hemingway—*The Old Man and the Sea*

Lee—*To Kill a Mockingbird*

Short stories of Stephen Crane, Willa Cather, Flannery O'Connor

Wilder—*Our Town*

American Poetry

TENTH GRADE

Documents in European history

Dickens—*A Tale of Two Cities*
Bolt—*A Man for All Seasons*
Rousseau—*Essay on the Origin of Inequality*
Burke—*Reflections on the French Revolution (selections)*
Locke—*Second Treatise of Government (selections)*
Austen—*Pride and Prejudice*
Marx—*The Communist Manifesto*
Dostoyevsky—*Crime and Punishment*
Orwell—*Animal Farm*

British and European Poetry

ELEVENTH GRADE

Homer—*The Illiad, The Odyssey*
Aeschylus—*Oresteia*
Sophocles—*Theban Plays*
Thucydides—*History of the Peloponnesian War*
Plato—*Meno; Crito; Phaedo; Apology; Euthyphro; Gorgias;
Republic*
Aristotle—*Nicomachean Ethics; Politics (selections)*

TWELFTH GRADE

Aquinas—*Treatise on Law*
Dante—*Inferno*
Shakespeare—*Macbeth; Hamlet*
Descartes—*Meditations*
Montaigne—*In Defense of Raymond Sebond*
Rousseau—*The Social Contract*
Locke—*Second Treatise of Government*
Hegel—*Reason in History*
Marx—*Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts*
Friedman—*Capitalism and Freedom*
Dostoyevsky—*The Brothers Karamazov*
O'Connor—"Parker's Back"
Agee—*A Death in the Family*
Carver—"A Small, Good Thing"
Canin—"The Palace Thief"
Stevens—"The Idea of Order at Key West"; "Sunday Morning"
Joyce—"The Dead"

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS PROGRAMS

In addition to a rich academic life at Addenbrooke our students participate in a wide variety of after-school activities. The activities for the 2014-2015 school year are listed here. Please know that all clubs and sports are dependent on parent volunteers. If there is interest on the part of parents and students, we would love more clubs and sports!

- **High School**—Volleyball, Basketball, and Theater Club and Archaeology Club
- **Middle through High School**—Indoor Soccer, Debate Club, Art Club, Spanish Club, Latin Club and Chess Club

MUSTANG SPORTS: 2014-2015

- Volleyball, basketball, and indoor soccer are offered through the All City Urban League. Our practice and game schedules will be posted on our website and are communicated through email. Our parents and faculty have generously and proudly volunteered hours of coaching time and expertise for our students. We are proud of our ever-growing athletic program.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- If Addenbrooke does not offer a sport through CHSAA, students may participate in their own district of residence.
- Students may also participate in the school district of attendance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A CHARTER SCHOOL?

Charter schools are publicly funded elementary or secondary schools in the United States that have been freed from some of the rules, regulations, and statutes that apply to other public schools. This is usually in exchange for some type of accountability for producing certain results, which are set forth in each school's charter. Their founders are often teachers, parents, or activists who want to bring an innovative approach to the local public school community.

DOES ADDENBROOKE CHARGE TUITION?

No it does not. Addenbrooke is a public school and, like all public schools, does not charge tuition. However, like other public schools, there may be fees charged to cover specific costs. There are payment plans available for these fees as well as income-based reductions.

IS ADDENBROOKE A JEFFCO SCHOOL?

Yes it is. Addenbrooke Classical is located within the boundaries of Jefferson County, and is chartered through Jeffco Public School district. Addenbrooke is governed by its own Board of Directors., and there are currently five people serving on the board. As a public institution, Addenbrooke's board meetings are open to the public.

IS THERE AN ENTRANCE EXAM?

No, there is no entrance exam. As a public school, we offer this curriculum to all who apply. That said, Addenbrooke might not be the right fit for every child. We are a school of choice and we offer a specific educational environment, which may work very well for some children and not as well for others. Addenbrooke administers diagnostic assessments for students transferring into grades 7 and higher to ensure proper placement within our program.

HOW DOES ADDENBROOKE ADDRESS DISCIPLINE ISSUES?

An orderly and safe school environment is essential to foster the community of learners, which is at the core of our educational model. We have clear rules for the students to follow and they are enforced consistently, fairly, and seriously. We do not tolerate disrespect whether it be student-to-student, student-to-teacher or teacher-to-student. We also expect there to be respect between the faculty and the parents. This is the basis for the civil and productive discourse we encourage throughout the school.

IS THERE A PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS?

IS THERE A SPORTS PROGRAM?

Yes, there are physical education classes during the school day for both middle and high school. Yes, there is an extra-curricular sports program at Addenbrooke, which is directly linked to the time parents and teachers are able to volunteer as our coaches. As a beginning, small school, our sports program is modest and will grow over time.

HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN A PARTICULAR SUBJECT? HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE FURTHER ALONG THAN THEIR PEERS AND NEED EXTRA CHALLENGE IN A PARTICULAR SUBJECT?

At Addenbrooke, while we do not have ability grouping, we are able to achieve a definite amount of differentiated learning during class time. We believe, however, that learning is best done in the context of community and the relationship of the strengths and weaknesses within the group of students. We know that some children struggle in certain subjects while other children excel beyond their peers. To address these particular needs, we have added an eighth hour to our school day for next year to offer teacher-led tutoring for struggling students, challenge sessions for those who are well ahead in a subject, and a general study hall (advisement period) for the rest of the student body to begin homework assignments.

DO YOU HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH IEPs OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS?

Yes, we do have a special services team, and we will bring in specialists as needed. Nevertheless, as a small school, we may not have the ability to be able to offer the range of help needed for students with particularly intensive needs.

HOW DOES THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS WORK?

ALL families who wish to enroll their child(ren) must fill out a Choice Enrollment Application for each child during the First Round Choice Enrollment window set by the Jefferson County District. This is a window of time from JANUARY 8, 2014 through JANUARY 24, 2014 which means that a parent may stop by the office any day during this window add your child(ren) to the Choice Enrollment wait list. If you are submitting the Round One Choice Enrollment Application, you may also fax the application(s) to 303-986-5509, or turn it in at the office (office hours are 7:45am - 3:30pm). Choice Enrollment Applications will NOT be accepted in the office before the dates listed above.

Please visit our website,
www.AddenbrookeClassical.com
for more information, or call (303) 986-5791