



Delaware Valley

CLASSICAL SCHOOL

2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

903 E. Basin Rd
New Castle, DE 19720
302.455.8740
www.dvclassical.org
CEEB: 080042

ANTHONY G. URTI
Head of School
aurti@dvclassical.org

BARBARA SYPHER
Grammar Principal
bsypher@dvclassical.org

CHERYLEE DEITRICH
Academic Programs
Coordinator
cdeitrich@dvclassical.org

DVCS is accredited through
the Association of Classical
Christian Schools (ACCS).

With a history spanning back to 1994, Delaware Valley Classical School employs a rigorous classical and Christian curriculum taught by a highly-qualified faculty who are not mere conveyors of information, but cultivators of minds and hearts. We emphasize our students' abilities to interpret a text, reason soundly, and express themselves clearly both orally and in writing. We seek to foster virtue and mature character in our students in addition to a well-rounded competence which is applicable to all facets of life.

HALLMARKS

ENGAGING GREAT IDEAS

Our students engage the great ideas of history via Socratic discussions through literature, poetry, theology, art, music, and science. Students study original texts, some of which are listed below.

HOUSE PARTICIPATION

Each student, grade 7-12, is assigned membership in one of four school Houses. The House program fosters leadership opportunities through academic and athletic competition, mentoring of younger students, and community service, all of which creates a vibrant school community.

RHETORIC

A hallmark of Delaware Valley is the emphasis placed on written and oral communication. Students learn to present truth, goodness, and beauty and express themselves in meaningful ways. As the culmination of their educations, students research and write an original 20+ page paper on an issue of theological, cultural, or political import and defend it before a panel of judges.

EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON

The mission of Delaware Valley is to assist parents in preparing their children to excel in every duty and calling God has for them throughout their lives by providing a classical and Christ-centered curriculum designed to equip our graduates with the tools to acquire, process, express, and defend knowledge from a Biblical worldview.

RHETORIC SCHOOL SAMPLE TEXTS

1984, The Abolition of Man, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Aeneid, Art of Rhetoric, Beowulf, Brave New World, Canterbury Tales, Christian Theology: An Introduction, City of God, Confessions, Crime and Punishment, Economics in One Lesson, Everything that Rises Must Converge, The Federalist Papers, First and Second Treatises of Government, Frankenstein, The Great Gatsby, Inferno (The Divine Comedy), Julius Caesar, Macbeth, Moby Dick, My Antonia, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Nichomachean Ethics, On the Incarnation, On Liberty, One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, Othello, Paradise Lost, The Politics, Pride and Prejudice, The Republic of Plato, The Scarlet Letter, The Screwtape Letters, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, A Tale of Two Cities, The Tempest, Theophany, Till We Have Faces, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Unaborted Socrates



STUDENTS

Total Enrolled: 196
School's Origin: 2019; history back to 1994
Average Class Size: 16
Class of 2024: 12
Diversity: Students represent a variety of racial, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds.

FACULTY

12 upper school non-elective teaching faculty
96% have undergraduate degrees
39% have graduate degrees
13% hold a terminal degree



CURRICULUM

7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	REQUIRED COURSES
Pre-Algebra	*Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus / Trigonometry	+Calculus or Statistics	^Music Theory & Choir (7-12)
Science	*Logic	Physical Science	+Biology w/ Lab	+Chemistry w/ Lab	Physics w/ Lab	Phys Ed (7-11)
OT Bib Theo I	Western Civ I OT Bib Theo II	Western Civ II NT Bib Theo	+U.S. History +Sys Theo	+Civics Aesthetics	Natural Theo	^Art (7-11)
Latin I	*Latin II	+Greek I	+Greek II	+Spanish I	+Spanish II Spanish III	Etiquette (7-12)
Ancient Lit I Comp/Grammar	Ancient Lit II & Composition	Medieval Lit & Composition	American Lit & Composition	+Advanced Lit & Composition	British Lit & Composition	College, Career, & Life (11-12)
					Rhetoric & Senior Thesis	Personal Finance (11)

* high school level course taken in 8th grade
+ dual-credit course in conjunction with Cairn University
^ .5 credit course. All other courses are 1 credit unless otherwise noted

ELECTIVES: Art, Archery, Athletics, Chess, Creative Writing, Drama, Mock Trial, Nutrition, Orchestra, Russian Literature, Speech/Debate, Studio Art, Vocal Ensemble

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Science 5 credits
Humanities 7 credits
Mathematics 5 credits
Theology/Aesthetics 4 credits
Ancient/Foreign Languages 5 credits

Physical Education 1 credit
Art 1.5 credits
Music/Choir 2 credits
Electives 2 credits

*Delaware Valley offers dual-enrollment courses through a partnership with Cairn University. Dual-enrollment courses for the 2024-25 school year are indicated with + in the above chart.

*Delaware Valley does not offer AP courses.

TOTAL: 32.5 credits



GRADING

- All core courses in grades 9 – 12 are taught at an honors level
- Honors and dual-enrollment courses are weighted at one grade point
- Course levels and weights are indicated on the transcript
- Weighted and unweighted cumulative GPA's are reported
- Delaware Valley does not calculate or report class rank

PERCENTAGE	GRADE	GPA
98-100	A+	4.00
93-97	A	4.00
90-92	A-	3.67
87-89	B+	3.33
83-86	B	3.00
80-82	B-	2.67
77-79	C+	2.33
73-76	C	2.00
70-72	C-	2.00
<70	F	0

LATIN HONORS

Based on unweighted GPA

4.0	Summa cum Laude
3.7-3.99	Magna cum Laude
3.5-3.69	Cum Laude

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM SCORES

SAT

Class of 2024 average: 1283
Class of 2023 average: 1303

CLT

Class of 2024 average: 85
Class of 2023 average: 88

COLLEGE MATRICULATIONS

American University
Baylor University
Belhaven University
Boston University
Ballet Magnificat!
Bob Jones University
Cairn University
Campbell University
Cedarville University
Cornell University
Cottey College
Covenant College
Delaware State University
Delaware Technical Community College
Durham University (UK)
Franklin & Marshall College
Geneva College
Gordon College
Grand Canyon University
Grove City College

Harding University
Hillsdale College
International Christian University (Japan)
Liberty University
Marine Reserve Officers Training Corps
Marshall University
McDaniel College
Messiah University
Mississippi College
New Saint Andrews College
New York Film Academy
North Carolina State University
Oxford University (UK)
Peabody Institute
Penn State University
Providence College
Purdue University
Reformation Bible College
Regent University
Renssaeler Polytechnic Institute
Rowan College
Rutgers University

Stanford University
St. John's College
Syracuse University
Temple University
The Citadel
The King's College
Trinity College
Union University
University of Delaware
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Sussex (UK)
US Air Force Academy
US Military Academy at West Point
US Naval Academy
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
West Virginia University
Wheaton College
Wilmington University