

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from Schaeffer Academy requires completion of 24 credits in the following subjects:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Credits Required</i>		
ENGLISH	4 CREDITS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH	2 CREDITS
Composition and Literary Forms	1		
American Literature	1	RELIGION	2 CREDITS
British Literature	1	Christian Worldview	.5
Ancient Literature	.5	Basic Christian Doctrine	.5
20th Century Literature	.5	Apologetics	.5
FINE ARTS	.5 CREDIT	Senior Theology	.5
Art Appreciation and History	.25	LOGIC AND RHETORIC	1.5 CREDITS
Music Appreciation and History	.25	Logic II	.5
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	4 CREDITS	Rhetoric and Debate I	.5
Latin II	1	Rhetoric and Debate II	.5
Spanish I	1	SCIENCE	3 CREDITS
Spanish II	1	Biology with Lab	1
Spanish III	1	Chemistry with Lab	1
HISTORY	4 CREDITS	Physics I	1
World History	1	AP Physics I	1
U.S. History	1	AP Physics C	1
20th Century History	.5	ELECTIVES	
American Government and Economics	.5	Upper School Band	
Ancient History	.5	Upper School Strings	
Western Philosophy	.5	Upper School Choir	
MATHEMATICS	4 CREDITS	Studio Art	
Algebra I	1	Yearbook	
Geometry	1		
Algebra II	1		
Functions, Statistics, & Trig	1		
Pre-Calculus	1		
AP Calculus BC	1		

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Many Schaeffer students receive AP credit through testing because of the rigor of existing coursework. In the Class of 2018, 48% of students took at least one AP exam. There were five AP Scholars, one AP Scholar with Honors and six AP Scholars with Distinction.

THE SCHOOL

Schaeffer Academy is in its twenty-sixth year. Begun in 1993 by a group of parents in Rochester, Minnesota, the school is named after Dr. Francis Schaeffer, a Christian philosopher, theologian and evangelist. The school's educational philosophy reflects his emphasis on a Christian worldview, which permeates all areas of life.

The school has grown from 78 students in grades kindergarten through six to 270 students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The Class of 2019 will be Schaeffer Academy's nineteenth graduating class.

Schaeffer Academy is governed by a Board of Directors, made up of present and former school parents.

MISSION

The purpose of Schaeffer Academy is to provide a Christ-centered and classical education which emphasizes academic excellence in the liberal arts.

SCHAEFFER ACADEMY

Upper School Profile 2018-2019



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN AND CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Schaeffer Academy's primary purpose is to provide a Christ-centered and classical education which emphasizes rigorous academics in the liberal arts. As a Christ-centered school, all subjects are taught within a Christian worldview. As a classical school, the method of instruction is the Trivium – a system of education in use since the Middle Ages. In the younger grades students are first taught the grammar (the facts and rules) of each subject. Logic or dialectic follows, teaching students to fit together the facts and rules in order to produce a cohesive whole. Upper School students incorporate rhetoric – learning how to communicate clearly the knowledge acquired through grammar and logic. Schaeffer Academy's students graduate able to think clearly, reason soundly, write gracefully, and live faithfully.

FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

Schaeffer Academy has an experienced and committed faculty of 25 full and part-time teachers for grades kindergarten through twelve. There are 17 teachers for the Upper School, with a current enrollment of 129 in grades 7 through 12. The student to teacher ratio in the Upper School is 7:1. All Upper School teachers are degreed in their field, while twelve hold Master's degrees and two, doctorates.

ACCREDITATION/AFFILIATIONS

Schaeffer Academy is accredited by the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS). Membership is also held in the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International).

RANKING

Due to class size, Schaeffer Academy does not rank students. However, on request we can provide the size of the applicant's class and a GPA distribution breakdown.

GRADING SCALE DATA

GRADE	PERCENTAGE	STANDARD VALUE	HONORS OPTION	AP COURSES
A+	100%	4 points	4.12 points	5 points
A	95-99%	4 points	4.12 points	5 points
A-	92-94%	4 points	4.12 points	5 points
B+	89-91%	3 points	3.06 points	4 points
B	85-88%	3 points	3.06 points	4 points
B-	82-84%	3 points	3.06 points	4 points
C+	79-81%	2 points		3 points
C	73-78%	2 points		3 points
C-	70-72%	2 points		3 points
D+	67-69%	1 point		2 points
D	63-66%	1 point		2 points
D-	60-62%	1 point		2 points
F	0-59%	0 points		

Schaeffer Academy employs a weighted grading scale. Students must receive an A or B in Honors sections to receive honors credit.

GRADUATE PROFILE (TEST SCORES)

Schaeffer Academy administers the Stanford Achievement Test in grade 9. In 2018, National Percentile Rankings for Schaeffer's 9th grade class were:

Reading	86th
Language	83rd
Math	95th

Upper School students also take the ACT or SAT:

Average ACT score, Class of 2018:	30
Average SAT score, Class of 2018:	1376

NATIONAL MERIT

From all graduating classes (2001-2018), comprising 291 students, Schaeffer Academy has produced twelve National Merit Finalists, one Semi-Finalist, and 22 Commended Scholars, an average of 12% of our graduates.

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT COURSEWORK AND REQUIREMENTS

College level texts are used in Physics, Algebra II, Chemistry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus and Spanish, while the humanities courses include substantial reading in original texts. Major writing or research projects are required throughout high school. Annual Science and History Fairs require students to produce projects with National History Day guidelines in 8th and 10th grades, and projects suitable for the Regional and State Science Fairs in 7th, 9th and 11th grades. Latin is required through grade 9, while Spanish is taught in 10th, 11th and 12th. Latin students take the National Latin Exam annually. In the past eighteen years Schaeffer students have won 106 gold medals, including seven for perfect papers.

EXTRACURRICULARS

Schaeffer Academy offers the following sports: Girls Varsity Soccer; Boys Varsity Soccer; Boys and Girls Cross Country; Girls Varsity and JV Volleyball; Girls Varsity and JV Basketball; Boys Varsity and JV Basketball; Girls Varsity Softball; Boys Varsity Baseball; Boys and Girls Track and Field; Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis. Many Upper School students also participate in Choir, Band and Strings and our Drama productions. We also have a Lego Robotics Club.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Schaeffer has graduated 291 students since 2001. Of these, the majority have gone to four year colleges. The following is a partial list of college acceptance by Schaeffer students: *Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, Baylor University, Bethel University, Boston University, Bryn Mawr College, Carleton College, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, Cornell University, Covenant College, Davidson College, Duke University, Emory University, Hillsdale College, Iowa State University, Loyola University Chicago, Mannes College The New School for Music, New York University, Northwestern University (Chicago), Notre Dame University, Purdue University, Rensselaer Polytechnic University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, St. Olaf College, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, United States Air Force Academy, University of Minnesota (Honors), University of Illinois, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin (Honors), Vanderbilt University, Vassar College, Washington University at St. Louis, Wheaton College.*

A complete list can be found at: <http://www.schaefferacademy.org/about/school-snapshot/college-acceptance>