



THE CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL OF DALLAS

Upper School Profile 2007-2008

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Mission and History

The Cambridge School of Dallas (grades 5-12) is a Christ-centered, college preparatory, classical school. Its educational philosophy is committed to "Academic Discipleship: Fostering a Love of Learning with a Passion for Jesus Christ." Cambridge grew out of Logos Academy which opened in 1996, matriculating its first senior class in 2002. Cambridge is a nondenominational, coeducational institution and currently enrolls 112 students.

Curriculum

Cambridge takes average to above average students based on ISEE performance, places them in an above average curriculum and seeks to maximize the potential of every student. The curriculum is normed to the standards of the College Board's Advance Placement program in its core subject areas. All students take AP courses, which are taught from the perspective of a Christian worldview. All seniors take rhetoric and complete a senior tutorial, a course which requires them to present and defend a 15-page thesis before a faculty panel. The program is summarized by the following core principles:

- Maximizing the potential of average to above average students
- Norming curriculum to objective standards of mastery
- Stressing fundamental beliefs through study of the Bible and the great tradition of historic Christianity
- Teaching curriculum from a Christian worldview
- Emphasizing persuasive speaking and writing
- Designing curriculum to assist students in admission to select and highly select colleges and universities
- Offering athletic, artistic, and extracurricular pursuits that develop natural abilities and talents as well as character and leadership skills

Faculty

Cambridge seeks master teachers. The faculty has extensive experience in teaching the Advanced Placement courses offered in the curriculum. Of the full-time faculty members, two have doctorates, one is ABD, and seven have master's degrees in their areas of teaching. Student to faculty ratio is 6:1.

Overview

English

Medieval Lit.
British Lit.
AP Lang./ Comp
AP Lit. / Comp
Print Journalism

History

Western Civilization
AP European History
AP U.S. History
Political Philosophy /
AP Government

Mathematics

Geometry
Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
AP AB Calculus
AP BC Calculus
Euclid's Elements

Fine Arts

Art I (Survey)
Art II (Drawing)
Drama
Painting
AP Art (2-D Design)
AP Art (3-D Design)
AP Art (Drawing)
Photo Journalism
Chorus
Debate

Foreign Language

Latin I
Latin II
Latin III
Latin IV
AP Latin Vergil
AP Latin Lit.
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
AP Spanish
French I
French II
French III
AP French

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
AP Biology
AP Physics

Theology

Church History
Systematic Theology
Spiritual Formation
Apologetics

Rhetoric / Senior Tutorial

College Board Advanced Placement Courses

Cambridge offers 16 AP courses, some of which are offered based on student interest and enrollment. The AP course offerings include English (Language/Composition, Literature/Composition); Foreign Language (French, Latin Vergil, Latin Literature, Spanish); Mathematics (AB Calculus, BC Calculus); Science (Biology, Physics); History (European, United States, Government); and Fine Arts (Drawing, Two-Dimensional Design, Three-Dimensional Design).

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Cambridge, a student must have at least a "C" average (70 or higher) in every required course in the curriculum. Pre-AP and Advanced Placement courses are weighted an additional 0.3. The School does not rank. Incoming freshmen who have not previously taken Latin must take Latin I. Students who transfer in their junior year may graduate with two years of a foreign language.

English (Medieval Lit., British Lit., AP Lang /Com., AP Lit. / Comp.)	4 credits
History (Western Civilization, AP European History, AP United States History)	3 credits
Mathematics (Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus)	3 credits
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3 credits
Rhetoric and Senior Tutorial	0.5 credit
Foreign Languages (three consecutive years of the same language)	3 credits
Fine Arts	2 credits
Theology (Church History, Systematic Theology, Spiritual Formation, Apologetics)	2.5 credits
Political Philosophy / AP Government	1 credit
Electives	3 credits
<u>Athletics / Extracurricular Performance</u>	<u>4 credits</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>29 credits</i>

Standardized Tests

Over the past four years, Cambridge has maintained a 73% pass rate on AP exams in eighteen different subjects. In 2002-2003, with 40 exams taken, the average score was 3.8. In 2003-2004, with 88 tests taken, the average score was 3.3; there were five AP Scholars, one AP Scholar with Honor, and five AP Scholars with Distinction. In 2004-2005, with 90 exams taken, the average score was 3.1; there were seven AP scholars, two AP Scholars with Honor, and three AP Scholars with Distinction. In 2005-2006, with 82 exams taken, the average score was 3.2; there were nine AP Scholars, five AP Scholars with Honor, and four AP Scholars with Distinction.

National Merit Commended and Finalists

Class of 2003	6 Commended	2 Finalists
Class of 2004	1 Commended	2 Finalists
Class of 2005	2 Commended	0 Finalists
Class of 2006	7 Commended	1 Finalist
Class of 2007	3 Commended	1 Finalist

SAT Profile

	Verbal	Math	Writing	Average
Class of 2003	703	648		1351
Class of 2004	639	611		1250
Class of 2005	701	671		1372
Class of 2006	642	656	642	1930
Class of 2007	672	629	660	1961

College Acceptances and Matriculations (bold) for Classes of 2003-2007*

Abilene Christian University	London School of Economics	University of Colorado at Boulder Honors
Auburn University Honors	Miami University, Ohio	University of Dallas
Austin College	New York University	University of Durham, England
Baylor University Honors	North Georgia College & State University	University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Birmingham Southern College	Northwestern University	University of Georgia Honors
Boston College <i>Honors</i>	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Kansas
Bowdoin College	Oklahoma State University <i>Honors</i>	University of Miami
Carleton College	Pepperdine University	Univ. of Michigan at Ann Arbor Honors
Claremont McKenna College	Randolph-Macon Woman's College	University of Mississippi Honors
College of William and Mary	Rhodes College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
College of Wooster	Rice University	University of North Texas
Collin County Community College	Rutgers University Honors	University of Notre Dame
Columbia University	Samford University	University of Oklahoma Honors
Cornell College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Puget Sound
Covenant College	Seattle University	University of Richmond
Davidson College	Southern Methodist University Honors	University of San Diego
Duke University	Southwestern University	University of San Francisco
Eckerd College	St. Edwards University	University of Southern California Honors
Elon University Honors	St. John's College	University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	St. Louis University Honors	University of Texas at Dallas Honors
Emory University	Stanford University	University of Texas Honors
Furman University Honors	Swarthmore College	University of the South
Georgetown University	Texas A&M University	University of Tulsa
Hamden-Sydney College	Texas Christian University Honors	University of Virginia
Harding University	Texas Tech University	Vanderbilt University
Hawaii Pacific University	The Citadel	Villanova University
Hillsdale College	The Pratt Institute	Wake Forest University
Houston Baptist University	Thomas Aquinas College	Washington University of St. Louis
Jacksonville University	Trinity University	Westmont College
Kalamazoo College Honors	United States Naval Academy	Wheaton College
Kansas State University	University of Alabama	Williams College
Kenyon College	University of Arkansas	
King's College, London	University of Central Florida	

*One hundred percent of Cambridge graduates attend college.

Total Scholarship Dollars Received for the 23 members of the Class of 2007: \$1,301,800.00