



# TRUE NORTH CLASSICAL ACADEMY

## 2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

**True North Classical Academy**, founded in 2015, is a public charter school open to all students living in Miami-Dade County. Our school network serves grades K-12 across four campuses.

**CEEB/ACT Code: 102515**

**K-12 Enrollment: 1,542**

**High School Enrollment: 314**

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### Administration

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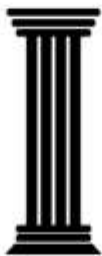
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Graduating our first class in 2023



A-Rated school since 2015



Classical content & methodology to foster a culture of excellence

**THE HONOR CODE** is instilled in all students from the moment they begin at our school. The honor code was developed by our students to embody the core virtues we stand by and is signed by all 9-12 graders each academic year.

### THE SCHOOL

The school-wide class size average is 20 students. Strong relationships, and an inclusive environment between students, parents, and faculty are defining features of the school.

### VISION & MISSION

The mission of True North Classical Academy is to inspire a thirst for knowledge within our students, aligning passion to purpose, in the pursuit of the True, Good, and Beautiful. True North achieves its vision through a rigorous, knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the tradition of the classical liberal arts. Through steadfast focus on scholarship, citizenship, and leadership in an environment that values and models intellectual and moral virtue, we seek to empower our students to reach their highest potential, develop into exceptional persons and citizens, and sustain a lifelong love of learning.

### CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

True North Classical Academy offers a highly rigorous, accelerated academic curriculum built on two fundamental beliefs: that both virtue and knowledge are necessary to live the good life; and that a flourishing, free society requires its members to be wise citizens of virtue. Primary source texts and the Great Books drive our humanities instruction. They present students with a rich and varied array of content and an introduction to the history of human thought and great ideas. Classical virtues, leadership, and service opportunities, and the cultivation of self-governance are taught explicitly through the curriculum and in the spirit of the Western heritage. The Socratic method is implemented widely throughout upper school classrooms and as appropriate in elementary classrooms, thus engaging students in powerful discussions and contributions in the classroom. A senior thesis on a topic of fundamental importance delivered and defended in front of an audience of faculty and peers, is required to graduate.

### COVID-19 IMPACT

Fortunately, our instruction time was minimally interrupted and we were able to provide in person instruction to all our students the past two years. We did not alter our grading scale, nor did we switch to a pass/fail grading system. The area which felt the largest impact was our extracurricular & after school offerings. The quantity of offerings was limited, which meant many of our students had to find extracurricular activities outside of school in the community. Moving forward, we have redesigned our club, honor society, and community service framework and will be offering more activities for our high school students to become involved with and diversify their resumes with.

### SCHOOL RANKINGS

As of 2021, True North Classical Academy is ranked:

- #1 among Miami-Dade County public schools
- #2 among all Florida public schools

### THE FACULTY & COACHING MODEL

"Teaching, like any complex cognitive skill, must be practiced to be improved." - Daniel Willingham  
At True North Classical Academy, we practice instructional coaching to help our teachers develop into the best educators they can be. Through a culture of feedback, mentorship, and targeted practice, our teachers are able to achieve continuous incremental improvement. This translates to our students and they are able to see that we are all lifelong learners in a pursuit of our own excellence.



## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & HIGH SCHOOL SEQUENCE

English Language/Literature	4.0	Classical & Modern Foreign Languages	4.0
Math	4.0	Fine & Performing Arts	2.0
History and Society	4.0	Physical Education & Fitness	1.0
Science (min. 2 lab courses)	4.0	Elective Courses	1.0

\*Typical Course of study

	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
<b>LITERATURE</b>	Humane Letters I: American Experience	Humane Letters II: European Influences	Humane Letters III: Ancient World Texts	Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
<b>HISTORY</b>	Humane Letters: Early American History	Humane Letters: European Influences	AP or Honors United States History	Humane Letters: Rome to Modernity
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Biology, Chemistry, or DE Chemistry	Chemistry, Physics, or AP Biology	AP Biology or Physics	AP Biology, Physics II, Anatomy & Physiology
<b>MATH</b>	Geometry or Algebra II	Algebra II or Pre-Calc/Trig	Pre-Calc/Trig, Honors Calculus, or AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, or AP Computer Science A
<b>WORLD LANGUAGES</b>	French I, Latin I, Spanish I-III	French II, Latin II, Spanish II-IV	French III, Latin III, Spanish III & AP Spanish Language & Culture	French IV/AP, Latin IV/AP, Spanish IV & AP Literature & Culture
<b>FINE &amp; PERFORMING ARTS</b>	Music Core	Fine Arts Elective	Fine Arts Elective	Fine Arts Elective

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT & DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Because our curriculum is extremely rigorous in nature, we administer limited AP courses and exams. Students are only eligible to take a maximum of 3 AP courses per academic year. Any student who takes an AP course must also sit for the exam. Students have the opportunity to participate in a limited number of Dual Enrollment courses and earn college credit via Doral College or Miami Dade College. In order to take any AP or dual enrollment course, a student must be approved by the teacher and have a minimum weighted GPA of a 3.0. It is important to note, courses will have an AP or dual enrollment designation on our official transcripts.

#### AP COURSES OFFERED

AP Calculus AB	AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Calculus BC	AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics	AP Studio Art
AP Biology	AP Computer Science A
AP Physics 1	AP United States History
AP Art History	

\*AP courses offered vary from year to year.

#### 2021-2022 AP EXAM PASS RATES

	TNCA	GLOBAL
AP Spanish Language & Culture	100%	81%
AP Calculus AB	90%	56%
AP Biology	89%	68%
AP United States History	47%	48%

#### GPA DISTRIBUTION

At TNCA, we do not rank students. They earn 1 extra quality point for Honors courses and 2 extra quality points for AP & DE courses on their grade point averages. Below is the distribution of the Class of 2023 weighted GPA's.

\*Note: Only courses taken at TNCA are counted in GPA.

GPA	STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE
4.50+	17	24%
4.0-4.49	25	35%
3.75-3.99	9	13%
3.50-3.74	11	15%
3.0-3.49	5	6.5%
2.0-2.99	5	6.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### CLASS OF 2023 SAT SCORES

