



Seven Oaks Classical School

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College Board Number : 150094 K-12 Enrollment: 514 High School Enrollment: 88 IDOE

The School

Founded in 2016, Seven Oaks Classical School is an open-enrollment K-12 public charter school serving students in Southern Indiana. The school is located just outside Bloomington, home of Indiana University.

Mission Statement

The mission of Seven Oaks Classical School is to train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a rigorous classical education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue.

State Report Card

"A" Rating maintained for past 6 years

Curriculum & Faculty

- The aim of the curriculum and faculty is to foster a close-knit community of learning centered around the cultivation of moral and intellectual excellence.
- The high school has a faculty of 17, half of whom hold advanced degrees in their fields. School-wide, the faculty-to-student ratio is 1:19 (1:13 in high school).
- Students follow a cohesive, content-rich, college-preparatory liberal arts curriculum. Courses are rooted in primary sources and the Great Books, and students are taught using a balance of lecture and Socratic method, with a priority on intellectual analysis and frequent articulation through conversation and writing.
- High school courses are rigorous and follow a coherent trajectory. Advanced Placement (AP) coursework is available to upperclassmen. Students enrolled in AP courses are encouraged to take the corresponding exams.

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Ancient Literature	Early Modern Literature	American Literature (AP English Composition)	Modern European Literature (AP Literature)
Ancient History	Medieval/Early Modern History	American History	Modern European History
Composition	Logic & Rhetoric	American Government, Economics	Moral Philosophy & Senior Tutorial
Algebra I or Geometry	Geometry or Algebra II	Algebra II or Pre-Calculus	Pre-Calculus or AP Calculus
Biology	Chemistry or Integrated Physics/Chemistry	AP Biology or Physics	AP Biology or Astronomy
Latin and/or French	Latin, French or Greek	Latin, French or Greek	Latin, French or Greek
Physical Education, Health, Fine Arts + additional electives			

Senior Tutorial

All seniors must work with a member of the faculty to produce a capstone senior thesis paper in which they study a classic work in an attempt to grapple with an enduring human question. Students present and defend their theses orally in front of a panel of teachers and their peers.

Graduation Requirements

Students with strong grades receive an Indiana Core 40 Diploma with Academic Honors. All students take math, science, literature, and history courses each year of high school, as well as an additional core class that includes Composition, Logic & Rhetoric, Government & Economics, and finally Moral Philosophy & the Senior Tutorial. Students begin studying Latin and French in fourth grade and must continue in Latin through Latin III at a minimum. In addition, students must take Health and two semesters each of PE and Fine Arts.

Requirements	Indiana Core 40	w/ Academic Honors	Seven Oaks Classical School
ELA	8		13
Mathematics	6	+2	8
Science	6		8
Social Studies	6		8
Directed Electives	5	+6-8 Foreign Language +2 Fine Arts	Fine Arts, Latin and French credits available each semester
Physical Education	2		2
Health & Wellness	1		1
Electives	6		6
Additional Requirements		4 AP or 6 dual credit	minimum 4 AP credits

Grading & Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Seven Oaks Classical School avoids grade inflation by reflecting actual mastery of the knowledge and skills being taught.
- In addition to the unweighted cumulative GPA that appears on each transcript, the school also calculates a weighted transcript, in which core courses in literature, history, science, and mathematics, as well as courses that receive both high school and college credit, receive an additional weight of 1.0.

Unweighted Grading Scale					
Grade	Scale	GPA	Grade	Scale	GPA
A	94-100%	4.0	C	74-76%	2.0
A-	90-93%	3.7	C-	70-73%	1.7
B+	87-89%	3.3	D+	67-69%	1.3
B	84-86%	3.0	D	64-66%	1.0
B-	80-83%	2.7	D-	60-63%	0.7
C+	77-79%	2.3	F	< 60%	0.0

Reading List Sampling (Unabridged Works)

- Dante, *Inferno*
- Dostoevsky, *Crime & Punishment*
- Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
- Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*
- Homer, *Iliad & Odyssey*
- Plato, *Apology, Republic*
- Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar, Henry V*, etc.
- Wiesel, *Night*
- and other works from the canons of classical and Western literature.

Privacy Guidelines

- Seven Oaks Classical School does not calculate class rank. This is due to the overall rigor of the curriculum, the small size of each class, and desire to maintain a spirit of collegiality.
- Seven Oaks Classical School does not share students' disciplinary history with post-secondary institutions. Students are expected to answer honestly any questions about their discipline record.