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MISSION

Live Oak Classical School strives to equip students to love God with all their hearts, souls, and minds (Matthew 22:37). We draw on the classical tools of learning to prepare students to reason clearly, communicate effectively, and act responsibly in the world—all for the glory of God.

SCHOOL

Live Oak Classical School is an independent classical and Christian day school (grades JK-12) with a college preparatory liberal arts curriculum. Founded in 2004, Live Oak enrolls 275 students from 22 zip codes and more than 50 congregations across Central Texas. The student body is served by a dedicated faculty, including 38% who hold or are currently pursuing advanced degrees. Live Oak is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and is a member of the Society for Classical Learning.

CURRICULUM

Live Oak follows the classical pedagogical pattern of the trivium—grammar, logic, and rhetoric—that has been the foundation of liberal arts education for more than a millennium. The Grammar School (JK-6) highlights basic facts, capital ideas, and concepts in each subject area. The Logic School (7-9) focuses on the interrelationship between these facts and ideas, instruction in formal logic, and Latin grammar and translation. The Rhetoric School (10-12) emphasizes oral and written expression and presentation using the five canons of classical rhetoric. Socratic questioning, primary source readings, and the writing and oral defense of a senior thesis are other features of our academic program.

STUDENT LIFE

At Live Oak education extends beyond the classroom. Annual class trips have included hiking in Big Bend National Park, visiting Dallas-Fort Worth area museums and Bass Concert Hall, taking part in a global village immersion program with Heifer Project International, and traveling to Civil War sites throughout the Southeast. The Live Oak Falcons compete in six sports in the Texas Christian Athletic League (TCAL); other extracurricular activities include chess club, film club, gardening club, and yearbook, and recent student theater productions have included *Julius Caesar*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Our Town*. Leadership opportunities include Chapel Guild, House Prefect Council, National Honor Society, and Student Government Association. All students engage in service projects in the Waco community, and Rhetoric students are involved in Pigfest, which invites adults of various backgrounds to practice civil discourse on topics of public concern so that students may learn and practice the skills of winsome debate.

COMMUNITY

Live Oak Classical School is located in Waco, Texas. The greater Waco area has a population of over 220,000 and is located on the I-35 corridor between Dallas and Austin. It is a region that is rich with cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities and home to a number of colleges, including Baylor University, McLennan Community College, Texas State Technical College, Tarleton State University, and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. In 2011 Live Oak opened its Logic and Rhetoric campus across from the historic First Baptist Church near downtown Waco, the Brazos River, and scenic Cameron Park.

GRADING AND RANKING

- Live Oak Classical School uses a 4.0 grading scale.
- Due to a selective admissions process and small class size, we do not rank our classes, as such ranking would not be an accurate predictor of our students' success in higher education.
- Although our classical curriculum differs in some respects from the typical high school curriculum, we do offer advanced science and mathematics courses as well as Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Graduation Requirements	Classical Diploma 27-30 credits	Classical Diploma with distinction 33.5 credits
English	4	4
History	4	4
Mathematics	4	5
Science	4	5
Fine Arts	2	2
Athletics/PE	2	2
Modern Foreign Language	0-2	3
Latin	2-3	3
Theological Studies	1.5	2
Classical Rhetoric	1.5	1.5
Civics	1	1
Formal Logic	1	1

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100 B+= 88-89 B = 80-87
C+ = 78-79 C = 70-77 D = 68-69
F = 67 and below

Weighted courses receive a .5 to calculate GPA on the 4.0 grading scale.

COURSE OF STUDY – UPPER SCHOOL

	History	Literature/ Composition	Math	Science	Classical Studies	Language	Theological Studies	Fine Arts	PE and Athletics
Logic I (grade 7)	Ancient and Classical Civilizations (Prehistory-400)	Ancient and Classical Literature	Advanced Math I (integrated algebra and geometry)	Earth Science		Latin II	Old Testament Survey I	Required participation in Shakespearean drama class. Choir and Studio Art also available.	Required participation in at least one team sport. PE and Athletics available.
Logic II (grade 8)	Medieval Era to Age of Discovery (400-1600)	European Literature: Medieval Era to Age of Discovery (400-1600)	Foundations of Algebra or Advanced Math II	Pre-AP Biology	Introduction to Logic	Latin III	Old Testament Survey II	Choir, Studio Art, Drama, and Speech are offered.	Required participation in at least one team sport. PE and Athletics available.
Logic III (grade 9)	Renaissance to Age of Revolutions (1600-1850)	American and European Literature: Renaissance to Age of Revolutions (1600-1850)	Advanced Math II or Advanced Math III	Pre-AP Chemistry	Logic	Latin IV Translation	New Testament Survey	Choir, Studio Art, Drama, Film Studies, and Yearbook are offered.	Required participation in at least one team sport. PE and Athletics available.
Rhetoric I (grade 10)	American and European History: The Modern Era (1850-Present) Civics I: American Constitutional Government	American and European Literature: Modern Era (1850- Present)	Advanced Math III or Pre-Calculus	Pre-AP Physics	Introduction to Rhetoric	Spanish I	Biblical Hermeneutics	Choir, Studio Art, Drama, and Yearbook, are offered.	Athletics and PE are offered.
Rhetoric II (grade 11)	Humanities Capstone I: Ancients to Early Renaissance Civics II: Foundations of Democracy	Humanities Capstone II: Ancients to Early Renaissance	Pre-Calculus or AP Calculus AB	AP Biology or Environ- mental Science	Rhetoric II: Oration	Spanish II	Text and Tradition: Survey of Church History	Choir, Studio Art, Drama, and Yearbook, are offered.	Athletics and PE are offered.
Rhetoric III (grade 12)	Humanities Capstone II: Late Renaissance to Modern Age Micro- Economics	Humanities Capstone II: Late Renaissance to Modern Age	Statistics or AP Calculus AB/BC	AP Chemistry or AP Physics	Rhetoric III: Thesis	Spanish III	Christian Worldview and World Religions	Choir, Studio Art, Drama, and Yearbook, are offered.	Athletics and PE are offered.

Students follow a chronologically-oriented study of integrated history and literature, working through four time periods—ancient and classical civilizations, the medieval era through the Age of Discovery, the Renaissance through the Age of Revolutions, and the modern era. Reading selections include great texts of the Western tradition such as Homer’s *Odyssey*, Plato’s *Meno*, Aristotle’s *Rhetoric*, *Beowulf*, Dante’s *Inferno*, Dickens’ *A Tale of Two Cities*, Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, Shelley’s *Frankenstein*, Twain’s *Huckleberry Finn*, Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*, and Shakespeare’s plays as well as primary source historical readings. Students take integrated algebra and geometry (utilizing the Singapore Math curriculum) and advance first to pre-calculus, then to statistics or AP calculus. In the sciences, students study biology, chemistry, physics,

and AP biology, AP chemistry, and AP physics (offered alternately). Students are required to take a foreign language each year and to earn two credits in Spanish and three credits in Latin, which includes the National Latin Exam. All students take formal logic, formal rhetoric, and civics as well as Bible survey and additional coursework in theological studies. In addition, every student must participate in physical education and, beginning in 4th grade, at least one team sport; our athletic program includes volleyball, basketball, cross country, co-ed soccer, track, and six-man football. Every student must also participate in at least one of the fine arts; our arts program includes choir, studio art, and theater. Each of the Logic and Rhetoric years (grades 7-12) is divided into two semesters with comprehensive examinations at the end of each term.

