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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 more than 400 students from 33 zip codes and more than 65 congregations across Central Texas. The student body is served by a dedicated faculty, more than 40 percent of whom hold or are currently pursuing advanced degrees. Live Oak is accredited by AdvancED (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and is a member of the Society for Classical Learning.

CURRICULUM

Live Oak follows the 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. Other features of our academic program include Socratic questioning, primary source readings, and the composition and oral defense of a senior thesis.

STUDENT LIFE

At Live Oak, education extends beyond the classroom. Each senior class travels to Italy over spring break, and other annual class trips have included backpacking in Big Bend National Park, visiting Dallas-Fort Worth area museums and Bass Concert Hall, working at the World Hunger Relief farm in Waco, and traveling to Civil War sites throughout the Southeast. The Live Oak Falcons compete in eight sports as a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), and students can participate in extracurricular activities such as Junior Classical League, mock trial, yearbook, and language clubs. Recent student theater productions have included *Antigone*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and leadership opportunities include National Honor Society and the school house system. All students engage in service projects in the Waco community, and Rhetoric students are involved in regular meetings that encourage the practice of civil discourse on topics of public concern.

COMMUNITY

Live Oak Classical School is located in Waco, Texas, on the I-35 corridor between Dallas and Austin. The Waco metropolitan area has a population of more than 230,000, and the Central Texas region is rich with cultural and recreational opportunities and home to a number of colleges, including Baylor University, McLennan Community College, and Texas State Technical College. 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 in 2011.

GRADING AND RANKING

- Live Oak Classical School uses a 4.0 grading scale and adds .5 to grades in weighted courses.

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

- Due to a selective admissions process and small class sizes, we do not rank by class, as such rankings would not accurately predict students' success in higher education.
- Although Live Oak's classical curriculum differs in some respects from the typical high school curriculum, it includes advanced science and mathematics courses as well as humanities courses and a limited number of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.
- Certain requirements may be waived in cases of students transferring from other schools or having extended absences for medical reasons.

Graduation Requirements	Classical Diploma: 25-31 Credits	Classical Diploma with Distinction: 31-34 Credits
English	4	4
History	4	4
Mathematics	4-5	5
Science	4-5	5
Fine Arts	1-2	1-2
Athletics/Phys. Ed.	1-2	1-2
Modern Foreign Language	0-2	2-3
Latin	2-3	3
Formal Logic	1	1
Classical Rhetoric	1.5	1.5
Christian Studies	1-2	2
Civics	1	1
Economics	.5	.5

COURSE OF STUDY – UPPER SCHOOL

	History	Literature and Composition	Math	Science	Classical Studies	Languages	Christian Studies	Fine Arts and Electives	Athletics and Physical Education
Logic I (Grade 7)	Ancient and Classical Civilizations (Prehistory-400)	Ancient and Classical Literature (Prehistory-400)	Integrated Algebra and Geometry I	Earth Science	--	Latin I-B (Latin I-A in Grammar 6)	Introduction to Scripture	Choir, Drama, Speech, Studio Art	Athletics or Physical Education required. Participation in at least one team sport recommended.
Logic II (Grade 8)	Medieval Era to Age of Discovery (400-1600)	European Literature: Medieval Era to Age of Discovery (400-1600)	Integrated Algebra and Geometry II	Pre-AP Biology	Logic A	Latin II	Old Testament Survey	Choir, Drama, Speech, Studio Art	Athletics or Physical Education required. Participation in at least one team sport recommended.
Logic III (Grade 9)	Renaissance to Age of Revolutions (1600-1850)	American and European Literature: Renaissance to Age of Revolutions (1600-1850)	High School Algebra or High School Algebra and Trigonometry	Pre-AP Chemistry	Logic B	Latin III	New Testament Survey	Choir, Debate, Drama, Mock Trial, Sculpture, Studio Art, Woodworking, Yearbook	Athletics or Physical Education required.
Rhetoric I (Grade 10)	American and European History: Modern Era (1850-Present) Civics I: American Constitutional Government	American and European Literature: Modern Era (1850-Present)	High School Geometry and Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus	Pre-AP Physics	Rhetoric I: Principles of Persuasion	Spanish I or French I	Hermeneutics	Choir, Debate, Drama, Mock Trial, Sculpture, Studio Art, Woodworking, Yearbook	Athletics or Physical Education required.
Rhetoric II (Grade 11)	History Capstone I: Ancients to Early Renaissance Civics II: Foundations of Democracy	Lit/Comp Capstone I: Ancients to Early Renaissance	Pre-Calculus or Introduction to Calculus	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, or AP Physics or Environmental Science	Rhetoric II: Practicing Persuasion	Spanish II or French II	World Religions	Choir, Debate, Drama, Mock Trial, Sculpture, Studio Art, Woodworking, Yearbook	Athletics or Physical Education required.
Rhetoric III (Grade 12)	History Capstone II: Late Renaissance to Modern Era Microeconomics	Lit/Comp Capstone II (AP English Lit/Comp): Late Renaissance to Modern Era	AP Calculus BC or Statistics or Introduction to Calculus	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, or AP Physics or Anatomy and Physiology	Rhetoric III: Thesis	Spanish III or French III	Philosophy and Theology	Choir, Debate, Drama, Mock Trial, Sculpture, Studio Art, Woodworking, Yearbook	Athletics or Physical Education required.

Students study integrated history and literature chronologically, working through four historical periods. Reading selections include great texts of the Western tradition such as the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, the *Aeneid*, *Beowulf*, the *Divine Comedy*, Shakespeare's plays, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Frankenstein*, *Huckleberry Finn*, and *The Great Gatsby* as well as primary sources. Students take integrated algebra and geometry and advance through pre-calculus, culminating with statistics or AP calculus. In the sciences, students study biology, chemistry, and physics before taking AP courses in those subjects or regular courses in environmental science and anatomy and physiology.

Students are required to study a language each year and to earn two to three credits in French or Spanish and three credits in Latin. All students take formal logic, formal rhetoric, civics, economics, and courses in Christian studies. Every student must participate in physical education or at least one team sport; the athletic program includes baseball, basketball, cross country, six-man football, track and field, volleyball, and cheerleading. Every student must also participate in at least one fine art or other elective listed above. Each academic year is divided into two semesters with comprehensive examinations at the conclusion of each semester.