



# Live Oak

CLASSICAL SCHOOL

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.

## ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

SAIS, SCL, TPSA, TACAC, TAPPS

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Live Oak Classical School provides a classical, Christian, rigorous education for pre-kindergarten through 12th. Live Oak currently enrolls 491 students from Waco and the surrounding areas.

9th-12th enrollment 2024-25 131

Live Oak Classical school offers a thorough admissions process that implements best practices tools in order to assist potential students and their families with finding the best fit for both family and school. Our mission as a Classical Christian school with rigorous academics is reflected in the admissions process, including our intent to walk humbly and prayerfully alongside you.

## GRADING SCALE & RANK

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

Live Oak Classical School uses a 4.0 grading scale and adds .5 to grades in weighted courses. Live Oak does not publish rank; however, rank will be provided to Texas public universities, as applicable to automatic admission policies, and to military service academies.

## NATIONAL MERIT 2012-2024

- 5 National Merit Scholars
- 5 National Merit Semi-Finalists
- 4 National Hispanic Scholars
- 16 National Merit Commended Scholars

## GPA

Class	Top	Median
2024	4.38	4.10
2023	4.36	4.10
2022	4.35	4.01
2021	4.38	4.10
2020	4.37	4.26
2019	4.39	4.18
2018	4.38	4.05
2017	4.38	4.07
2016	4.38	4.23

## TEST SCORES

### SAT | Class of 2024



Composite Mean



Composite Middle

### ACT | Class of 2024



Composite Mean



Composite Middle



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## ADMINISTRATION

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## HONORS & ADVANCED CLASSES

Literature & Composition I		
Literature & Composition II		
Literature & Composition III		
AP Literature & Composition		
Chemistry*	Geometry*	History I
AP Chemistry	Pre-Calculus*	History II
Biology*	Calculus AB	History III
AP Biology	Latin III	History IV
Physics*	Spanish I	Rhetoric I
AP Physics	Spanish II	Rhetoric II
Logic A	Spanish III	Rhetoric III: Thesis
Logic B	French I	
Algebra 1*	French II	
Algebra 2*	French III	

*\*Classes also offered with a standard track*

In a pursuit of academic rigor for all students, all Literature & Composition, History, Language, Logic, and Rhetoric classes are taught at the Honors or Advanced Placement level.

English	4 credits
History	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Athletics/Physical Education	1 credit
Modern Foreign Language	2 credits
Latin	2 credits
Formal Logic	1 credit
Classical Rhetoric & Civics	1.5 credits
Christian Studies	2 credits

## SENIOR THESIS

As a requirement for graduation, each Senior prepares a 12-15 page thesis which calls its listeners to action. The thesis is presented to a panel of experts in front of an audience of peers, teachers, and parents. Each student must then respond to questions regarding their thesis. This is preparation for undergraduate and graduate work, providing them necessary skills in research, writing, and forming arguments.

## HARKNESS METHOD

The Harkness Table plays a pivotal role in the classrooms of high school students. Students are seated around a large oval table where they engage in class discussions that are more conversational than transactional. Students interact directly with the material and each other, leading to reinforcement of concepts, debate of ideas, and appreciation of differing perspectives.

## LIVE OAK HOUSES

The House system in the Logic & Rhetoric Schools is comprised of the Houses of Augustine, Dante, Lewis, and O'Connor: all great Christian thinkers and authors. Not only do these Houses represent an outlet for friendly competition, they also provide opportunities for students of multiple grade levels to interact for their mutual betterment and mentorship. Furthermore, the House system offers opportunity for student leadership and representation from each high school class as well as ample all-school involvement.

## HIGH SCHOOL READING LIST

### 9th Grade

*Out of the Silent Planet* - C.S. Lewis

Rotating Shakespeare Play (students read all three by Freshman year):

*Much Ado About Nothing*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Romeo & Juliet*

*Frankenstein* - Mary Shelley

*A Tale of Two Cities* - Charles Dickens

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* - Mark Twain

### 10th Grade

*Fahrenheit 451* - Ray Bradbury

*Jane Eyre* - Charlotte Brontë

*All Quiet on the Western Front* - Erich Maria Remarque

*The Great Gatsby* - F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Night* - Elie Wiesel

*To Kill a Mockingbird* - Harper Lee

*Macbeth* - William Shakespeare

### 11th Grade

*The Tempest* - William Shakespeare

*The Great Divorce* - C.S. Lewis

*The Iliad* - Homer

*The Aeneid* - Virgil

*Confessions* - Augustine

*Purgatorio* - Dante

### 12th Grade

*Life Together* - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*The Scarlet Letter* - Nathaniel Hawthorne

*Paradise Lost* - John Milton

*Hamlet* - William Shakespeare

*The Road* - Cormac McCarthy

*Pride & Prejudice* - Jane Austen

## COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES LIVE OAK CLASSICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS:

Abilene Christian University

Angelo State University

Appalachian State University

Arcadia University

Auburn University

Austin College

Baylor University

Belmont University

Benedictine University

Berry College

Calvin College

Clemson University

College of William and Mary

Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Columbia University

Dallas Baptist University

Davidson College

DePauw University

Elon University

Emory University

Fordham University

Furman University

Georgetown University

George Washington University

Harding University

Hardin Simmons University

Harvard University

Hendrix College

Hillsdale College

Howard University

Iowa State University

James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University

Kansas State University

Lehigh University

LeTourneau University

Lewis & Clark College

Louisiana State University

Mississippi College

Mississippi State University

Morehouse College

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College

The Ohio State University

Oklahoma Baptist University

Oklahoma State University

Ouachita Baptist University

Pepperdine University

Pomona College

Purdue University

Reed College

Rice University

Rhodes College

Roanoke College

Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.

St. Andrews University

St. Edward's University

St. Olaf College

Samford University

Sewanee: The University of the South

Smith College

Southern Methodist University

Southwestern University

Stanford University

Stephen F. Austin State University

Tarleton State University

Taylor University

Texas A&M University

Texas Christian University

Texas State University

Texas Tech University

Trinity University

Tulane University

Union University

United States Air Force Academy

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama

University of Arkansas

University of Arizona

University of Colorado

University of Dallas

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

University of Maryland

University of Missouri

University of North Texas

University of Seattle

University of Texas

University of Tulsa

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin

Vanderbilt University

Villanova University

Virginia Tech University

Wake Forest University

Washington University in St. Louis

Westmont College

Wheaton College

Whitman College

Whitworth University

Wofford College