



# Glendale Preparatory Academy

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School Code - 030697  
Established Date - 2007  
Size (9th-12th grade enrollment) 327 students  
Accreditation - Cognia

## Our Prep Schools



## GreatHearts

Great Hearts Academies is a non-profit network of charter schools and the largest "brick and mortar" provider of classical liberal arts education in the nation.

As a public charter, we provide a tuition-free education for approximately 3,050 high school students in 13 academies in Arizona. Great Hearts is subject to open enrollment laws. Typically, our academies receive more applications for enrollment than there are seats available. If this is the case for any grade level at an academy, a lottery will be held. Students who are not admitted through the lottery process will be placed on a waitlist and may be offered admission during that year if a seat becomes available.

Our core curriculum is a robust liberal arts education that introduces students to the tools of critical inquiry essential to each discipline and every walk of life. The Great Books curriculum emphasizes the fundamentals of the arts, sciences, and humanities as students are in conversation with many of the most challenging, influential texts in the Western canon. This academic approach prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education as well as agreeing with Plato, that the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

### Great Hearts Network Averages:

Testing and data results of 578 students from the Class of 2024

	Middle 50%	Mean
ACT English	19 - 28	23.8
ACT Reading	19 - 27	23.5
ACT Math	20 - 30	24.4
ACT Science	19 - 26	22.6
ACT Composite	19 - 27	23.7

	Middle 50%	Mean
SAT EBRW	580 - 690	634
SAT Math	560 - 680	625
SAT Composite	1160 - 1370	1259

Percentage of students immediately attending a college/university	93%
Percentage of students pursuing STEM degrees	45%
Percentage of students who were offered merit-based scholarships (including athletic scholarships)	79%
National Merit Finalists	10
National Merit Commended	14
National Scholars (including National Hispanic & African American)	18

# High School Curriculum - Glendale Preparatory Academy

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters I: The American Tradition|U.S. History
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Biology (with lab)
- Honors Foreign Language: French I, Spanish I, or Latin IV
- Music Theory III/Choir
- Studio Art III

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters II: Modern Europe
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Chemistry (with lab)
- Honors Foreign Language: French II, Spanish II, or Latin V
- Music Theory IV/Choir
- Honors Economics

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
- Honors Calculus I
- Honors Physics (with lab)
- Honors Foreign Language: French III, Spanish III, or Greek I
- Studio Art III (including drawing, painting, and sculpture)
- Drama I

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
- Studio Art IV (including drawing, painting, and sculpture)
- Drama II
- Senior Thesis and Defense

### Student choose three out of five Honors options:

- Honors Foreign Language: French IV, Spanish IV, or Greek II
- Honors Calculus II
- Honors Physics II
- Honors Rhetoric: an in-depth study of American speeches, debates, and persuasive writing present through the lens of classical rhetorical principles.
- Honors Logic and Computation: a study of formal logic from Aristotle through its modern incarnation as computer coding.

## Curriculum Refinement:

In the spirit of continuous improvement, rising seniors will continue to study Humane Letters and Fine Arts; however, students will have the opportunity to select three courses out of the five honors level offerings.

## Senior Thesis and Defense:

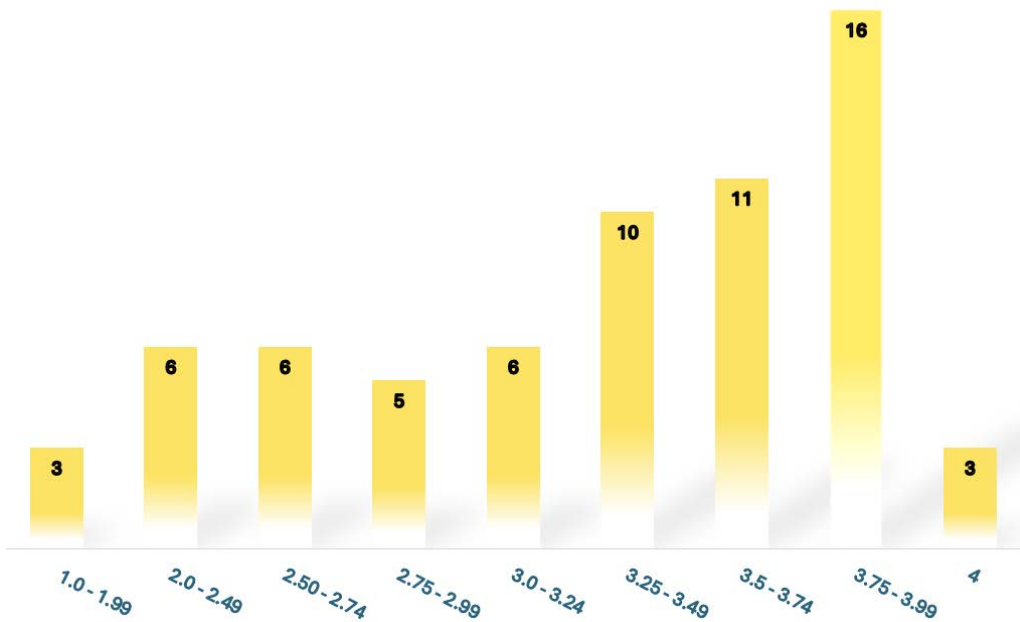
Each graduate completes a capstone project known as the Senior Thesis. The Senior Thesis is the culmination of the student's years at the academy. It is a year-long project completed in addition to the normal courseload. In this project, students work closely with an advisor from the faculty to read and discuss two significant great books in one-on-one meetings during the first and second quarter. By the end of the third quarter, the student will have produced a 15-20 page thesis that synthetically brings forth their own answer to a major philosophical question. Finally, during the fourth quarter, each student will participate in an hour-long oral defense of their work before a panel of teachers and a substantial audience. Students receive .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

## Humane Letters:

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Great Hearts is Humane Letters. In the 9th through 12th grades, English and History are combined in the Humane Letters courses: these are 2-hour long, daily seminars, directed Socratically and revolving around readings from Western Civilization's best works in philosophy, drama, history, autobiography, poetry, novels and essays. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers. The class is an exploration of the permanent questions that animate any truly human life through the history and literature of the Great Tradition of the West. What is a good man and good citizen, what are the qualities of a true friend, what kinds of virtue are necessary for a flourishing political and moral life are just a few of the important questions that are addressed with uncommon subtlety and profundity in the books that we read together.

No AP classes or electives are offered due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar discussions.

# Class of 2025 GPA Distribution - Glendale Prep



Class of 2025 has 66 students

## Glendale Prep Class of 2024 Facts

Number of graduates	53
Unweighted GPA Range	2.39 - 4.0
Average Unweighted GPA	3.36
% of graduates attending a 4-year college/university	79%
% of graduates attending a 2-year college	9%
% of graduates accepted to an honors college/program	30%
% of graduates entering STEM majors	47%
# of National Scholars	4
# of National Merit Finalists	1

TEST	Middle 50%	Mean	# Tested
ACT	22 - 30	26	53
SAT	1200-1360	1280	15

### Select Features

All student transcripts include level 8 Advanced Algebra with P/F (pass/fail) grade to indicate a student's complete level of mathematical progression.

The Arizona state requirement, one full credit, for U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters I.

The Arizona state requirement, one-half credit, for U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters II.

The highest course level in all subjects, with the exception of fine arts, is Honors.

For the Weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation.

We believe in the growth of leaders through accomplishments; we do not have class officers or NHS.

We do not rank our students, and letter grades and competition among students are de-emphasized.

Transfer students may have a different curricular sequence.

The GPA presented on transcripts only includes classes taken at a Great Hearts Academy.

### Enrichment Opportunities 24-25:

Offerings are operated by GPA and not required of students. We do not permit student-led groups, as we believe the host of options crafted and executed by us allows for the best opportunity for student involvement and success. Offerings include athletics, enrichment courses, and volunteer opportunities, which could include assisting the school in organizing and executing special events, providing peer support, leading mentor programs, or editing school publications. Enrichment courses are additional opportunities for students to receive instruction from our faculty outside of the school day. The menu of courses that we can offer comes from a fixed list that our network can best support, supervise, and continually improve. Courses have attendance requirements and culminate with a final project at the end of the semester. Courses may include: Art, Choir, Theater, Robotics, Instrumental Music, Yearbook, Film Society, Literature, etc.