



North Phoenix Preparatory Academy

2023– 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

ACADEMY INFORMATION

14100 N. 32nd Street
 Phoenix, AZ 85032
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northphoenixprep.org
 School code: 030114
 Established date: 2010
 Enrollment (Grades 9-12): 261
 Accreditation: Cognia

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 students enrolled in grades 9-12 across Arizona. Great Hearts adheres 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 not only prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education, but it also instills in our students the belief that, as maintained by Plato, the highest goal is to become good, intellectually and morally.

Curriculum Timeline

9th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters I: The American Tradition
 Honors Geometry
 Honors Biology with Lab
 Honors Foreign Language (French I, Spanish I, Latin III)
 Music Theory III/Choir
 Poetry

10th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters II: The Rise of Modern Europe
 Honors Algebra II/Trigonometry
 Honors Chemistry with Lab
 Honors Foreign Language (French II, Spanish II, Latin IV)
 Honors Economics
 Music Theory IV/Choir

11th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
 Honors Calculus I
 Honors Physics with Lab
 Honors Foreign Language (French III, Spanish III, Greek I)
 Drama I
 Studio Art
Students in grades 9-11 take a common, one-track, Honors curriculum.

12th Grade Curriculum

Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
 Drama II
 Studio Art
 Senior Thesis and Defense
Students must choose three out five Honors offerings:

- Honors Calculus II
- Honors Physics II with Lab
- Honors Foreign Language (French IV, Spanish IV, Greek II)
- Honors Rhetoric: an in-depth study of American speeches, debates and persuasive writing presented 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.

Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, no Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes are offered.

HUMANE LETTERS

Humane Letters is a combined History and English course and is perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum for all 9th-12th grade students. Humane Letters is a two-hour daily seminar, directed Socratically, and revolves around readings from Western Civilization’s best works in philosophy, drama, history, poetry, novels and essays. This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation and civil discourse, which includes, above all, the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers.

SENIOR THESIS AND DEFENSE

Each senior 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 honors course load. Students work closely with a faculty advisor to read and discuss two to three works from the Western Tradition. The final project illustrates a deep understanding of the topic through a 15-20 page paper and an oral defense of their work before faculty, family and peers. Students receive .25 credit for successfully completing their thesis and defense.

At Great Hearts, we cultivate the hearts and minds of students in the pursuit of Truth, Goodness and Beauty.

Honors Curriculum

SPECIAL FEATURES

- For the weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation. **Honors is the highest course level in all subjects**, with the exception of Poetry and Fine Arts.
- We do not rank our students, and letter grades and competition among students are de-emphasized. We believe in the growth of leaders through accomplishments; we do not have class officers or National Honors Society.
- Transfer credits from outside Great Hearts are not included in GPA calculations.
- Core Course Studies may be reflected on a transcript. This class provides students with instruction and support to enable them to progress academically in core content areas. The instruction supplements but does not supplant any core-area course in which students are also enrolled.
- Transcripts of students who attend in 8th grade will include Algebra I with a P/F (pass/fail) grade, indicating a student's complete level of mathematical progression.
- The Arizona state requirement (1 credit) for U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters. The Arizona state requirement (.5 credit) for U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Honors English 1 - 4 <i>Humane Letters, Poetry, Rhetoric</i>	4.5 - 5.5 Credits
Honors History <i>Humane Letters</i>	4 Credits
Honors Lab Science	3 - 4 Credits
Honors Mathematics	4 - 5 Credits
Honors Economics	.5 Credit
Fine Arts	4 Credits
Senior Thesis	.25 Credit
Total Required	24.25 Credits

North Phoenix Prep Class Profiles

CLASS OF 2023

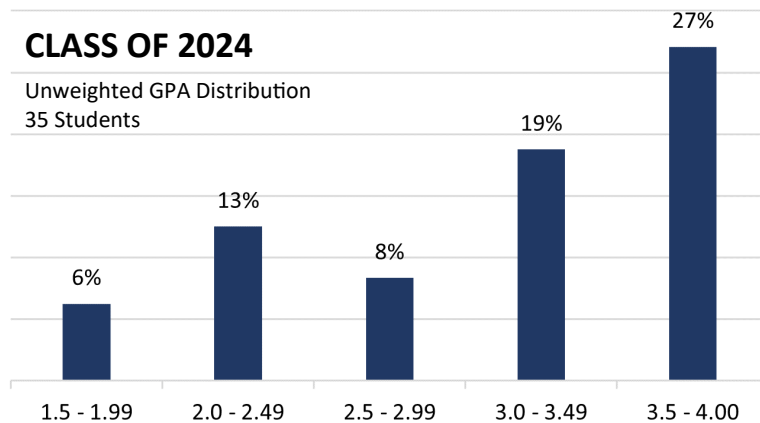
# of Graduates	48	% attending 4-yr college	83%
Average Unweighted GPA	3.24	% attending 2-yr college	17%
Average Weighted GPA	4.06	% attending out of state	13%
# National Merit Finalist	1	% accepted to Honors program	44%
# National Merit Commended	1	% attending Service Academy	2%
# National Hispanic Recognition	3	% entering a STEM field	50%
		% identify as students of color	33%
		% identify as first-generation	13%

TEST	MIDDLE 50%	MEAN	# TESTED
ACT	20-29	25	48
SAT	1150-1400	1291	19

Amount Offered in Merit-based Scholarships
\$8,401,273

CLASS OF 2024

Unweighted GPA Distribution
35 Students



GRADING SCALE

Honors	Non-Honors
A (5.0) = 100-93	A (4.0) = 100-93
A- (4.67) = 92-90	A- (3.67) = 92-90
B+ (4.33) = 89-88	B+ (3.33) = 89-88
B (4.00) = 87-83	B (3.00) = 87-83
B- (3.67) = 82-80	B- (2.67) = 82-80
C+ (3.33) = 79-78	C+ (2.33) = 79-78
C (3.00) = 77-73	C (2.00) = 77-73
C- (2.67) = 72-70	C- (1.67) = 72-70
D+ (2.33) = 69-68	D+ (1.33) = 69-68
D (2.00) = 67-63	D (1.00) = 67-63
D- (1.67) = 62-60	D- (0.67) = 62-60
F (0.00) = 59-0	F (0.00) = 59-0

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Senate | Student Government
- Lanistae | Lead middle school teams
- ACTA Gladiator Newspaper | Editorial
- Gladiator Athletics | Team Captains
- Yearbook | Editorial

EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

- Athletics | Member of the Arizona Interscholastic Association
- ACTA Gladiator Newspaper
- Archery
- Chess Club
- Dance 101
- Financial Literacy

- Gardening
- Honors Choir
- Speech & Debate
- Strength & Conditioning
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Service Organization
- Survey of Ancient Religions
- Vocal Studio
- Yearbook

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