



GULF COAST
* Classical Academy *

Mission

At Gulf Coast Classical Academy, we support Christian families in educating their children to the highest standards. Our desire is to raise up a generation of Christian leaders who will be equipped to serve their families, churches, and communities.

What is classical Christian education?

We believe classical Christian education provides the best means to fulfill our school's mission. Classical Christian education focuses on the study of the classics (and the classical languages that produced them) and the liberal arts: the best that has been thought and said and the intellectual skills that equip a student to think deeply and Christianly. An education that is classical, in both methods and content, cultivates a love of learning, an appreciation for the best of Western culture, and a mastery of language, math, and core knowledge. More importantly, classical Christian education focuses on texts that are steeped in wisdom and virtue. By studying such works, students learn to love the right things and to develop a Biblical perspective of life. Classical education focuses on the Great Books, and the greatest of these is the Bible.

Overview

Gulf Coast Classical Academy is the only full-time, Latin-centered, classical Christian school in Pinellas County. At Gulf Coast Classical Academy, we utilize Memoria Press Classical Core Curriculum in our Grammar School and both Memoria and Veritas Press in our Upper School. We currently offer a full-time, five-day a week program for grades K-8. We welcome families from all Christian backgrounds who accept our statement of faith, the Nicene Creed.

Academics

We offer a complete classical education using award-winning classical curriculum, including the classical subjects of Latin, Greek, Logic, Classical Composition, and Classical Literature. Students also study Grammar, Spelling, History, Math, Science, Christian Studies, and Geography. We also provide enrichment classes such as PE, art, music, and drama. Reading is fundamental in our curriculum; supplemental reading lists are provided for students in all grades.

Extra-curricular Activities

We see the value of offering extracurricular activities in the goal of forming well-rounded students. Extra-curricular sports include cross-country, basketball, and track & field. After-school clubs will also be available based on interest. Some clubs will require families to pay a one-time or monthly fee to cover expenses.

Our school also offers private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, and a few other select instruments. Please see our Music Teacher, Ms. Jessica Blakley, for enrollment: jblakley@gcclassical.org

2024-2025 School Hours

Drop off: 7:50 - 8:10 am

Pick-up: 2:45- 3:15 pm

Students remaining after 3:15 will be charged a late fee of \$5 after 5 minutes and \$1 per minute following.

Teachers

Our teachers are knowledgeable in their subject area and passionate about the classical model. Half of our faculty and staff have earned advanced degrees in their subject areas. Our small class sizes allow our teachers to maintain traditional teacher-led classes, while allowing for individual, student-centered attention as appropriate.

Students

We are currently accepting applications for students in grades K-8 for the 2024-2025 school year. Lockers are available on campus for student belongings. Our students follow a dress code of polo shirts with school logo and blue or khaki bottoms. Lunch (brought from home) is eaten in our café or outside at our picnic tables during nice weather. Recess is provided daily for primary and grammar school grades.

Tuition and Fees 2024-2025

Tuition for the 2024-2025 is listed below. There is a non-refundable \$200 application fee which will be applied towards enrollment fee if the student enrolls at GCCA.

2024-2025 Application Fee: \$200

2024-2025 Re-Enrollment Fee: \$200

If new to GCCA, the Application Fee will go towards the Enrollment Fee.

2024-2025 Tuition K-5: \$9,750

2024-2025 Tuition 6-8: \$10,250

2024-2025 Book/Supply Fee:

\$1,000 per child (K-5)

\$1,200 per child (6-8)

Scholarships

We accept Step Up scholarships and Hope scholarships. Parents interested in the income-based Step-Up Scholarship program should apply at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org>

Contact Us

For academic and/or enrollment questions, contact Dr. Jennifer Johnson @ jjohnson@gcclassical.org

All financial inquiries are to be sent to our Administrator, Mr. Michael Mack @ mmack@gcclassical.org

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School Phone Number: 727-477-2756

Location

GCCA is a mission of our host church, Bethel Lutheran. We are thankful and blessed to work with them. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3166 McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater, FL 33761