



# SUMMIT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## School Profile

### LEADERSHIP

#### JUSTIN THROUPE

Head of School

#### MELANIE SEATON

Grammar School Principal

#### LINDSEY RALLS

Upper School Principal

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Director of Development

#### KRISTEN SPITZ

Admissions & Marketing Director

#### KRISTEN LAVENDER

Rhetoric Director of Instruction

#### BECKY CHAPPELL

Director of Accreditation &  
Grammar School Teacher Coach

#### STACY DEHOUST

Academic Advisor

### ACCREDITATION & AFFILIATIONS

Summit is accredited through Cognia and is a member of the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS), the Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Society for Classical Learning (SCL).

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL CAMPUS

5440 Geo Washington Mem Hwy  
Yorktown, VA 23693  
757.599.9424

### UPPER SCHOOL CAMPUS

4209 Big Bethel Road  
Yorktown, VA 23693  
757.867.7005

[scaschools.org](http://scaschools.org)

Summit Christian Academy is a classical Christian school that was founded in 1996. Today it serves more than 250 students in grades K4-12. Our Grammar stage is comprised of grades K5 - 6th, while grades 7-9 form our Dialectic stage and grades 10-12 make up our Rhetoric stage. Our mission is to partner with parents to educate and disciple young men and women through a Christian and classical education. Our classical method is rooted in the Trivium: the grammar, logic, and rhetoric of all subjects. Students who are trained this way are equipped with tools to analyze, think critically, problem solve, and communicate well.

### THE SUMMIT DIFFERENCE

#### CULTIVATING FLOURISHING HUMAN BEINGS

At Summit Christian Academy, we believe that education is meant to do more than train a student for their college and career. We believe, like the ancient Greeks, that education was meant to pass down culture and traditions to young men and women with the hopes of molding them into productive and engaged citizens. As a Christian school, we believe this is best done in conjunction with a Biblical worldview rooted in scripture. It is our desire and by God's Grace alone, that graduates of Summit Christian Academy will be culturally engaged, Christ followers who are eloquent communicators, intellectually curious, and faithful servants.

#### CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summit's classical Christian education is built on a foundation of Latin, logic, integrated liberal arts, and a classically tailored math and science that is designed to address the stages of development. In each grade, students are taught how to learn, equipping them to discern truth, articulate their faith, and serve others for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Latin instruction at Summit begins in 3rd grade and continues through 8th grade. In 9th grade, students have the choice to continue with Latin, or begin studying Spanish.

Summit equips students with the tools necessary to reason, understand arguments, and persuade eloquently. Our classical studies department includes courses that are unique to classical education and build upon one another as our students progress through the dialectic and rhetoric stages of the trivium. In 8th grade, all students take a logic course which is followed by debate in 9th grade. In 10th grade, all students take speech which is followed by a research course in 11th grade. Upon completing all classical studies courses, our seniors are prepared to research, write, present, and eloquently defend a 15-20 page contestable topic of their choice. Each senior is challenged to take a biblical worldview stance on the topic and defend both sides of the issue in an engaging oral presentation.

### QUICK FACTS

#### GRADES: K4 - 12

#### AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:

Grammar School - 12  
Upper School - 18

#### TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 235

#### CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATE STATISTICS:

100% College Acceptance  
3,000+ Volunteer Service Hours  
\$1.6 Million in scholarship

#### FACULTY STATISTICS

43 Faculty at 2 Campuses  
39% Hold Advanced Degrees  
291 Years of Classical Christian Experience



# CURRICULUM

## HONORS & DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Summit uses a 4.0 grading scale for all Standard courses, and a 4.5 scale for Honors courses offered at the Upper School:

- English* (9th-12th Grade, Survey/World/American/British Lit.)
- Math* (Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics, & College Algebra)
- History* (U. S. History, Sociocultural Studies/Economics)
- Science* (Chemistry, Physics)
- Classical & Modern Languages* (Latin/Spanish)
- Classical Studies* (Thesis)
- Electives* (Fine Arts, Literature)

Dual enrollment courses are also offered to juniors and seniors through Virginia Peninsula Community College in Math, English, and Sociocultural Studies.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summit offers sports at the JV, JV, and Varsity levels for volleyball, soccer, cross country, swimming, basketball, tennis, and golf. Other student activities include STEM Club, Culinary Club, The Gardening Club, National Debate and Speech Association, Spanish/Latin clubs, Student Council, Theater Arts productions, Yearbook, and various Fine Arts classes.

# DIPLOMA INFORMATION

## DIPLOMA OPTIONS

Three diplomas are available:

*The Basic Diploma* (22 credits) is designed to accommodate students with learning difficulties while maintaining high academic expectations.

*The Standard Diploma* (28 credits) provides rigor to ensure quality college preparation.

*The Advanced Diploma* (30 credits) is designed for students who desire to be challenged and seek further education at a deeper level. Students are required to take four years of science, math, English, and history; three years of a single classical or modern language; and four Honors core courses including at least two in the same subject.

## DISTINCTIONS & ACCOLADES

Students are recognized for their Scholarship, Service, Leadership, & Character by selection for membership in the National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Latin/French/Spanish Honor Societies.

Graduates may also earn seals for:

*Highest Honors* (GPA of 3.85+) or *Honors* (GPA of 3.5-3.84)

*Classical Distinction* for completing courses in Logic, Debate, Speech, Rhetoric, & Thesis

*National Speech & Debate Association*

*Service Distinction* for serving 200 or more volunteer hours

## GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Numerical Range	GPA	Honors GPA
A+	97-100	4.0	4.5
A	93-96	3.85	4.35
A-	90-92	3.67	4.17
B+	87-89	3.33	3.83
B	83-86	3.0	3.5
B-	80-82	2.67	3.17
C+	77-79	2.33	2.83
C	73-76	2.0	2.5
C-	70-72	1.67	2.17
D+	67-69	1.33	1.83
D	63-66	1.0	1
F	<63	0	0

## SAT SCORES

	Reading & Writing	Math
SCA 2022	648	574
Virginia 2022	572	552
National 2022	529	521



# SAMPLE ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATION

U.S. Air Force Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
Auburn University  
Baylor University  
Christopher Newport University  
The Citadel  
The College of William & Mary

Florida State University  
Geneva College  
Hampton University  
James Madison University  
Liberty University  
The Ohio State University  
Patrick Henry College  
Purdue University  
University of Notre Dame

University of Richmond  
The University of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Tech  
Washington and Lee University  
West Point  
West Virginia University  
Wheaton College