

# THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

## CATHOLIC & CLASSICAL

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Faith and Reason

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*At The Atonement Academy, we strive for excellence in the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual virtues through a challenging course of classical and Catholic education.*

### SCHOOL OVERVIEW AND ACCREDITATION

Our parish school, initially established as a grade school in 1994, instituted its upper school program with a small freshman class in 2004. In 2008, The Atonement Academy was recognized as a “School of Excellence” Honor Roll by the Cardinal Newman Society. The Academy has also earned the award in 2012, 2016, and 2018. We were recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2005. Our inaugural class of 12 students graduated in June 2008. Our upper school maintains accreditation standards of the through the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department (TCCED).

### PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Our rigorous college preparatory curriculum maintains an unwavering commitment to an education that upholds the enduring principles of Western civilization. A commitment to Western Civilization and the classical, Catholic principles set forth in our heritage culminates in the development of the whole human person. This rigorous course of study includes four years each of interlaced Humanities (Literature and History), Latin, laboratory science, mathematics, theology, music, art history, and interscholastic sport. All graduates are on the path for the Distinguished Achievement Program Diploma., which exceeds college admissions requirements.

### STATISTICS

Total enrollment Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade is 275 with 55 in the Upper School (Grades 9-12). The Graduating Class of 2020 has 16 seniors. To date, we have had 217 graduates, and 100% of them have been accepted into four-year universities. Twelve faculty teach in the Upper School, five have advanced degrees. Our faculty members demonstrate a strong commitment to their students and are highly involved in after-school academic and co-curricular activities.

### GRADING SYSTEM AND RANKING

Because of the school’s rigorous course of study and the strong competitive performance of its students, The Atonement Academy does not rank students except for the designation of valedictorian and salutatorian at graduation, with the exception of Service Academy applications and for Texas “Top Ten Percent” and “Academic Admit” purposes. The Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed on a numerical average (1-100) of all high school grades, with 100 being the highest grade achievable. The cumulative GPA is unweighted. Designation of valedictorian and salutatorian analyzes the complete course of upper school study and is weighted for designation purposes only. Due to the school’s educational philosophy of mastering academic standards No Credit (NCD) status is given for any performance below a 70. This status does not impact a student’s GPA. Students must retake required courses and earn a proficient grade. Due to the rigor of The Academy’s coursework, only those classes and grades received from The Atonement Academy are used in calculating grade point averages.

### At A Glance

Pre K– 12 School  
Enrollment: 275

Classical Curriculum  
Catholic Doctrine

CEEB Code: 446262

School Year: 2 Semesters

### NOTABLE

- The Atonement Academy has been listed as one of the “Top 10 Schools in San Antonio” by *San Antonio Magazine*.
- Bi-annually, Juniors and Seniors make a pilgrimage trip to Rome to experience firsthand the crossroads of Western Civilization.
- In the past eleven years, out of 198 graduates, The Atonement Academy has listed ten National Merit Scholar finalists.

### SAT AND GPA SCHOOL PROFILE

| CLASS of | SAT READING | SAT MATH | GPA |
|----------|-------------|----------|-----|
| 2019     | 567         | 536      | 3.3 |
| 2018     | 621         | 593      | 3.3 |
| 2017     | 659         | 623      | 3.7 |
| 2016     | 683         | 638      | 3.7 |
| 2015     | 575         | 574      | 3.3 |
| 2014     | 543         | 550      | 3.7 |

# ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

## DIPLOMA TYPES

| Discipline           | Recommended         | Distinguished Achievement | Distinguished Achievement w/ Academy Honors* |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| English              | 4 Credits           | 4 Credits                 | 4 Credits                                    |
| Math                 | 4 Credits           | 4 Credits                 | 4 Credits                                    |
| Science              | 4 Credits           | 4 Credits                 | 4 Credits                                    |
| Philosophy**         | 4 Credits           | 4 Credits                 | 4 Credits                                    |
| Theology             | 4 Credits           | 4 Credits                 | 4 Credits                                    |
| History & Economics  | 4 Credits           | 4 Credits                 | 4 Credits                                    |
| Foreign Language     | 2 Credits           | 3 Credits                 | 4 Credits                                    |
| Physical Education   | 1 Credit            | 1 Credit                  | 2 Credits                                    |
| Fine Arts            | 1 Credit            | 1 Credit                  | 4 Credits                                    |
| Elective Credits     | 5.5 Credits         | 4.5 Credits               | 1.0 Credit                                   |
| <b>Total Credits</b> | <b>33.5 Credits</b> | <b>33.5 Credits</b>       | <b>39 Credits</b>                            |

\*\*Philosophy academic string instituted 2018-2019 school year, Class 2019 to Class 2021 will not have required credits.

\*Students earn this diploma by fulfilling the listed requirements as well as these additional requirements:

- Two years in full time residence at the Academy
- Participate in Choir every year
- Earn a GPA of 3.15 or higher
- Complete four years of Classical Studies
- Participate in an interscholastic sport every year

## Grading Scale

|     |        |     |
|-----|--------|-----|
| A+  | 97-100 | 4.0 |
| A   | 93-96  | 4.0 |
| A-  | 90-92  | 3.7 |
| B+  | 87-89  | 3.3 |
| B   | 83-86  | 3.0 |
| B-  | 80-82  | 2.6 |
| C   | 70-79  | 2.0 |
| NCD | 0-69   | NC  |

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

The Atonement Academy College Preparatory School has a **100%** acceptance rate into four-year universities including:

### Out-of-State

Aquinas College  
 American University  
 Arizona State University  
 Auburn University  
 Bellarmine University  
 Benedictine College  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Catholic University of America  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western University  
 Claremont McKenna College  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Colorado School of Mines  
 Colorado State University  
 Concordia University  
 Cornell University  
 Creighton University  
 Duke University  
 Emory University  
 Fordham University  
 Franciscan University of Steubenville  
 Full Sail University  
 Georgetown University  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 Hillsdale College  
 Hofstra University  
 John Paul the Great University  
 Laguna College of Art & Design  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola University—Chicago  
 Loyola University—New Orleans  
 Marquette University  
 Mount St. Mary's University

Musicians Institute of Los Angeles  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Oberlin University  
 Penn State University  
 Purdue University  
 Rhodes College  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 School of Visual Arts  
 Stanford University  
 St. Thomas Aquinas College  
 Suffolk University  
 The College of William and Mary  
 Tufts University  
 Tulane University  
 University of California-Berkeley  
 University of California-San Diego  
 University of Colorado—Boulder  
 University of Central Oklahoma  
 University of Findlay  
 University of Hawaii  
 University of Kentucky  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of Missouri (KC)  
 University of Nebraska  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 U.S. Naval Academy  
 Washington and Lee University  
 Wellesley College

### International

Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)

University of St. Andrews (Scotland)  
 University of York (England)  
 University of Navarra (Spain)  
 Monterrey Institute of Technology & Higher Education (Mexico)  
 Universidad Pan Americana (Mexico)

### In-State

Baylor University  
 Hardin Simmons University  
 Houston Baptist University  
 Our Lady of the Lake University  
 Rice University  
 Schreiner University  
 St. Edward's University  
 St. Mary's University  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Southwestern University  
 Tarleton State University  
 Texas A&M University  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas Tech University  
 Trinity University  
 University of Dallas  
 University of Houston  
 University of the Incarnate Word  
 University of Mary Hardin Baylor  
 University of North Texas  
 University of St. Thomas-Houston  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 University of Texas at El Paso  
 University of Texas at San Antonio.

## UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

### English

- English I
- English II
- English III: AP English Language
- English IV: AP English Literature

### Mathematics

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

### Science

\* Denotes Honors Class

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Conceptual Physics
- Physics I & II\*
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics

### Philosophy

- Logic & Rhetoric
- Ancient & Early Medieval
- Medieval & Early Modern
- Modern Philosophy & Apologetics

### Theology

- Catholic Doctrine
- Sacred Scripture
- Church History
- Moral Theology

### History & Economics

- Ancient Cultures & World Geography
- Western Civilization
- United States History\*
- Economics & U.S. Government

### Foreign Language

- Latin I
- Latin II
- Latin III
- Latin IV\*

### Fine Art

- Drama

### Music

- US Men & Women Chorale
- Upper School Honors Choir\*

### Electives

- Technology