



The Good Shepherd Academy is dedicated to the academic and moral formation of every student, assisting parents in the role as primary educators of their children. To accomplish this endeavor, the Good Shepherd Academy will educate students within the nurturing framework of a Catholic classical education, promotion of a Catholic culture in partnership with parents.

A Catholic classical education builds a firm foundation of knowledge, reason and virtue. It widens a child's natural openness to wonder, which in turn increases the recognition and reverence of truth, goodness, and beauty. Ultimately, that reverence flows into a love for God Himself. Authentic classical education informs students with the most excellent intellectual accomplishments in the order of nature found within the liberal arts, mathematics, sciences and fine arts; and in the order of grace found in sacred doctrine and theology.

At The Good Shepherd Academy, from the earliest grades, memorization and recitation of content and languages, states and capitals will form the foundation of future development as the mind and spirit mature. In later grades, formation includes the study of logic, formal argumentation, and Socratic dialogue which inspires students to build upon what they know as they develop skills in rhetoric and rational debate. Education must not simply impart knowledge of the various disciplines but should give the student tools whereby they can gain knowledge on their own. These tools will include the ability to reason, discern, express themselves well, and persuade.

The Good Shepherd Academy pledges itself to the pursuit of truth, the love of the good, and the cultivation of beauty, for the sake of our students' minds and hearts to form good citizens for our nation. Each generation is responsible both to itself and to succeeding generations for preserving and promoting the blessings of liberty. Faith, sincere love of God in service to His kingdom, fuels the strength of character and self-discipline needed to discharge that responsibility effectively.

The Good Shepherd Academy will provide religious instruction using *The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. The spiritual formation of students will always be our first priority. Students are encouraged to develop a strong sacramental life centered on daily Mass and the Rosary. Through this sacramental Catholic classical education, students will grow organically in faith and virtue as a byproduct of their education.

The hope of The Good Shepherd Academy is to lead souls to God in all their pursuits; to live out the Gospel in a life lived for Christ and His church; to become formidable leaders in their church, community, and society; to be faithful Catholics, and to live their vocation in a manner worthy of sainthood. The Good Shepherd Academy students will come to Know, Love and Serve God.

The Good Shepherd Academy is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit private school, reporting to a Board of Directors, independent of the Diocese of San Bernardino.

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