

Anthem Preparatory Academy

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School Information
School Code - 030651
Established Date - 2009
Enrollment (9-12th grades) - 214 students
Accreditation - Cognia

Our Prep Schools





GreatHearts

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 K-12th grade students across Arizona and Texas. Great Hearts is subject 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 prepares college-bound students for the rigors of higher education as well as agreeing with Plato, that the highest goal of education is to become good, intellectually and morally.

Network Averages

Testing and data results from the Class of 2024 - 584 graduates in Arizona

ACT Summary Data - 578 students tested		
Section	Middle 50%	Mean
English	19 - 28	23.8
Math	19 - 27	23.5
Reading	20 - 30	24.4
Science	19 - 26	22.6
Composite	19 - 27	23.7

SAT Summary Data - 177 students tested		
Section	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading	580 - 690	634
Mathematics	560 - 680	625
Total	1160 - 1370	1259

% of graduates attending college/university	75% (4 yr), 18% (2 yr)
% of graduates with alternative post-secondary plans	3% (gap yr), 1% (workforce), 3% (trade/vocation/certificate)
% of graduates pursuing honors program/college	27%
% of graduates who received merit-aid	79%
% of graduates attending service academy or service branch	2%
% of graduates pursuing STEM degrees	45%
# of national merit finalists	10
# of National Merit Commended Scholars	14
# of National Recognition Scholars- including Hispanic, African American, National Indigenous, National Rural and Small Town, and First Generation	18

High School Curriculum- Anthem Preparatory Academy

Curriculum:

- Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, we do not offer AP or IB curriculum.
- The highest course level in all subjects, with the exception of poetry, performing and fine arts, is Honors.
- Transfer students may have a different curricular sequence than that listed below.
- The Arizona state requirement, one full credit, for U.S. History is fulfilled in 9th Grade H. Humane Letters I.
- The Arizona state requirement, one-half credit, for U.S. Government is fulfilled in 10th Grade H. Humane Letters II.
- We have a menu of college credit options that students may self select into (including but not limited to AP tests, CLEP tests, and dual-enrollment for select courses).

Transcript and GPA:

- The GPA represented on transcripts only includes classes taken at a Great Hearts academy.
- If a student attended Great Hearts and earned a passing grade in Algebra, this will be denoted on the transcript with a "P" (pass) during the 8th grade year.
- For the weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation.
- Core Course Studies may be reflected on a student's transcript. The Core Course Studies class provides students with instruction and support to enable them to progress academically in core content areas. This instruction supplements but does not supplant any core-area course in which students are also enrolled.

9th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters I: American Tradition
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Biology (with lab)
- Music (including theory, composition, and choral performance)
- Honors Foreign Language Latin IV,
 French I or Spanish I
- · Poetry Composition

10th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters II: Modern Europe
- · Honors Pre-Calculus
- Honors Chemistry (with lab)
- Music (including theory, composition and choral performance)
- Honors Foreign Language Latin V,
 French II or Spanish II
- · Honors Economics

11th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters III: Ancient Greece
- Honors Calculus I
- Honors Physics I (with lab)
- Studio Art III (including drawing, painting and sculpture)
- Honors Foreign Language Ancient Greek I, French III or Spanish III
- Drama I

12th Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters IV: Rome to Modernity
- Honors Calculus II *
- Honors Physics II (with lab) *
- Honors Foreign Language * Ancient Greek II, French IV or Spanish IV
- Honors Rhetoric *
- Honors Logic and Computation *
- Studio Art IV (including drawing, painting and sculpture)
- Drama I
- · Senior Thesis & Defense

*Students must take Honors Humane Letters, Studio Art and Drama in addition to three out of the five Honors options.

Senior Thesis and Defense:

- Each graduate completes a capstone project known as the Senior Thesis.
- It is a year-long project completed in addition to the normal courseload.
- Students receive .25 credit on their transcript for successfully completing their thesis and defense. This credit is not factored into the GPA.

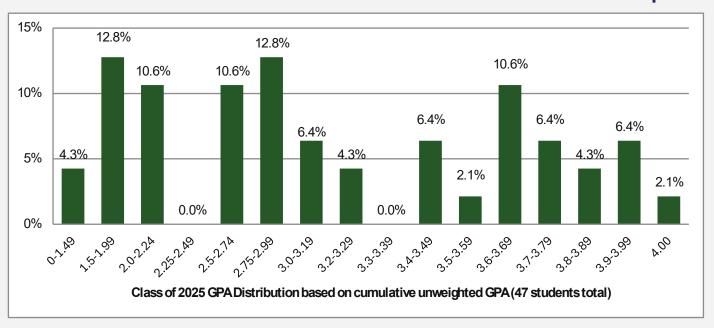
In this project, students...

- work closely with an advisor from the faculty to read and discuss two to three significant Great Books in one-on-one meetings during the first and second quarter.
- will have produced a 15-20 page paper that synthetically brings forth their own answer to a major philosophical question by the end of the third quarter.
- will participate in an hour-long oral defense of their work before a panel of teachers and a substantial audience during the fourth quarter.

Humane Letters: The "most distinct feature" of a Great Hearts Academy

- In the 9th through 12th grades, English and History are combined in the Humane Letters courses: these are 2-hour long, daily seminars, directed Socratically and revolving around readings from Western Civilization's best works in philosophy, drama, history, autobiography, poetry, novels and essays.
- This collaborative setting allows for the development of the art of conversation, which includes above all the habit of listening well to both the great authors as well as their peers.
- The class is an exploration of the permanent questions that animate any truly human life through the history and literature of the Great Tradition of the West.
- What is a "good man" and "good citizen", what are the qualities of a true friend, what kinds of virtue are necessary for a flourishing political and moral life are just a few of the important questions that are addressed with uncommon subtlety and profundity in the books that we read together.

Class of 2025 GPA Distribution - Anthem Prep



Anthem Prep Class of 2024 Facts

Number of graduates	39
Unweighted GPA Range	2.092 - 4.0
Average Unweighted GPA	3.323
Average Weighted GPA	4.15

% of graduates attending a 4-year institution	85%
% of graduates attending in-state	69%
% of graduates attendig out-of-state	15%
% of graduates attending a 2- year college	13%
% of students taking a gap year	5%
% of graduates pursuing trade, vocation or certificate	5%
% of graduates accepted to an Honors college/program	10%
% of graduates pursuing STEM	56%
% of students who graduated with honors (3.5+ unweighted	400/
GPA)	49%
% of graduates that received some form of merit aid	89%

SAT Summary (8 students tested)			
Section	Middle 50%	Mean	
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	570 - 620	598	
Mathematics	535 - 655	596	
Total	1110 - 1235	1193	

ACT Summary (38 students tested)			
Section	Middle 50%	Mean	
English	21 - 29	25	
Math	20 - 26	23.6	
Reading	21 - 29	25.5	
Science	20 - 27	23.9	
Composite	21 - 28	24.6	

Additional Facts

Select Features

- We believe in the growth of leaders through accomplishments; we do not have class officers or NHS.
- We do not rank our students, and letter grades and competition among students are de-emphasized.
- Transfer students may have a different curricular sequence.

Noteworthy Enrichment Courses

- Robotics
- Mentorship
- Peer Academic Support Team
- Community Service
- Classical Articles and Publication
- Concert Choir
- Men's Choir
- Women's Choir
- · Fench Enrichment
- Art
- Drama
- Yearbook

Athletics

- Football
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Track
- Tennis