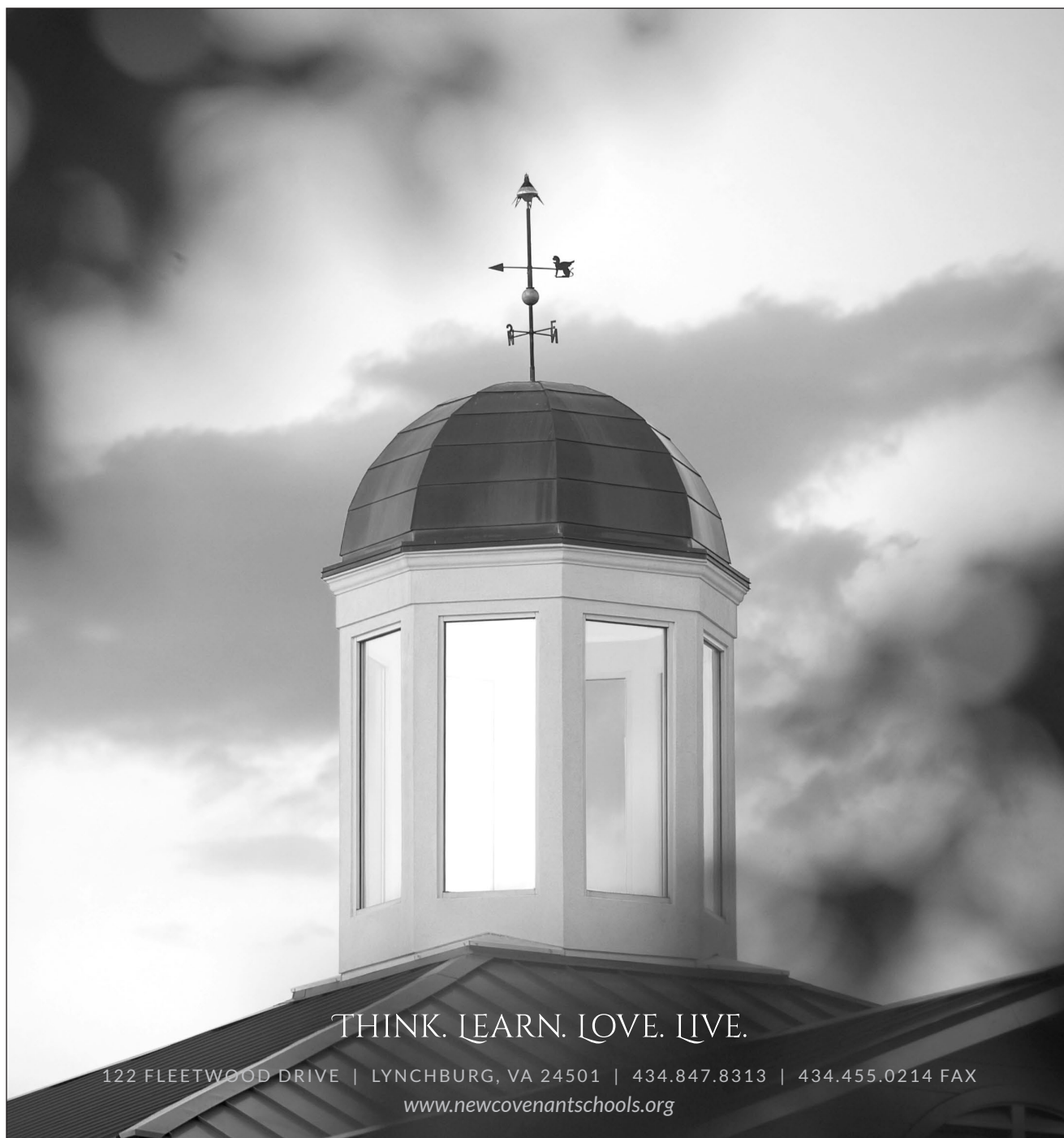


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ACADEMIC PROFILE

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# ACADEMIC PROFILE

**NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS** offers a classical, Christian education. Founded in the Anglican Tradition it is affiliated with the Reformed Episcopal Church. The curriculum is rooted in the liberal arts, and is a college-bound program. Ninety-six percent of our graduates have entered four-year colleges. Average standardized achievement test scores are consistently far above the national average with an overall SAT average of 1204 (Reading + Math).

**Class sizes are limited to 18** and there is a high level of personal attention to students. The faculty is well qualified, with more than half of the faculty holding the master's degree. Classical languages are required and high school students study Latin and/or Greek. Formal instruction in logic and classical rhetoric is required.

**Students are expected** to use their acquired logic and rhetorical skills in all areas of the curriculum, to think deeply and defend their positions rationally when answering questions of science, government and ethics, as well as in discussions of history,

literature and religion. The senior year is completed by researching, writing and defending a senior thesis before the faculty.

**There is only one academic track** throughout the school. Since our course of study is guided by the classical tradition, we do not teach the Advanced Placement curriculum in most classes. We offer AP courses in Calculus AB, Latin, and English Literature/Composition. Students sit for the AP examinations in these classes if they wish and many also take the English Language/Comp. exam. All other academic courses are taught at the honors level. Classes are graded on a percentage basis, with 60 as the lowest passing grade. We require 27 high school credits for graduation.

**Grade point averages** are based on a 5-point scale for AP, a 4.5-point scale for Honors, and a 4-point scale for non-academic courses. We record numeric grades for all courses but convert to the following grading scale for computation of the GPA:

A = 94-100	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77-79	D+ = 67-69	F = below 60
A- = 90-93	B = 83-86	C = 73-76	D = 63-66	
	B- = 80-82	C- = 70-72	D- = 60-62	

## Mission Statement

**NEW COVENANT SCHOOLS** is an educational community serving families of Central Virginia, providing an exceptional education in a classical curriculum within the framework of historic Christianity, furnishing the student with the tools of education and the inspiration to be a lifelong learner.

**New Covenant School of Rhetoric**, by the light of Christ and the power of the classical tradition, endeavors to form young men and women of intellectual and moral virtue, equipping them to live bravely for truth, goodness, and beauty.

# School of Rhetoric Graduation Requirements

New Covenant maintains a prescribed course of study in a classical curriculum. A minimum of 27 credits are required for graduation as prescribed below.

English	4.0 credits	Physical Education	1.0 credit
History/Government	3.0 credits	Music	1.0 credit
Mathematics	3.0 credits	Art	0.5 credit
Laboratory Science	3.0 credits	Drama	0.5 credit
Classical Language	3.0 credits	<b>Elective Requirements</b>	
Rhetoric	2.0 credits	Academic Electives	3.0 credits
Theology	2.0 credits	Fine Arts Elective	1.0 credit
		<b>Total:</b>	27 credits

## Course Offerings

### Literature

Western Literature I: *Odyssey, Aeneid and Antigone*  
 Western Literature II: *Iliad, Inferno and Frankenstein*  
 British Literature: *Beowulf, Paradise Lost and Persuasion*  
 American Lit (AP): *Moby Dick, Scarlet Letter and Great Gatsby*

### History

Western Civilization I: The Ancient Western World  
 Western Civilization II: The Roman Empire to Napoleon  
 US History: The Story of Representative Democracy  
 Modern History: Ideas Have Consequences

### Theology

Theology I: *Genesis, Gospel of John, Alister McGrath*  
 Theology II: *Romans, Church History, Aquinas and C. S. Lewis*

### Laboratory Sciences

Physics  
 Chemistry  
 Biology  
 Environmental Science  
 Universal Science (advanced concepts in Physics, Chemistry and Biology)

### Rhetoric

Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasion  
 Senior Thesis

### Mathematics (Honors)

Geometry  
 Algebra II  
 Pre-Calculus  
 Math for the Liberal Arts  
 Statistics  
 Calculus (AP)

### Languages

Latin II: Latin Grammar and Roman Culture  
 Latin III: Literature of the Late Republic  
 Latin IV: Caesar  
 Latin V (AP): Vergil  
 Greek I: Introductory Biblical Greek  
 Greek II: Advanced Grammar and Theology

### Fine Arts (non-honors)

Chamber Orchestra  
 Band  
 Concert Choir  
 Drama Performance  
 Drama Appreciation  
 Art Media I and II  
 Graphic Design  
 Art Independent Study

### J-Term (non-honors)

Course offerings vary each year

### Study Abroad (fee-based)

Cultures of Rome (Honors)  
 A Tale of Two Cities: Paris and London (Honors)  
 Marine Science (Honors)  
 Mission Nogales (no academic credit)

### Physical Education/Sports

Fitness/Wellness Course  
 Soccer (men's & women's)  
 Volleyball (women's)  
 Cross-country (men's & women's)  
 Basketball (men's & women's)  
 Swimming (men's & women's)  
 Track and Field (men's & women's)  
 Lacrosse (men's)  
 Tennis (men's & women's)

# National Merit Scholars

Since 1996 New Covenant students have distinguished themselves by achieving superior scores on the PSAT exams, qualifying them for **National Merit Scholar Commendation** or **Finalist recognition**. During that time *nine* were chosen as **National Merit Scholarship Finalists** and *fourteen* students were named **Commended Scholars**.

## AVERAGE SAT SCORES

Class	Reading/Writing	Math	Total
1996-2022	624	580	1204

## College Placement & Acceptance (Revised 2023)

The following schools have accepted New Covenant students since its first graduation in 1996.

\* Indicates that New Covenant alumni are currently attending these institutions.

+Indicates that New Covenant alumni have graduated from these institutions.

Institutions in *italics* awarded New Covenant alumni significant merit scholarships.

<i>American University</i>	<i>Grove City College</i> +	University of Colorado
<i>Anderson University</i>	<i>Hampden-Sydney College</i> +	University of Denver*
<i>Appalachian State University</i>	<i>Harding University</i> *	University of Florida
<i>Asbury College</i> +	<i>High Point University</i> *	University of Georgia+
<i>Auburn University</i> +	<i>Hillsdale College</i> +	University of Lynchburg*+
<i>Barton College</i>	<i>Hollins University</i> +	<i>University of Mary Washington</i> +
<i>Belhaven College</i> +	<i>Houston Baptist University</i>	University of Maryland
<i>Belmont University</i> *+	<i>James Madison University</i> *+	University of the Nations*
<i>Bethel College</i>	<i>Jefferson College of Health Sciences</i> +	<i>University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill</i>
<i>Berry College</i> +	<i>Johns-Hopkins University</i> +	University of North Carolina – Charlotte
<i>Boyce College</i> +	<i>Judson University</i>	University of North Carolina - Wilmington+
<i>Bridgewater University</i> +	<i>King College</i>	University of Pennsylvania
<i>Calvin College</i>	<i>Lee University</i>	University of Richmond
<i>Campbell University</i>	<i>LeTourneau University</i> +	University of South Carolina*+
<i>Capital University</i>	<i>Liberty University</i> *+	University of Tennessee*
<i>Catawba College</i>	<i>Lincoln Christian University</i>	<i>University of Virginia</i> *+
<i>Cedarville University</i>	<i>Longwood University</i> +	U.S. Merchant Marines Academy*
<i>Champlain College</i>	<i>Louisiana State University</i> +	<i>U.S. Military Academy at West Point</i>
<i>Christopher Newport University</i> *+	<i>Mars Hill University</i>	Vanderbilt University
<i>The Citadel</i>	<i>Mary Baldwin College</i> +	Virginia Commonwealth University+
<i>Clemson University</i>	<i>Messiah University</i>	Virginia Intermont College+
<i>Coastal Carolina University</i>	<i>Mississippi State University</i>	<i>Virginia Military Institute</i> +
<i>College of Charleston</i>	<i>Montreat College</i> +	<i>Virginia Tech</i> *+
<i>College of William and Mary</i> *+	<i>North Carolina State University</i>	<i>Virginia Wesleyan University</i>
<i>Colorado State University</i>	<i>Norwich University</i>	<i>Wabash College</i> +
<i>Columbia International University</i> +	<i>Ohio State University</i>	<i>Wake Forest University</i> +
<i>Concord University</i>	<i>Old Dominion University</i>	<i>Warren Wilson College</i>
<i>Covenant College</i> *+	<i>Palm Beach Atlantic University</i>	Washington & Lee University
<i>Cornell University</i> +	<i>Patrick Henry College</i>	Western Kentucky University+
<i>Drexel University</i>	<i>Queens University of Charlotte</i>	Wingate University
<i>Duke University</i> +	<i>Radford University</i>	<b>Graduate Schools</b>
<i>East Carolina University</i>	<i>Randolph College</i> *+	Appalachian State University+
<i>Eastern Mennonite University</i> +	<i>Randolph-Macon College</i>	Covenant Theological Seminary+
<i>Elon University</i> +	<i>Regent University</i>	Duke University School of Law+
<i>Embry-Riddle University</i>	<i>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</i> +	East Carolina University+
<i>Emory and Henry College</i>	<i>Roanoke College</i>	Eastern Virginia Medical School+
<i>Ferrum College</i>	<i>Samford University</i> *	Eastman School of Music+
<i>Florida Atlantic University</i>	<i>Savannah College of Art &amp; Design</i> +	Emory University School of Medicine+
<i>Florida Tech (FIT)</i> +	<i>Shenandoah University</i> +	Gordon-Conwell Seminary+
<i>Fordham University</i>	<i>St. John's University</i>	Medical College of Virginia+
<i>Furman University</i>	<i>Sweetbriar College</i> *	Radford University+
<i>Geneva College</i>	<i>Texas Christian University</i> +	Reformed Episcopal Seminary
<i>George Mason University</i> +	<i>The King's College</i> +	Reformed Theological Seminary
<i>Georgetown University</i> +	<i>Toccoa Falls College</i> +	University of Tennessee+
<i>George Washington University</i>	<i>Tulane University</i>	University of Virginia School of Medicine+
<i>Gonzaga University</i>	<i>Union University</i>	Virginia Commonwealth University+
<i>Gordon College</i> +	<i>University of Alabama</i> *	