



# WESTMINSTER

SCHOOL AT OAK MOUNTAIN

## School Profile

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Established in 1998, Westminster School at Oak Mountain is a K-12 classical Christian school. We are committed to graduating young men and women who think with discernment and understanding, who reason persuasively and articulate precisely, and who interpret the world through the lens of Scripture. Our school is designed to develop well-rounded, renaissance students, who are scientists as well as linguists, athletes as well as poets.

### CORE CHARACTERISTICS

**CHRISTIAN** Our teachers seek to build Christ's kingdom by equipping students with wisdom, virtue, and eloquence.

**CLASSICAL** Westminster provides a rigorous, traditional liberal arts education. The core disciplines taught in the Upper School are classical languages, the Great Books, natural sciences, and the history of civilizations from earliest origins to the present. Course in Humane Letters are taught as Socratic seminars. Formal logic and rhetoric are integrated into the curriculum, but are taught in their own distinct courses as well.

**COMMUNITY** Westminster is committed to a healthy community of faith and learning. All students in grades 7-12 are assigned to one of eight houses. These houses serve as the basis for community-building, competition, service, and student government. Each student has a faculty advisor who acts as a mentor, both academically and spiritually.

**GRAND TOUR** Our Grand Tour provides an experiential culmination of twelve years of study for our graduates. They travel for ten days visiting noteworthy historical sites relevant to their coursework. This immersive trip gives them a ground-level view of the foundations of the modern Western world.

**AFFILIATIONS** Westminster is a ministry of Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, PCA, and is accredited by Cognia (formally known as AdvancED). The school holds membership in the Association of Christian Classical School (ACCS), Classical Association of Middle West and South (CAMWS), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the Education Records Bureau (ERB), the Society for Classical Learning (SCL), the National Junior Classical League (NJCL), the Educational Theatre Association (ETA), and the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA).

**ORGANIZATIONS** Westminster's extracurricular activities are designed to enrich study, learning and culture. Current clubs include theater, choral ensemble, National Honor Society, robotics, yearbook, video production, chess, and art club.

**ATHLETICS** Westminster offers a variety of co-curricular sports to strengthen students spiritually and athletically. These include volleyball, cross-country, basketball, swim & dive, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, soccer, golf, tennis and baseball. Most of these programs compete in the AHSAA 2A classification, although several have moved higher based on their success under the AHSAA reclassification rule.

### STUDENTS AND SCHOOL

- Founded in 1998
- First graduating class in 2006
- 47 students in the class of 2022
- 172 students in grades 9-12
- 552 students total
- 97% college matriculation rate in 2021

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

• English/Literature	4
• History	4
• Mathematics	4
• Science	4
• Foreign Language	3
• Rhetoric/Thesis	2.5
• Theology	1.5
Total Required Credits:	23

### FACULTY

- 23 teaching faculty
- 17 with advanced degrees
- 10:1 students/teacher ratio

### STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

CLASS OF 2021

ACT (Total Tested: 34)

• Composite ACT	30
• English	31
• Math	29
• Reading	31
• Science	28

SAT (Total Tested: 3)

• Critical Reading	640
• Math	633

Average for ACT/SAT based on student scores.

### GRADING AND TRANSCRIPTS

- Semester system
- 4-point grading scale for grade level courses
- 5-point grading scale for honors courses
- Additional weighted scale based on quality points reflective of numeric scores:

97-100	A+	4.4
93-96	A	4.2
90-92	A-	4.0
87-89	B+	3.4
83-86	B	3.2
80-82	B-	3.0
77-79	C+	2.4
73-76	C	2.2
70-72	C-	2.0
69 and below	F	0.0

- 25 honors courses offered, four of those are AP (Note: We do not provide class rank.)

# Wisdom, Virtue, and Eloquence

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

MATH	SCIENCE	HISTORY	LITERATURE	LANGUAGE	RHETORIC	THEOLOGY
Algebra I	Biology (H)	American (H)	American (H)	Latin I	Rhetoric I	Biblical
Geometry	Chemistry (H)	Ancient (H)	Ancient (H)	Latin II	Rhetoric II	Interpretation
Algebra II	Physics (H)	Medieval (H)	Medieval (H)	Latin III (H)	Junior Thesis (H)	Covenant Theology
Geometry (H)	Anatomy (H)	Modern	Modern	AP Latin IV	Senior Thesis (H)	Old Testament
Algebra II (H)		European (H)	European (H)	Spanish I		New Testament
Pre-calculus (H)				Spanish II		Creeds,
Algebra III				Spanish III (H)		Confessions,
AP Calculus AB				Greek I		Catechisms
AP Calculus BC				Greek II (H)		Systematic
AP Statistics						Theology
						Christian Ethics & Apologetics

H = Honors / AP = Advanced placement

**HUMANITIES** Humanities courses at Westminster cover texts ranging from Homer's *Odyssey* to Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Classes emphasize a conversational methodology, in which the primary object is not victory over an opponent, but the discovery of truth. At Westminster we believe that the art of discussion, like reading or writing, is a skill that must be honed and refined.

**RHETORIC** Rhetoric is a foundational subject reinforced throughout students' Upper School experience. Because the value of these skills goes beyond academic pursuits, students practice and apply it to other forms of communication. Their studies culminate in a thesis experience that is not merely an exercise but a capstone of academic progress, spiritual and moral development, life skills, and natural aptitudes and interests.

**FINE ARTS** Fine Arts courses include visual art, music, and theater and cover artistic movements from ancient to modern as they relate to the Humanities curriculum. The classes are designed to give students experiences in creating work based on the practices of various periods and artistic movements. Students are exposed to artistic elements and given opportunities to express themselves in a variety of forms. Students of the Fine Arts realize the integration of all art forms in the development of mankind and culture throughout the curriculum.

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Auburn University	Louisiana Scholars College (NSU)	University of Alabama
Belmont University	Louisiana State University	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Berry College	Marquette University	University of Alabama at Huntsville
Birmingham Southern College	Mercer University	University of Dallas
College of William and Mary	Mississippi College	University of Kentucky
Covenant College	Mississippi State University	University of Mississippi
Dartmouth College	Missouri State University	University of Montevallo
Emerson College	Pepperdine University	University of North Alabama
Furman University	Rhodes College	University of South Alabama
Gordon College	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina
Hendrix College	Samford University	Vanderbilt University
Huntingdon College	Taylor University	Washington & Lee University
Jefferson State Community College	Texas A&M University	Westmont College
The King's College (NYC)	Troy University	Wheaton College
Lee University	United States Air Force Academy	Wofford College
Lipscomb University	United States Military Academy (West Point)	

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Members of the Class of 2021 were awarded \$7,268,813 in academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships and awards. These thirty-four graduates accepted packages totaling \$1,742,772.

Since 2009 Westminster has had 11 students recognized as National Merit Scholars, 14 as Semifinalists, and 9 as Commended Scholars through the National Merit Scholarship Program.