



Cedar Tree Classical Christian School

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2014-2015 Academic Profile

Cedar Tree Classical Christian School of Ridgefield, Washington, was established in 1999 as a non-denominational Christian K-12 school, and follows the classical model of education. Cedar Tree's mission is to provide an excellent Christian, classical education that cultivates minds and nurtures hearts for effective, Christ-centered living. As such, the curriculum is demanding and rigorous at all levels. Cedar Tree is accredited by the Association of Classical & Christian Schools (November 2012).

Cedar Tree offers two diploma types for graduation: The Standard Diploma (minimum of 46 semester credits) and the Honors Diploma (minimum of 53 semester credits). All core courses are taught at the Honors level.

Testing: Total SAT scores since our first graduating class of 2012 range from 1748 to 1961, well above the national SAT score average of 1496 for that time period. Total PSAT scores since our first graduating class of 2012 range from 170 to 188, well above the national PSAT score average of 143 for that time period. Of the 26 juniors who have taken the PSAT examination, two students were awarded National Merit Scholar Finalist status, and one student received National Merit Scholar Commended status. Although we do not offer AP courses, students have successfully taken AP exams in English Literature & Composition, English Language & Composition, Spanish Language, and AP Latin, with two students have receiving AP Scholar designation thus far.

COURSES – Honors Diploma*

	Humanities**	Languages***	Math***	Science	Arts	Other
Freshman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Humanities I Rhetoric I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geometry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art History Art Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Fitness Computer Software
Sophomore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Humanities II Rhetoric II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art History Art Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Fitness Computer Software
Junior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Humanities III Rhetoric III (Junior Thesis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish III 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Fitness Computer Software Publication
Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worldview Literature Analysis American History & Government Rhetoric IV (Senior Thesis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Testament Greek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Fitness Computer Software Publication

*The Standard Diploma minimum requirements are as follows: 3 years each of Foreign Language, Math, and Science, and reduced course-work requirements in Rhetoric III & IV. All other courses are required for graduation with the Standard Diploma.

**Integrated Humanities includes the content areas of English, History, and Christian Theology.

***Students take high school-level Latin, Algebra I, Washington State History, and Formal Logic in 7th and/or 8th grade.

Scale

97%-100%	A+	4.0
94%-96%	A	4.0
90%-93%	A-	3.7
87%-89%	B+	3.3
84%-86%	B	3.0
80%-83%	B-	2.7
77%-79%	C+	2.3
74%-76%	C	2.0
70%-73%	C-	1.7
0%-69%	F	0.0

Calculation of GPA

All grades are based on an A to F, 4.0 scale. Any grade below 70% is considered failing. Course grades are unweighted.

Senior Thesis Papers

All seniors are required to write lengthy Rhetoric thesis papers, which they must present and defend in front of a panel of faculty, adjudicators, and the school community during a formal senior thesis presentation evening. Topics have included: *Deism, Naturalism, and secular Existentialism are internally inconsistent as systematic worldviews and cannot be rationally held. Visual art is worthy of copious effort and extensive time in its production because if done well it promotes the values of truth, goodness and beauty. In the Beatitudes of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus challenges Christians to prioritize righteousness over comfort.*