

Due to our deliberate Great Books curriculum and dedication to Socratic seminar, no AP classes or electives are offered; instead, all students take a common sequence of honors level classes. The core curriculum is four years of college-prep math, four years of laboratory science, four years of Humane Letters (a two credit class) that includes four years of literature/philosophy and four years of social science. All students also enroll in four years of full immersion foreign language, and fine arts.

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 that students are also enrolled in.

Humane Letters: Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the high school curriculum at Great Hearts is Humane Letters. 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. Meeting daily for nearly two hours affords an opportunity for serious discussion among students guided by a skilled teacher who assists them to read more deeply, exploring difficulties and puzzles, and ever striving for greater clarity. 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.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

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

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters II: The Rise of Modern Europe
- Honors Pre-calculus
- Honors Chemistry (with lab)
- Honors Modern Language II (French or Spanish) or Honors Latin V
- Honors Economics
- Music IV (including composition and choral performance)

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

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

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum:

- Honors Humane Letters IV: Western Thought from Middle Ages to Modernity
- Honors Calculus II
- Honors Physics II: Electromagnetism / Optics Wave Motion (with lab)
- Honors Modern Language IV (French or Spanish) or Honors Ancient Greek II
- Drama II
- Studio Art IV (including drawing, painting, and sculpture)
- Senior Thesis & Defense

## Senior Thesis and Defense:

Each graduate completes a Capstone Project. The two semester project, with a faculty thesis advisor, focuses on a scholarly question of the student's choice. The final project illustrates a deep understanding of the topic through a 15-20 page paper and a thesis defense, a public presentation and oral examination with a faculty panel.



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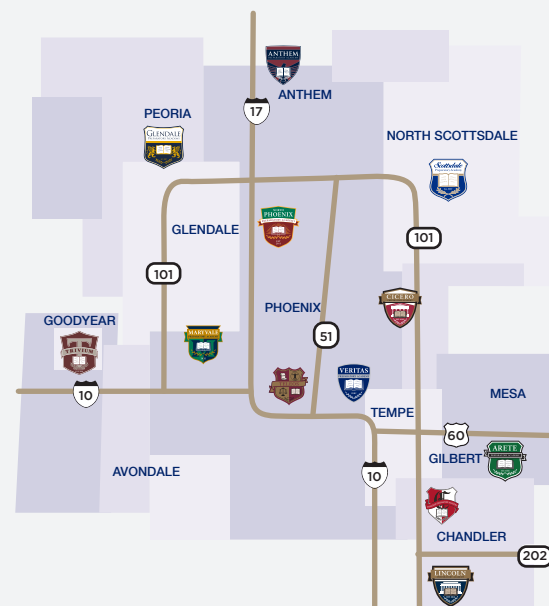
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## School Information

School Code - 030661  
Established Date - 2007  
Size (enrollment) - 850 students  
Accreditation - AdvancED

## 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 approximately 14,000 students in 28 academies in 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.

## Testing Results

(Network Averages of 335 Students from the Class of 2016)

TEST	Middle 50%	Mean
SAT Critical Reading	540-670	607
SAT Math	540-670	603
ACT	Middle 50%	Mean
English	23-31	27
Reading	23-31	27
Math	23-28	26
Science	22-27	25
Composite	23-29	26

National Merit Commended: 15%  
National Merit Finalists: 7%  
Students accepted to more or most selective colleges and universities: 68%  
Students immediately attending college: 98% (\* 2% gap year or military)

## Faculty Data

**65** # of faculty members  
**13:1** Student/Teacher Ratio  
**36** # of faculty members with a Masters degree  
**4** # of faculty members with a PhD

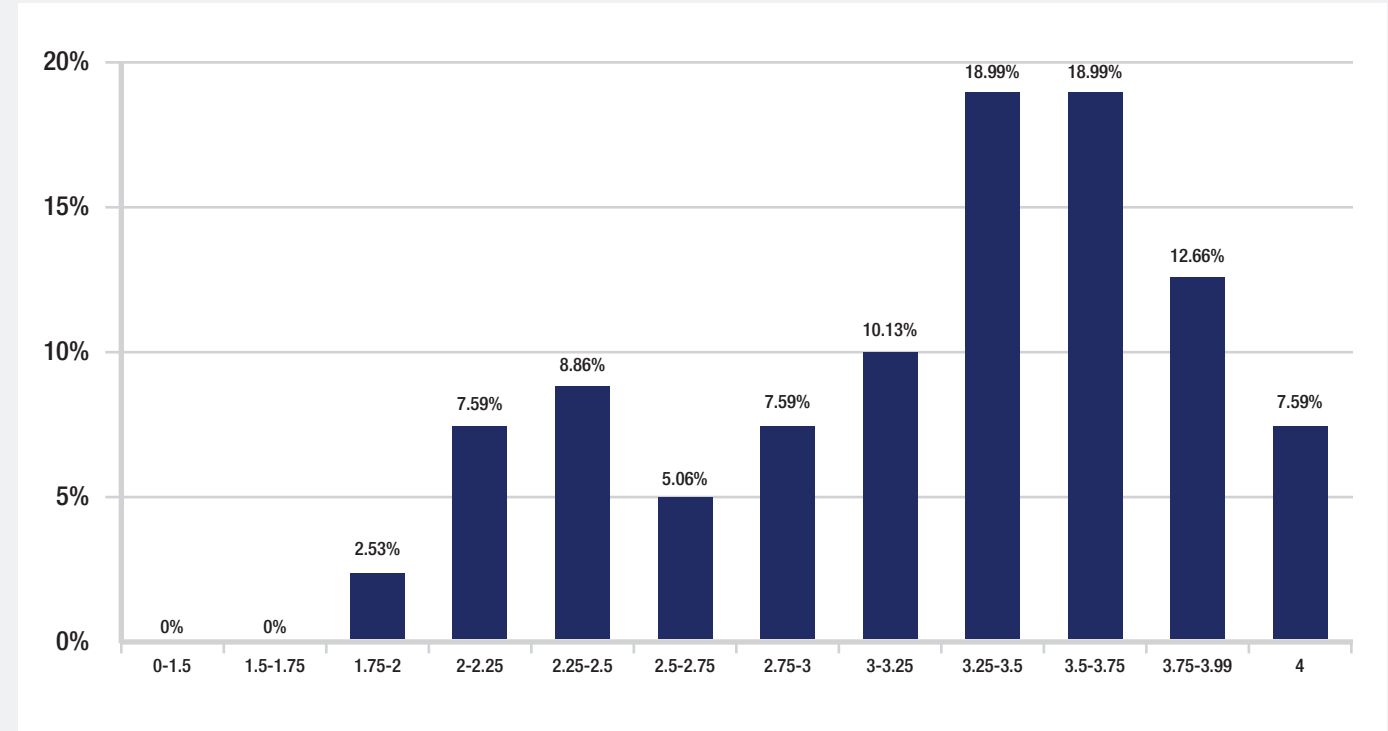
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# Sample College Acceptances 2013 - 2016

- Adelphi University
- Allegheny College
- American Academy of Dramatic Arts/West
- American University
- Arizona State University
- ASU (Barrett Honors College)
- Auburn University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Barnard College
- Bates College
- Baylor University (Honors)
- Belhaven University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Belmont University
- Beloit College
- Benedictine College
- Bentley University
- Berry College
- Bethany College
- Binghamton University
- Biola University (Torrey Honors)
- Blinn College
- Boise State University
- Boston University
- Bradley University
- Brandeis University
- Briar Cliff University
- Brigham Young University, Idaho
- Brigham Young University, Provo
- Bryn Mawr College
- Bucknell University
- Butler University
- Cal Polytechnic Institute
- California Institute of Technology
- California Lutheran University
- California Maritime
- Carleton College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Carroll University
- Carthage College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University of America
- Central College
- Centro De Investigacion Y Docencia Economicas (cide)
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clemson University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Coe College
- Colby College
- College of Charleston
- College of Idaho
- College of the Atlantic
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William and Mary
- College of Wooster
- Colorado Christian University
- Colorado College
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Colorado State University, Pueblo
- Columbia University
- Concordia University
- Connecticut College
- Cooper Union
- Cornell University
- Creighton University
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
- DePaul University
- Dordt College
- Dowling College
- Drexel University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- Earlham College
- Eastern University (Templeton Honors)
- Eckerd College (Honors)
- Elon University
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College (Honors)
- Emory University
- Evergreen State College
- Fordham University
- Fort Lewis College
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering
- George Fox College (Honors)
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College
- Gonzaga University
- Gordon College
- Grand Canyon University
- Grinnell College
- Grove City College
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamilton College
- Hamline University
- Hampshire College
- Harvard
- Harvey Mudd College
- Haverford College
- Hendrix College
- High Point University
- Hillsdale College
- Hofstra University
- Humboldt State University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Illinois Wesleyan College
- Indiana University
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Iowa State University
- Ithaca College
- James Madison University
- John Brown University (Honors)
- John Cabot University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
- Kenyon College
- King's College
- Lake Forest College
- Lawrence University
- Lehigh University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Liberty University
- Linfield College
- Lipscomb University
- Louisiana Tech University
- Loyola Marymount University (Honors)
- Loyola University of Maryland
- Loyola University of New Orleans
- Loyola University, Chicago
- Luther College
- Macalester College
- Macwan University
- Manhattan College
- Manhattanville College
- Marquette University
- Marymount University (Honors)
- Master's College and Seminary
- Mercer University
- Messiah College
- Midwestern State University
- Mills College
- MIT
- Montana State University (Honors)
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
- New York University
- Northeastern University (Honors)
- Northern Arizona University
- Northwest Christian University
- Northwestern University
- Notre Dame of Maryland
- Nova Southeastern University
- Oberlin College
- Oberlin Conservatory of Music
- Occidental College
- Ohio University
- Pace University, New York
- Patrick Henry College
- Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Philadelphia University
- Pitzer College
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Portland State University
- Presentation College
- Princeton University
- Principia College
- Providence College
- Purdue University (Honors)
- Queen Margaret University
- Reed College
- Regent University
- Regis University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)
- Rhodes College
- Rice University
- Roanoke College
- Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- Roger Williams University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Rutgers University
- Saint Louis University
- Saint Xavier University
- Sam Houston State University
- Samford University (Honors)
- San Diego Christian College
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Santa Clara University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Scripps College
- Seattle University
- Seton Hall University
- Simpson College
- Smith College
- Soka University
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- Southern Methodist University (Honors)
- St. Catherine University
- St. John's College
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- St. Mary's College of California
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- St. Olaf College
- Stanford University
- State University of New York, Buffalo
- Stockton University
- Suffolk University
- Swarthmore College
- Syracuse University
- Taylor University
- Temple University
- Texas A & M University
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech University
- The New School - All Divisions
- Thomas Aquinas College
- Towson University
- Trinity College
- Trinity University
- Tulane University
- Union College
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- United States Naval Academy
- University College Dublin
- University of Alabama (Honors)
- University of Alberta
- University of Arizona (Honors)
- University of Arkansas
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Central Missouri
- University of Chicago
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- University of Colorado, Denver
- University of Dallas
- University of Delaware
- University of Denver
- University of Essex
- University of Florida
- University of Glasgow
- University of Great Falls, Montana
- University of Hawaii
- University of Idaho
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of LaVerne
- University of Lethbridge
- University of Limerick
- University of Maine (Honors)
- University of Mary
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- University of Massachusetts, Boston
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- University of Montana
- University of Nebraska
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of New Mexico
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oregon (Honors)
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Portland
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Redlands
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Carolina (Honors)
- University of Southern California
- University of Tampa
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of the Pacific
- University of Toledo
- University of Toronto
- University of Utah (Honors)
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- Valparaiso University
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Wabash College
- Walsh University
- Warner Pacific College
- Wartburg College
- Washington and Lee University
- Washington State University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Wesleyan University
- Western New England University
- Western Washington University
- Westminster College
- Westmont College
- Wheaton College
- Whitman College
- Whittier College
- Whitworth University
- Willamette University
- Williams College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Xavier University
- Yale University

# Class of 2017 GPA Distribution - Scottsdale Prep



## Scottsdale Prep Class of 2016 Facts

- 71** Number of graduates
- 1.235-4.0** Unweighted GPA Range
- 3.2** Average Unweighted GPA

TEST	Middle 50%	Mean	# Tested
ACT	23-27	26	54
SAT CR& M	1140-1370	1249	65

## Select Features

- The Arizona state requirement, one full credit, for US History is fulfilled in 9th grade Humane Letters
- The Arizona state requirement, one-half credit, for US Government is fulfilled in 10th grade Humane Letters
- The highest course level in all subjects, with the exception of fine arts, is Honors.
- For the weighted GPA, all Honors courses receive a full extra point for GPA calculation
- 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

