



RHETORIC SCHOOL PROFILE

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

SANDHILLS CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Sandhills Classical Christian School (SCCS), both independent and interdenominational, is comprised of a Grammar School, est. 1999 (K-5th), Logic School, est. 2005 (6th-8th), and Rhetoric School, est. 2013 (9th-12th). SCCS is committed to graduating citizens of excellence who observe, think, and articulate with humility, reason, and clarity for the Glory of God. Using the classical model, SCCS seeks to instill in each student a lifelong love of learning and to prepare Rhetoric School students for acceptance into selective colleges and universities. The goals of SCCS are not those of Common Core nor Advanced Placement, but they are equally lofty, and the curriculum is rigorous. In addition to standard core courses, students develop refined critical thinking and rhetorical skills.

SCCS's unique and integrated academic program is characterized by:

- Exposure to multiple worldviews with a deep understanding of a Christian worldview
- Intensive instruction in English composition and rhetoric
- Emphasis on the western tradition and its influences
- Concentration in the history of mathematical, scientific, and philosophical ideas
- A Socratic learning environment
- Exploration of classical literature
- Non-elective instruction in visual and performing arts
- Mid-year oral examinations before a panel of faculty and administration
- The writing, presenting, and defending of a senior thesis as a rhetorical capstone.

RHETORIC SCHOOL ADMISSION GUIDELINES

Students are admitted to the SCCS Rhetoric School on the basis of four major criteria:

- Admissions testing
- Academic and disciplinary records
- Family compatibility with SCCS values
- Teacher recommendations

RATIO & FACULTY

FACULTY

Sandhills Classical Christian School faculty and staff possess a variety of credentials including bachelor, masters, and doctorate degrees. Rhetoric School faculty must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

Student-Teacher Ratio 10:1

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CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

MATH

Geometry*
Algebra II/Trigonometry*
Pre-Calculus*
Calculus*

SCIENCE

Biology*
Environmental Science*
Chemistry*
Physics*
Astronomy

HISTORY

European History*
American History*
World History/Great Ideas I*
World History/Great Ideas II*

LITERATURE

European Literature*
American Literature*
Literature of Antiquity and Christendom*
20th Century Literature*

THEOLOGY

Church History*
New Testament Survey*
Systematic Theology*
Christian Apologetics*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish I
Spanish II

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE I (Grade 9)
PE II (Grade 10)
HEALTH (Grade 9)

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Classical/Folk Guitar
(performing arts) OR
Choral Ensemble *(performing arts)*

REQUIRED

Art Survey I *(fine arts, Grade 9)*
Art Survey II *(fine arts, Grade 10)*
Art History *(fine arts, Grade 11)*
Art Survey III *(fine arts, Grade 12)*
Cotillion *(Grade 9-12)*

RHETORIC

Oratory
Rhetoric Tropes
Rhetoric I w/Logic Review
Rhetoric II
Senior Thesis

ELECTIVES

Art Survey IV
Discrete Math
Latin–*Independent Study*
PE III
PE IV
Psychology–*Independent Study*
Spanish III
Spanish IV
Statistics*
Teacher Assistant
Study Hall *(no credit given)*

HONORS CLASSES

*Indicates courses offered on an honors level

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - MINIMUM OF 28 CREDITS

- **English** 4 credits
- **Math** 4 credits (including Algebra II)
- **History** 4 credits
- **Science** 3.5 credits (including Biology and Chemistry)
- **Foreign Language** 2 credits
- **Theology** 4 credits*
- **Rhetoric** 2.5 credits (½ credit course)**
- **Fine and Performing Arts** 3 credits (¼ credit course)
- **Physical Education and Health** 1 credit

*Two credits of Theology required of students enrolling in SCCS in 11th grade.

** One credit of Rhetoric required of students enrolling in SCCS in 11th grade.

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GRADING SCALE

A+	97-100	4.3
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	64-66	1.0
F	63 and below	0

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Sandhills Classical Christian School emphasizes instruction in the fine and performing arts throughout the curriculum as an expression of our commitment to an integrated, artistically informed education. Students in the Rhetoric School are required to enroll in a minimum of one fine arts course each year, and most will take both a performing art and visual art course.

ACCREDITED

Association of Classical Christian Schools

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Credit is awarded on the basis of the frequency with which a course meets in a one-week period.
- SCCS does not offer Advanced Placement courses at this time but does offer a limited number of Honors Classes for an already rigorous curriculum.
- Quality points of .5 will be added to each Honors Class grade when determining Grade Point Average.
- SCCS graduated its first class in May of 2017.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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of Moore County, NC, serves the Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Whispering Pines, and Aberdeen tri-community along with several commuter areas including West End, Seven Lakes, Ft. Bragg, Sanford, Cameron, Carthage, Laurinburg, Raeford, Maxton, Vass, and Wagram.

Forty percent of SCCS students are from active duty military families. Various denominations and non-denominations are represented in the school body.