



## REGENTS SCHOOL OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

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### Overview

Regents School of Charlottesville is a co-educational, K-12 day school founded in August 2010 that provides a rigorous, traditional liberal arts education. Regents welcomed its first high school student in 2013, and the School of Rhetoric has since grown to 43 students. Regents' Logic & Rhetoric School is founded upon the classical, Christian education model that emphasizes classical languages, persuasive writing, and the Great Books as well as formal coursework in logic, rhetoric, and grammar. Regents is a community that operates from a distinctly biblical and Christian worldview.

### Accreditation & Memberships

Member of the Virginia Council Private Education (VCPE), Educational Records Bureau (ERB), and Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS).

### Admission Criteria

Regents admission is selective and based on intellectual interest, personal interviews, recommendations, character, and standardized testing. Regents School of Charlottesville does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, and athletic or other organized programs. Regents School provides tuition assistance to more than 35% of the student body to maintain socio-economic diversity.

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### Faculty

The student/faculty ratio is 7:1. Six out of twelve faculty have advanced degrees. All faculty must serve as excellent moral and academic role models for students. The average class size is 11.

### School Calendar

The school year is divided into three trimesters with comprehensive exams at the end of the first and third trimesters.

### Important Notes

Regents does not associate with either the AP or IB programs specifically but offers classes with the rigor of both tracks. The courses offered, however, are not confined to the information required for success on tests that either program offers. Regents students delve deeply into the subject material in a manner that AP and IB programs would potentially limit.

### Clubs & Community Service

Regents offers a yearbook club for students who are interested. Participants in yearbook club are given independence in how they want to design and what they want to feature within the yearbook. Students have the opportunity to participate in a co-curricular main stage production; Quiz Bowl, a knowledge-based completion against other schools; choir; and art club.

### Socratic Seminars

The Socratic Seminar style has its roots in the classical period, when Socrates taught his students to think by working with them to help them find answers through the art of asking probing and insightful questions. The emphasis in the Socratic Seminar is to urge the students to work collectively, without any one person dominating, to seek truth together. The goal is not to arrive at a "silver bullet" answer, but to enjoy the process of seeking truth in the context of community.

### Major Theme Writing

Regents challenges students to learn to write with clarity, structure, and grace. Students learn to construct thesis statements that serve as the meta structure for a body of written work, they learn to write clearly, without excess, and they are urged to develop a personal style that elevates their reader.

### Senior Thesis

The goal of the senior thesis is to be able to research at length, write at length, and speak at length about a given topic. Students are expected to direct their own research, manage their own time, and develop confidence in delivery. The goal is to write a 15-20-page position paper on a student-chosen topic, give a 15-20-minute speech based on the paper, and respond with grace under the pressure of cross-examination.

### Public Oration

Regents students research, prepare, and present multiple speeches exceeding 10 minutes for public audiences, including the capstone project of the 11th grade American History course as well as the Senior Thesis. Public speaking is cultivated in the classroom through memorization and recitation of poetry.

### Major Texts

Grade 9- *Twelfth Night*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Silas Marner*, *Hound of the Baskervilles*, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Frankenstein*, *The Picture of Dorian Grey*; Grade 10- *Les Miserables*, *Faust (Goethe)* *Romantic Poets: Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Shelley, Byron, The Death of Ivan Ilyich, Heart of Darkness, A Doll's House, Animal Farm, Lord of the Flies, Cry the Beloved Country*; Grade 11- *My Antonia. The Scarlet Letter, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, The Great Gatsby, The Old Man and the Sea, Of Mice and Men, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Short Stories of Flannery O'Connor, Gilead, "A Model of Christian Charity," "Self-Reliance," Short Stories of Edgar Allen Poe, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," MLK's "I Have a Dream," "Letter from Birmingham Jail," and Poets: Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, TS Eliot, Langston Hughes*; Grade 12- *Jane Eyre, 1984, Hamlet, Brothers Karmazov, The Screwtape Letters, Fahrenheit 451, "An Essay on Man," "The Four Quartets," A Brave New World, Till We Have Faces.*

### Fine Arts

Regents students have the opportunity to participate in drama, music, and visual arts.

## Awards

### Subject Awards

Students who demonstrate excellent achievement in high school courses are the recipient of subject awards. The student with the best grade in each class is recognized at the end of the year.

### The Coram Deo Award

The Coram Deo award is the highest honor a student can receive in the Rhetoric School. The award is given to the one student who best demonstrates a heart of service to others as well as a love of learning.

## Student Leadership

Students are equipped for leadership through involvement in the House System, and competitive sports. All students are divided into four houses which provides opportunity for service, camaraderie, and intramural competition. It is an honor to be selected by faculty to serve in a house leadership role. Scribe is the designation of the junior house leader, parliamentarian is the assistant leader, and head of house is the highest leadership position in each house. The houses are named for Christian figures admired by the student community: Patrick, Augustine, Aquinas and Luther.

## Athletics

85% of Regents Rhetoric school students participate in athletics. Regents offers tennis, track, cross country, basketball, volleyball, and lacrosse.

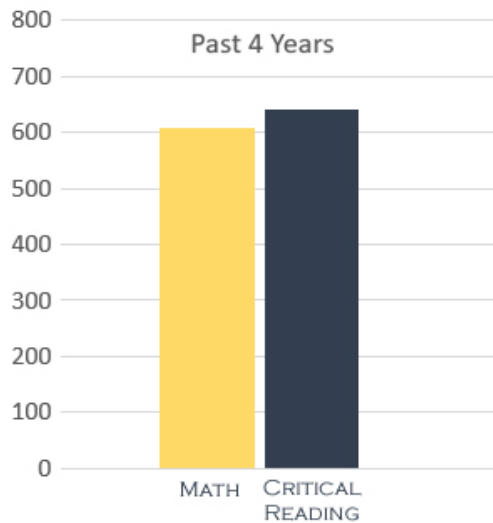
## College

- In the last three graduating classes, nine of eleven students were accepted by every college they applied to.
- 1 National Merit Commended Student
- Top 50 score nationally on the Classical Learning Test 10
- Perfect score on the ACT

### College Acceptances

- James Madison
- Baylor University
- Texas A&M
- Liberty University
- University of North Texas
- Westmont College
- Grove City College
- Eastern Mennonite College
- Christopher Newport University
- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Lynchburg College
- Bridgewater College
- Norfolk State
- Virginia Union University

**SAT Scores**  
Average SAT Scores



### Minimum Grade Requirements | 22 Credits\*

English- 4 Credits  
 Science- 3 Credits  
 Math- 3 Credits  
 History- 4 Credits  
 Biblical Studies/Theology- 2 Credits  
 Classical Rhetoric- 1 Credit  
 Latin Foreign Language- 2 Credits\*\*  
 Senior Thesis- 1 Credit  
 Physical Fitness- 1 Credit  
 Fine Arts- 1 Credit

\*A student who joins Regents in the 11th grade may be exempt from some graduation requirements.

\*\*Beginning with Class of 2023- 3 Credits

## Rhetoric School Curriculum

Grade	Literature	History	Science	Math	Language	Theology/Rhetoric
<b>Freshman Year</b>	British Literature	European History I	Physics	Geometry or Algebra II	Latin II	Hermeneutics
<b>Sophomore Year</b>	European Literature	European History II	Chemistry	Algebra II or Pre-Calculus	Latin III	Rhetoric I
<b>Junior Year</b>	American Literature	American History	Biology	Pre-Calculus or Calculus	Latin IV	Apologetics
<b>Senior Year</b>	Worldviews in Literature	World History	Advanced Studies in Biology or Physics	Calculus or Advanced Calculus	Latin V	Senior Thesis

\*All classes are taught at the honors level

\*This schedule is representative of a typical Regents School of Charlottesville student