



# KINGDOM PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## 2018-2019 School Profile

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Kingdom Preparatory Academy is a classical, Christian, University-Model<sup>®</sup> school founded in 2002. Spanning grades PreK to 12<sup>th</sup>, KPA aspires to educate students holistically including the maturation of their minds, bodies, and souls. Students learn time management and responsibility through a college-style schedule where classes meet two-days or three-days per week. Both the curriculum and pedagogy of KPA's classes create a unique and superior learning experience.

### Accreditation

Kingdom Preparatory Academy is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accreditation division of AdvancED. KPA is also certified by University-Model<sup>®</sup> Schools International.

### House Leadership

Students are placed in one of four houses where they have opportunities to grow in leadership and service. Houses foster an atmosphere of teamwork, responsibility, and accountability. Students apply for leadership positions represented within each house such as "House Head" and "House Tenant." In these positions, students take ownership and responsibility for student-led activities and community service.

### Community Service

All students are required to complete 40 hours of community service during their four years of high school in order to graduate from KPA. Each year, 9 students are selected from a highly competitive application process to serve as Student Ambassadors who lead in serving through the areas of Ministry, Student Life, and Service.

### Distinctives

**Classical Curriculum:** All core academic classes are taught at an honors level. These courses incorporate primary source learning through the great books and hands-on learning in the sciences. English and history classes engage the great conversation of Western civilization through books like *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, *The Odyssey*, Herodotus's *Histories*, The Bible, Augustine's *Confessions*, many works of Shakespeare, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Machiavelli's *The Prince*, biographies of great leaders, and many other classic texts.

**Senior Thesis:** At the end of their senior year, distinguished diploma students must present and defend a thesis research project. In the creation of this work, students will refine skills in research, writing, oration, and logic. This learning experience culminates with a 20 minute public oral presentation that is graded for style and content according to the standards of classical rhetoric.

**The Grand Tour:** At the end of their junior year, students travel to study firsthand the historical and cultural sites of Athens, Delphi, Corinth, Olympia, Florence, and Rome. This trip constitutes a transformative capstone experience for students that draws upon all of their core studies.

**Logic and Rhetoric:** As a classical school that teaches the trivium, all students are required to complete courses in logic and rhetoric. These classes focus on the skills of reasoning well and expressing oneself winsomely.

**Humanities:** All students are required to complete four years of history and English that are structured sequentially. Freshmen study the ancient epoch, sophomores study the medieval era, juniors study the early modern period, and seniors study modern history. Students receive a strong foundation in the humanities through these courses that emphasize developments in economics, government, philosophy, and theology in addition to literature and history.

**Sciences:** All diploma plans require four years of science classes that involve hands-on laboratory work as an integral part of learning. Freshmen study biology I (general biology), sophomores study chemistry, juniors study biology II (human biology), and seniors study physics.

**Fine Arts:** Students create, practice, and perform in a minimum of 1.5 credits of fine arts (in addition to rhetoric). Currently, fine arts are offered in art, theatre, and journalism (photography).

**Mathematics:** Four years of mathematics are required for all diploma-seeking students, including algebra I, geometry, algebra II, and at least one more course of their choosing from college algebra or precalculus. One additional GPA point is weighted for advanced math courses, precalculus and calculus.

**Latin:** Students are required to complete a year of study in Latin as a foundation for studying linguistics. Students may continue to study two more years of Latin or two years of Spanish to satisfy KPA's three-credit foreign language requirement. One additional GPA point is weighted for completing a fourth year of study in Latin or Spanish.

**Discipleship:** The discipleship curriculum revolves around equipping students in two ways: to understand worldviews and to practice leadership. The study of worldviews examines both the biblical worldview and alternative worldviews. In their senior year, students participate in a capstone discipleship practicum on leadership.

## Standard Diploma (pre 2021)

English	4 credits
History	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science (lab courses)	4 credits
Logic	0.5 credits
Rhetoric	0.5 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
✦ 1 credit must be Latin I	
Fine Arts	1.5 credits
Electives	1.5 credits
Discipleship	2 credits
Technology	0.5 credits
<u>Economics</u>	0.5 credits
<i>Total</i>	26 credits

## Distinguished Diploma (pre 2021)

In addition to meeting all the standard diploma requirements, students are required to complete four years of a foreign language and two advanced academic measures. All distinguished diploma graduates present and defend a thesis that is evaluated by both the cogency of its content and the student's eloquence in delivery.

One advanced academic measure is earned for completing a year-long advanced course (precalculus, calculus, Latin IV, or Spanish IV) or for meeting the school's standards in an academic competition (National History Day, Science Fair, or Poetry Portfolio).

One additional grade point is added to a student's GPA for completing each advanced academic measure.

## Standard Diploma (2021 and beyond)

English	4 credits
History	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science (lab courses)	4 credits
Logic	1 credit
Rhetoric (including Senior thesis)	1 credit
Foreign Language	3 credits
✦ 1 credit must be Latin I	
Fine Arts	1.5 credits
Electives	1.5 credits
<u>Discipleship</u>	2 credits
<i>Total</i>	26 credits

## Distinguished Diploma (2021 and beyond)

In addition to meeting all the standard diploma requirements, students are required to complete four years of a foreign language and three advanced academic measures.

One advanced academic measure is earned for completing a year-long advanced course (precalculus, calculus, Latin IV, or Spanish IV).

Half of an advanced academic measure is earned for completing a semester-long advanced course (philosophy, theology, apologetics, ethics) or for meeting the school's standards in an academic competition (National History Day, Science Fair, or Poetry Portfolio).

One additional grade point is added to a student's GPA for completing each advanced academic measure.

## Grade Point Averages

Letter	Number	GPA
A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	75-79	2.0
D	70-74	1.0
F	0-69	0.0

KPA only ranks the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for each graduating class. In order to be eligible for these honors, students must earn a Distinguished Diploma at KPA.

Student GPAs are reported as unweighted. However, students who complete courses associated with an advanced academic measure may receive one additional grade point for their advanced work.

## Valedictorian and Salutatorian

## National Honor Society

In recognition of outstanding leadership, service, character, and scholarship, qualifying students are offered the opportunity to join KPA's chapter of the National Honor Society. Requirements for membership include demonstrating leadership, ten additional hours of community service, and maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA.

## National Merit

Since 2009, 5 of KPA's students have been recognized as **National Merit Commended Scholars**.

### SAT Profile

	Composite	EBRW	Math	Number Tested
Class of 2019	1267	662	604	9
Classes of 2017-2018	1198	623	575	8

## College Matriculation Since 2009

Some of the schools to which KPA's 47 graduates have attended include:

Abilene Christian University	Midwestern State University
Baylor University	Southern Nazarene University
Colorado State University	Texas State University
Hardin-Simmons University	Texas Tech University
The King's College, New York	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Lubbock Christian University	

### ACT Profile

	Composite	Number Tested
Class of 2019	27.2	5
Classes of 2013-2018	23.9	13