

ARCADIA ★ ★ ★ ★ CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL EDUCATION

FAITH. CHARACTER. HEART. SERVICE.

TIMELINE FOR FULL CLASSICAL APPROACH

GOAL: To have a fully implemented classical approach to Christian education by the 2025–2026 school year

YEAR ONE (2022-2023)

Spring 2022: January-May: Curriculum Committee research ACCS for recommendation

Fall 2022:

Seek Board Approval for Accreditation of Classical Christian Schools membership

Attend ACCS Admin Summit

During the course of the first and second semester the board and faculty will be introduced to classical approach to education by watching "The MisEducation of America" with ACCS President David Goodwin, and numerous articles from ACCS, Professional Days will include guest speakers from other Classical schools and visitation to a classical school.

During the course of the second-semester parents will be introduced to the classical approach to education through numerous articles from ACCS, guest speakers, and invitations to parents to visit a classical school. Parent meetings will be devoted to explaining the classical approach. Copies of books for recommended reading will be made available to parents for purchase.

December - January: Letters of intent will be sent out to faculty with emphasis on Classical Education Transition

Teacher contracts for the 2023-2024 school year will reflect adherence to teaching a classical education in the context of the school's present philosophy.

Form Student Leadership and introduce of House System to Student Leadership

- Student Leadership will pick House names based on Classical Christian scientist, thinkers and philosophers who were world changers and history makers of their time.
- Student Leadership will research their House Names; create their House crest; create the House Motto
- Student Leadership will visit a school with the House System in place

Seek Part-time ACHS College Counselor

Spring 2023:

Soft Introduction of ACS House System to the student body

Seek ACCS Transitional Membership

January - May: K-5th Faculty will review the Grammar Stage with a current curriculum that may be in line with Classical Christian Education.

YEAR TWO (2023-2024)

Full implementation of the ACS House System within the student body.

ACS Core Leadership Team attends ACCS Admin Summit

"Introduction to Classical Education" course by Classical U to be completed by ACS teachers by December 2023; become new faculty training tool.

Soft Classical implementation introductions..

ACS Grammar Stage (K-5th):

In Grammar School, phonics is the key tool in teaching students to read. Students are encouraged to read phonetically at the very beginning of their education in the kindergarten classroom. It will be the goal to begin to introduce high-quality children's literature through the Literature program beginning in first grade. This soft classical implementation will include a teacher's observation of students' reading abilities to ensure a reasonable level of proficiency, adequate comprehension, and fluency in oral and silent reading.

ACS Logic (6th-8th):

Classical ELA Reading List Update; Logic implementation into classes, training our students to be a person in good reasoning so they properly understand questions and make good arguments; the study of logic is built on formal logic which allows a person to follow the logic of an argument. In the Socratic method, also known

ACS Logic (6th-8th) continued:

by the Greek word “elenchus,” students discuss a question under the guidance of a teacher in order to come to a factual and faithful conclusion. In a Socratic discussion, students must argue their points well, think through the logical implication of every proposition, and precisely understand each word’s definition. It teaches students to critique others’ arguments respectfully, and gracefully accept the critique of others.

ACS Rhetoric (9th-11th):

Seek a 9th-11th Bible Teacher; Introduction of Apologetics I and incorporating the Socratic discussion in studying the Bible and other world religions; Develop “Senior Thesis Assignment”; 11th Pre-Thesis Prep; Introduction of Latin to 9th -10th grade

YEAR THREE (2024-2025)

ACS Grammar Stage (K-5th): Introduction into Latin; teachers will take the classes with their students so they can hold the students accountable to use their Latin roots, etc., in their study of vocabulary, spelling, etc.

ACS Logic (6th-8th): Introduction to Latin

ACS Rhetoric (9th-12th): Implementation of Senior Thesis; Introduction of Apologetics II and incorporating the Socratic discussion in studying the Bible and other worldviews; ACS Rhetoric Stage Course Schedule set in place

ACS team of reps to attend ACCS yearly Conference in TX.

YEAR FOUR (2025-2026)

ACS Grammar Stage (K-5th): Review the ACS Grammar Stage and finalize Classical implementations.

ACS Logic (6th-8th): Review the ACS Logic Stage and finalize Classical implementations.

ACS Rhetoric (9th-12th): Review the ACS Rhetoric Stage and finalize Classical implementations.

Seek full membership into Association of Classical Christian Schools