

# Highlands Latin School

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is HLS affiliated with a local church or denomination.  
No, HLS is a non-denominational, Christian, private school
2. Does HLS have a Statement of Faith?  
Yes, It is the Apostles' Creed, the most ancient and widely accepted expression of the essential beliefs of the Christian faith. Highlands Latin teaches and upholds traditional Christian morality, and the Holy Scriptures as the divinely inspired word of God.
3. Does HLS have chapel?  
No, HLS teaches Christian Studies as a core subject with the same grading rubric as our other core courses. We begin and end each day with our school prayers.
4. What are the School Prayers?

*At Highlands Latin, students start their day with this prayer:*

**Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;  
teach me to serve You as You deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward  
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.  
Through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.**

*And end their day with this prayer:*

**We give You thanks, merciful God, for the  
instruction and direction which we have  
received. Grant us Your grace, that we may  
remember this lesson and carry it into action,  
for Your glory and our eternal salvation.  
In the name of the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

5. Will HLS offer High School?

Yes, we will continue to add a grade each year until we are a K-12 school

6. Is HLS accredited?

We are seeking accreditation from the Classical Latin School Association.  
(ClassicalLatin.org)

This process takes approximately two years.

7. What are your class sizes?

Our class sizes are intentionally kept small. Our maximum class size is 15.

8. What if my student is on the waitlist?

HLS office will keep you apprised of the waitlist developments. You can also contact the school office for an update by emailing [office@highlandslatindsm.org](mailto:office@highlandslatindsm.org).

9. Does HLS only teach Latin?

No, we are a full-curriculum school teaching math, science, Christian studies, classical studies, Literature, English grammar, composition, art, music/choir, physical education, American/Modern history, Latin, and Greek.

10. Why does HLS focus on Latin?

Latin forms the brain unlike any other subject can. Latin forms the minds of the students by impressing on them its own qualities. Those qualities are structure, order and logic; in which Latin is an unexcelled model.

Latin teaches students how to focus, analyze and think systematically.

It teaches the importance of accuracy and attention to detail.

Latin teaches students how to learn. This skill carries over into all of their subjects.

In terms of usefulness and practicality.

There is no subject your child can study that intersects with every other subject more than Latin.

More than half of English words come from Latin. Not just any half but the big half.

Latin and Greek provide the root words for the specialized vocabularies of all the modern sciences from astronomy to zoology.

Latin alone is the language of law and is the mother of Spanish, French and Italian.

It is the best preparation for the study of any foreign language because it provides the most regular, consistent model of grammar. Which is how all languages work.

For future careers in languages, literature, law, business, and the sciences there is nothing we can teach your children that will help them more than Latin and Greek.

11. What is Classical Education?

Let me begin by defining “classical”: (adj)

Timeless, eternal, characterized by form, structure, discipline, and beauty.

Classical education is a liberal arts education that emphasizes the study of language, literature, logic, science, and mathematics; an education that emphasizes understanding the past in order to be prepared for the future. Therefore, classical education is a teacher forming a child into someone skilled in the liberal arts and steeped in the Great Books in order to instill wisdom and virtue – to the glory of God.

12. Does HLS have a dress code?

Yes, HLS has a uniform and dress code. The uniform can be found at [www.highlandsuniforms.com](http://www.highlandsuniforms.com).

13. Does HLS have sports?

We plan to offer sports for the 2022-23 school year, based on student interest in the following: archery, volleyball, and basketball.