

The Academy's Rhetoric Pedagogy

FORMATION VS. INFORMATION: A DEFINING FRAMEWORK FOR OUR RHETORIC CURRICULUM

Our goal at The Academy is to form whole students who understand how to discern, love, and seek the True, the Good, and the Beautiful in God's good world. We aim to graduate students who are faithfully grounded in God's truth and capable of living out a Christ-centered motivation for life, all the while loving God and their neighbor. Our pedagogical philosophy is one of human formation rather than mere information transfer. We do not aim to simply offer our students essential information about academic subjects; rather, we aim to walk alongside our students, offering mentor-based relationships in which we learn together how to embody beautiful academic truths. Our academic platform shapes students' affections in hopes of forming graduates who...

- Humbly recognize their place in Christ's story
- Expectantly pursue and cherish all that is True, Good, and Beautiful
- Graciously love their neighbor, especially the most broken and marginalized
- Joyfully cultivate and embody a cruciform vision of all of life

Thus, we have crafted a 4-year high school curriculum, having been incredibly methodical about the scaffolding and developmental goals within it. While our high school curriculum meets all the Oklahoma State Department of Education standards and provides students with an honors level education, we are just as focused on the kind of people our students become, seeing this moral formation as a vital piece of the curriculum. Therefore, we do not view the courses completed by our students merely as a checklist meant to meet state academic standards. Instead, we view their 4 years in the Rhetoric School as the culmination of this process of holistic development. Accordingly, we require students to participate in all aspects of our high school curriculum. Remaining in all the courses outlined in our scope and sequence offers students the best opportunity to meet our formational goals. Each course works in concert with the whole to bring students into contact with the true, beautiful, and good God, participating in his great work of making all things new through his Kingdom.