

CLASSICAL SCHOOL

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Latin Motto:
Finis, Origine, Pendet
(The End Depends Upon the Beginning)

QUICK FACTS:

- Classical School strives to develop graduates who are critical thinkers, coherent writers, confident speakers, thoughtful leaders, and virtuous citizens.
- The school day is structured around teacher-led instruction during which every educational minute matters.
- Classical School is part of the Appleton Area School District; no tuition is charged.
- Applications for the lottery are available at the Classical School office or on the school's website. Applications received after the third Friday in February are not included in the lottery for the following school year and are processed in the order in which they are received.

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Classical School is an official *Core Knowledge*® school that provides an engaging and academically rigorous curriculum. (*Core Knowledge*® should not be confused with the Common Core Standards). The school promotes knowledge-centered education and the values of a democratic society. For the sake of academic excellence, greater fairness, and higher literacy, *Core Knowledge*® provides a solid, specific, shared core curriculum to help children establish a strong academic foundation.

Students at Classical School are skill grouped for math and reading. Reading instruction begins in kindergarten using the SRA Direct Instruction programs. Once students learn to read, instruction focuses on the further development of fluency skills through literary analysis, vocabulary development, and the introduction of more complex syntax in unabridged, classic literature. Grammar and writing are emphasized in all grades and content areas. Math instruction is delivered through the Saxon Math program, which emphasizes mastery of skills. Most students at Classical complete algebra or geometry by the end of the eighth grade.

Students at Classical School also receive a solid common knowledge base of American and world history, geography, science, and the fine arts – including a solid base in art history and music history. Spanish language instruction is provided daily beginning in kindergarten. The study of Greek and Latin root words and phrases begins in fourth grade. Seventh and eighth graders are given instruction in the fallacies of logic. Students in grades K – 8 participate in physical education, art, and music classes each week. Orchestra is available for students in grades 4 – 8, band for students in grades 5 – 8, and chorus for students in grades 7 and 8.

Classical School began in the fall of 1999. We currently enroll approximately 490 students in grades kindergarten through eight.

The Appleton Area School District does not discriminate against students on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or physical, cognitive, emotional or learning disability in its education programs or activities.

	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Reading/ Language Arts/ English	Nursery rhymes, children's poems, folk tales, Aesop's Fables, sayings and phrases, Direct instruction Reading	Children's poems, more folk tales, Aesop's Fables, Frog Prince, Rapunzel, Pied Piper, Comparing similar stories from different lands, etc. Direct Instruction Reading	Poems, A Christmas Carol, Peter Pan, Iktomi stories, tales from China and Japan, mythology of ancient Greece, American tall tales, sayings, & more Direct Instruction Reading	Ogden Nash, Lewis Carroll, Langston Hughes, Aladdin, Alice in Wonderland, Ali Baba, William Tell, Norse Mythology, Greek and Roman Myths, Direct Instruction Reading	Legends of King Arthur, Robinson Crusoe, Treasure Island, Gulliver's Travels, famous speeches, Poems of: Silverstein, Emerson, Millay, Nash, Sandburg, Lear	Tom Sawyer, Little Women, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Secret Garden, Gettysburg Address, Frederick Douglass, Poems of: Dickinson, Longfellow, Whittier, Whitman, Frost, Blake	The Iliad & the Odyssey, The Prince and the Pauper, Julius Caesar, Classical Mythology, Poems of: Dickinson, Frost, Wordsworth, Longfellow	Call of the Wild, Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, Cyrano de Bergerac, Gift of the Magi, Diary of Anne Frank, The Merchant of Venice	Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Animal Farm, The Good Earth, Short stories: Chekov, Hawthorne, Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Crane, poetry, essays, speeches
Math	Patterns; counting to 31; counting by 1,2,5,10; money; addition facts to 10; measurement; shapes	Classification; count to 100; dozens; fractions; money; measurement; add, subtract to 12; story problems; shapes and orientation	Numbers to 1000; graphs; number line; fractions; money; addition w/regrouping; perimeter; intro to multiplication	Fractions to 1/10; decimals; square roots; Roman numerals; multiplication and division; weight; time; volume; temp; graphs	Grids, planes, mixed numbers, lowest form, decimals, making change, angles, radius, diameter, division, multiplication	Sets, prime numbers, common factors, ration, fractions: add, subtract, decimals: + - x /, probability & statistics, algebra (variables)	Fractions; decimals; exponents; integers; geometric concepts; the Pythagorean theorem	Saxon Math – Pre-Algebra or Saxon Algebra 1	Saxon Algebra 1 or Geometry
Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Other	Beginning punctuation; beginning capitalization; writing short stories; handwriting	Spelling Mastery, Shurley Grammar; handwriting	Spelling Mastery, Shurley Grammar, handwriting	Spelling Mastery, Shurley Grammar, handwriting, report writing, descriptive writing, etc.	Spelling Mastery, Shurley Grammar Report writing, note taking, paragraph writing, organization and formats	Spelling Mastery, Shurley Grammar, Report writing, research techniques.	Spelling Mastery, Shurley Grammar, writing & research, expressive writing, persuasive essay, speaking & listening	Spelling, essays, expository writing, research papers, Shurley Grammar, vocabulary	Spelling, essays, research papers, Shurley Grammar, vocabulary, speaking and listening
History	Early explorers, Columbus, pilgrims, Independence Day, selected presidents, Native American tribe	Early civilizations (Egypt, Africa, Mesopotamia), Mayas, Incas, Aztecs, Colonies to American Revolution, Louisiana Purchase	History of Asian religions, China, India, Japan, ancient Greece, American Constitution, War of 1812, westward expansion, Civil War, immigration, civil rights	Roman Empire, Byzantine Empire, Native Americans, Early exploration of North America, the thirteen colonies	Middle Ages, Islam, early African kingdoms, Medieval China, French & Indian War, American Revolution, Declaration, Constitution, Early presidents	Mesoamerican exploration, Renaissance, Reformation, England, Russia, Feudal Japan, U.S. expansion, Civil War, Reconstruction, Native Americans	Ancient Greece & Rome, Enlightenment 17 th c. French Revolution, Romanticism, Industrial Revolution, Immigration, Reform, Latin America	Russian Revolution, U.S. as a world power, WWI, Twenties, Depression, New Deal, Totalitarianism, WWII in Europe, US, WWII in the Pacific	Break up of British Empire, China, Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, Civil rights movement, Middle East, USSR, Apartheid, Bill of Rights, Constitution
Geography	Oceans, continents, poles, maps and globes, locate WI, AK, and HI	Mexico, Appalachians, Rockies, Mississippi, Africa, Mesopotamia, peninsula, harbor, bay	North & South America, Asia, Ancient Greece, geographical features and terms	Important rivers of the world, Canada, Mediterranean region, early America	Africa, Western Europe, major mountain ranges	Important Lakes, Europe, Russia, Japan, geography of trade	Great Deserts, Middle East, Latin America	Western and Central Europe, Russia, U.S. physical map, important cities	Middle East Canada Mexico
Science	Plant parts, farming, health, five senses, magnetism, seasons, care of the earth, science biographies	Living things and their environments, human body, matter, electricity, solar system, the earth, science biographies	Seasonal cycles, life cycles, weather, insects, cells, digestive system, healthy diet, magnetism, tools & simple machines, science biographies	Classification of animals, muscular, skeletal, and nervous systems, the eye and ear, optics, sound, ecology, astronomy, science biographies	Circulatory system, respiratory system, chemistry: atoms, elements, solutions. Electricity, geology, weather, science biographies	Classification, cells, photosynthesis, periodic table; plant, animal and human reproduction, lifecycles and endocrine system, chemistry: matter and change, science bios	Astronomy: gravity, stars, & galaxies; energy, heat, energy transfer, lymphatic and immune systems, science biographies	Atomic structure, Chemical bonds and reactions, cell division and genetics, history of earth and life forms, evolution, science biographies	Physics, electricity and magnetism, electromagnetic radiation and light, sound waves, chemistry of food and respiration, science biographies
World Languages	Spanish – daily	Spanish – daily	Spanish – daily	Spanish – daily	Spanish – daily Greek/Latin roots	Spanish – daily Greek/Latin roots	Spanish – daily Greek/Latin roots	Spanish – daily Greek/Latin roots	Spanish – daily Greek/Latin roots
Visual Arts/ Art History	Elements of art, sculpture, discussing works by artists such as Cassatt, Bruegel, Rivera	Art from long ago, elements of art, portrait and still life, da Vinci, van Gogh, Goya	Elements of art, sculpture, landscapes, abstract art, architecture	Elements of art, American Indian art, art of ancient Rome and Byzantine civilization	Art of Middle Ages, Islamic art and architecture, Art of Africa, Art of China, Art of the new nation: U.S.	Renaissance art; 19 th c. American art; art of Japan	Art history: Classical	Art history: Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassical, Romantic, Realism, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism	Art history: Expressionism, Abstraction, Modern, painting since WWII, photography, 20 th c. sculpture, architecture since Industrial Rev.
Phy Ed	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week	Phy Ed – twice/week
Music Theory and Music History	Elements of music; listening and understanding; songs	Elements of music, composers, study of orchestras, opera, ballet, jazz	Elements of music, study of orchestras, keyboards, composers	Elements of music; listening and understanding orchestra & composers	Elements of music, listening and understanding orchestra, vocal ranges, composers, optional: Orchestra	Elements of music, listening and understanding composers, connections, American musical traditions (spirituals) optional: Orchestra, Band	Elements of music, Classical music from Baroque to Romantic (Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Schumann), optional: Orchestra, Band	Chorus, Band, or Orchestra Music history and appreciation	Chorus, Band, or Orchestra Music history and appreciation