



# GENEVA SCHOOL *of* BOERNE

## 2024 | 2025 Curriculum Guide

*Geneva School of Boerne exists to provide a classical education from a biblical worldview, to equip students for a lifetime of learning, service and leadership to the glory of Jesus Christ.*

### A DIFFERENT SCHOOL FOR A DIFFERENT LIFE

By the time he or she graduates from high school, your child will have spent over 15,000 formative hours in school. Where your child will spend those hours is one of the most important decisions you will make. At Geneva, we partner with parents who want those hours to be used to shape their children into future adults who love Christ, love others and love learning.

#### CHRISTIAN

We desire to glorify God in everything. We study the Bible but we do not limit our study of God to Bible class. We teach every subject in every grade from a biblical worldview. We know that all truth is God's truth, every person is created in His image and no one finds lasting fulfillment apart from Christ. No part of our lives, at school or off campus, is separate from Him. Our goal is to shape our students into wise, just and courageous followers of Christ who value and pursue things with eternal value.

#### CLASSICAL

Our culture is rooted in the history, philosophy and literature of Western Civilization. Understanding the modern world requires perspective on its roots and formation. As they orient their lives, students at Geneva engage the great works of Western Civilization and their timeless conversation about the meaning and purpose of human life.

Our world is changing too rapidly for any school to anticipate which specific expertise will be needed and valued 15 or more years from now. A Geneva education focuses instead on depth in the core skills that make a student a disciplined thinker and a confident lifelong learner. Geneva students spend their academic careers mastering reading, writing, speaking, listening, understanding, thinking and creating.

#### PARTNERSHIP

Education is truly fruitful when the school and the parents work together toward shared goals and commitments. We hope and pray you find a school that reflects your priorities as parents. If your dream for your child is that he or she will become an adult who lives a fulfilling life of deep love for God, neighbor and learning, we believe you will not find a better partner than Geneva.



### ADMISSIONS LEADERSHIP TEAM



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## GENEVA SCHOOL OF BOERNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### OVERVIEW

Every element of every grade at Geneva is designed to build toward the end goal captured in our Portrait of a Graduate. We call the early grades of K-Prep through fifth the Grammar School because much like grammar is the foundational structure of our language, the Grammar School is the foundation of a classical education.

Geneva's Grammar School focuses on depth of understanding in core areas: phonics, basic math facts, problem-solving, fundamental writing skills, increasing reading mastery and hands-on science exploration which all capitalize on the natural curiosity of elementary aged children. Latin, the foundational language for the grammar and vocabulary of all Romance languages is introduced beginning in third grade. Reading well and developing the habit of an active reading life are major goals.

God's truth, beauty and goodness are interwoven throughout every aspect. Grammar students are trained in the 10 Grammar School "Culture Points" which challenge students to behave in ways that demonstrate love for God and others.



### THE ARTS AT GENEVA

Beauty and song are fundamental to God's creation and to being human. Student appreciation of the arts is encouraged starting in our earliest grades with classroom music and art. There is also an emphasis on singing in everything from daily routines to community-wide worship. As students advance to the upper grades, they choose an art elective and have opportunities to join competitive programs and perform both on and off campus.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL CORE CURRICULUM

GRADE	BIBLE	LANGUAGE ARTS	HISTORY	MATH	SCIENCE	LATIN
K-Prep	OT/NT Overview	Phonemic Awareness, Pre-Reading Skills, Number Sense, Birds and Wonder Garden				N/A
K	NT Overview	Phonics, Writing, Literature	Local History	Math in Focus	Hybernation, Insects, Ocean Life	N/A
1	OT Overview	Phonics, Grammar, Writing, Literature	United States	Math in Focus	Solar System, Land Forms	N/A
2	Genesis-Joshua	Phonics, Grammar, Writing, Literature	Ancient Egypt	Math in Focus	Sound and Light, Simple Machines	N/A
3	Judges-Kings	Literature, Grammar, Writing	Ancient Greece and Rome	Math in Focus	Ecosystems, Life Cycles	Beginner (twice weekly)
4	Chronicles-Malachi	Literature, Grammar, Writing	Middle Ages	Math in Focus	Plant Structures, Earth's Surface	Intermediate (4 times weekly)
5	The Gospels	Literature, Grammar, Writing	Early Modern Times and Texas History	Math in Focus	Botany, Flight and Rocketry	Cambridge (4 times weekly)

In addition to the Core Curriculum in Grammar School, students are given many opportunities to learn and grow in these various ways:

**P.E.:** Each grade level visits twice a week.

**Motor Lab:** K-Prep through second grade visit the Motor Lab regularly to increase their fine and gross motor skills.

**Art:** Each grade level attends once a week.

**Music:** Each grade level attends twice a week.

**Library:** Each grade level visits weekly.

**Docents:** Each grade learns about the great artists and composers of Western Civilization from parent volunteers.

**Field Trips:** All grades learn outside the classroom by taking field trips. In fourth grade, students experience an overnight trip to Sea World and 5th graders travel to NASA.



# GENEVA SCHOOL OF BOERNE LOGIC SCHOOL

## OVERVIEW

During the middle school years, students begin to develop the ability to think more abstractly and, not coincidentally, begin to ask deeper questions and wrestle or argue with the answers. We call these grades our Logic School because they are the appropriate developmental stage in which to introduce habits of disciplined thought which equip our students to think well about anything. In these grades, we add the core skills of informal and formal logic.

While it may appear that students in this age group read fluently, in reality, they are only part way through the transition from acquiring new information by hearing to doing so by reading. This, combined with their developing abilities of abstract thinking, make this a key time to introduce original sources for analysis in history, Bible and language arts classes. In their continued study of Latin, Logic students learn the grammar and logical structure of the language and then transfer that knowledge into a deeper understanding of their own.

Logic School continues a culture rooted in the Bible which is seen in daily devotion time. Our goal is to deepen the good habits built in Grammar School and help students transition them into the adult skills they will need in Rhetoric School and beyond.



## ATHLETICS AT GENEVA

God created us to be spirits, minds and bodies. Scripture is clear that the discipline of the body is critical to the development of a mature Christian. The goal of Geneva's athletics is to teach the same virtues on the playing field that are emphasized in the classrooms: courage, self-control, wisdom, justice, faith, hope and love. Grammar School students begin to understand movement with P.E. Logic School students may begin competitive sports starting in seventh grade. Rhetoric School students compete in cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, swimming, baseball, softball, golf, tennis and track and field.

LOGIC SCHOOL CORE CURRICULUM							
GRADE	BIBLE	HISTORY	MATH	SCIENCE	LATIN & GRAMMAR	LOGIC	FINE ARTS / PE
6	The Biblical World	Ancient History: Mesopotamia to Roman Empire Geography	Reveal Math	Earth Science	Intro to Latin	Intro to Logic	Fine Art Electives include: Band, Art, Strings, Guitar, & Voice  All Logic students take P.E. and can join LS sports beginning in grade 7
7	God and Our World	Medieval History to the Reformation	Pre-Algebra	Life Science	Latin 1A*	Informal Logic	
8	Church and Our World	Government, Civics and U.S. History	Algebra I*	IPC Integrated Physics and Chemistry	Latin 1B*	Formal Logic	

\*These courses are credited as Geneva Rhetoric School graduation requirements.





## GENEVA SCHOOL OF BOERNE RHETORIC SCHOOL

### OVERVIEW

From the beginning in K-Prep, Geneva’s liberal arts curriculum is designed to cultivate virtuous students who can speak and write with eloquence in any discipline. In the high school, students begin to master these skills which is why we call our high school the Rhetoric School. While Geneva offers a robust and challenging range of advanced math and science courses, we continue to prioritize depth in the core skills that will equip our graduates to be quick learners and effective communicators in all subjects.

We know that the pace and divisiveness of our modern world will require any adult to learn technologies we have not yet invented and communicate effectively in arenas we have not yet imagined. The Geneva Humanities Program, composed of history and literature courses which focus on student discussions, forms the cornerstone of a Rhetoric student’s education. In these and in all Rhetoric classes, students explore the nature and condition of man and the definition of a good life.

Every student is required to prepare and present a Senior Thesis: a year-long project on a debatable topic of the student’s choosing which is researched, written, presented orally and defended in public. Geneva alumni regularly report that they find themselves exceptionally well-prepared for college studies in all areas, and they go on to successfully pursue degrees and careers in fields ranging from engineering, research science, IT, architecture, medicine and business to humanities, law and the arts.



### PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

A Geneva graduate is a disciple of Jesus Christ, exhibiting excellence, passion, and integrity as he leads for Christ’s cause in the world. He is a critical, logical thinker, able to discern absolute truth from cultural trends and philosophies. As one who loves the Lord with all his mind, the Geneva graduate will be a lover of learning, and have the ability to grasp new ideas throughout his lifetime in pursuit of truth. These qualities, clothed in humility, create a foundation that will enable him to present engagingly articulate and persuasively winsome arguments. A Geneva graduate honors God’s image within himself and thus, is interested in all people because of God’s interest and image in them. The classical education and biblical worldview gained at Geneva will equip the graduate to exhibit vocational excellence to the glory of God.

### RHETORIC SCHOOL CORE CURRICULUM

GRADE	HUMANITIES	MATH	SCIENCE	LIBERAL ARTS	THEOLOGY
9	Ancient and Classical	Geometry	Biology	Composition incorporated into Humanities	Bible Interpretation
10	Medieval to Early Renaissance	Algebra II	Chemistry	Composition incorporated into Humanities	Pauline Ethics
11	Renaissance to Early Modern	Pre-Calculus	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, Anatomy & Physiology (I and II) or Physics	Worldview (S1) and Classical Rhetoric (S2)	World Religions and Christian Theology
12	Modern United States	AP Statistics and/or AP Calculus	AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, Anatomy & Physiology I and II or Physics	Senior Thesis	Apologetics

In addition to the Core Curriculum, students must earn credits in a foreign language, fine arts, athletics and electives. Students can focus on either Latin or Spanish for their language credits. Fine arts offerings include Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Vocal Music and Art. Athletes compete in cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, swimming, baseball, softball, golf, tennis and track and field. Electives are offered

in a range of areas: product-based (Magazine and Yearbook); competition-based (Debate, Speech, Jazz Band); academics (Computer Science, Lewis and Tolkien, Worldview Forum, Experiencing Christian Traditions, Introduction to Philosophy, etc.). Geneva also offers 12 AP courses and several dual credit courses through Colorado Christian University and the University of Texas at San Antonio.