Regina Coeli Academy
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Profile 2024-2025

MISSION

Founded in Faith, inspired by Hope, and Lived in Love, Regina Coeli Academy challenges students and their families in a communal and academic setting to be joyful saints through Catholic Faith Formation, Classical Wisdom, and Virtue in Action.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Regina Coeli Academy is an independent classical Catholic grade school in Abington, PA. Our school offers a Montessori Children's House for children ages 3-6 and a Classical Curriculum for grades 1-8. Our administration, faculty, and staff work in partnership with families to provide an environment that fosters academic excellence and virtue that is reinforced through the study of classical literature, Latin, Greek, public speaking, and logic. Students learn the importance of beauty through the study of art and music. Our class sizes are small, with a maximum of 15 students per class.

In the classical liberal arts tradition, education only has value to the degree it enables the child to be who he is and be that well. The ultimate end of Classical Christian education is to enable the student to better know, love, and serve God and their fellow man.

ENROLLMENT

117, including 30 in Montessori Children's House. The student body is largely Roman Catholic, and from economically diverse homes. Students commute to Regina Coeli Academy from 15 school districts. School districts provide transportation to Regina Coeli Academy from within a 10-mile radius of the school.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students are admitted to Regina Coeli Academy based on their successful performance on an entrance assessment, results of a family interview, and commitment from the family to the principles and values of Catholic Education as outlined in our *Memorandum of Understanding* that families sign upon enrollment.

FACULTY

17 full-time
4 part-time

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Ann Post,, Interim Head of School
Mrs. Nicole Gibboni, Director of Institutional Advancement
Ms. Elizabeth McNulty, Director of Administration

THE CLASSICAL CURRICULUM

What distinguishes a Regina Academy classical education from education in a public or parish school?

- A curriculum that is ordered to the true, the good, and the beautiful. It provides confidence that we have the ability to know truth and communicate it to our peers.
- An integrated curriculum. For example, students studying medieval history also read literature from the same period appropriate to their grade level, study scholasticism in religion class, reflect on what they are learning in writing classes, and may even discuss the development of science during the same period. In art and music class, they will learn about medieval art and music and maybe even sing some Gregorian chant to reinforce what they are learning in their Latin class.
- A natural way to learning that follows the stages of childhood development.
- Opportunities to study subjects like Latin, Greek, and logic as a way of helping students learn how to think.
- The main difference in a Christian classical education, however, is purpose. In the Catholic liberal arts tradition, education only has value to the degree it enables the child to fulfill his or her calling and identity as a child of God.

Students leave Regina Coeli Academy after the 8th grade ready to grapple with the larger questions of life, to question developments in culture that are contrary to human reason and divine revelation, and to articulate the synthesis of what they have come to understand in their earlier years of learning.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

Regina Academy students consistently score in the 85th to 99th percentile on the ***Iowa Test of Basic Skills***, a nationally standardized test of academic achievement.

Regina Coeli Academy 7th and 8th grade students participated in the ***National Latin Exam*** in March 2023. In all, 17 of 24 students who tested received an award for their performance. One student received a perfect score.

Students are encouraged to participate in outside community opportunities and events. One student was awarded *Best in Show* by at the ***Philadelphia Horticultural Society's annual Flower Show***, and art students are consistent winners in the ***Missionary Childhood Association's*** annual Christmas Card Contest. In 2017, an 8th-grade student won 1st place in the ***Catholic Textbook Project's*** annual essay contest for her essay on Machiavelli's *The Prince and Atheistic Humanism.*

HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Martin Saints Classical Academy
La Salle College HS
Roman Catholic HS
Holy Ghost Prep
Gwynedd Mercy Academy
Notre Dame de Namur
Merion Mercy Academy
Mount St. Joseph's Academy
Villa Joseph Marie HS
St. Basil's Academy
Bishop McDevitt HS
Lansdale Catholic HS
Archbishop Wood HS
Archbishop Carroll HS
Abington HS