



## What is Classical Education?

Classical education follows the medieval model of grammar, logic, and rhetoric, corresponding with the developmental stages of childhood. These three phases of classical education are known as the *trivium*.

### ***Grammar: K — 5th Grade***

In this stage, students begin by learning the fundamental facts and rules of each subject. Teaching methods such as singing, memorizing, chanting and recitation are emphasized. Latin instruction begins in third grade. At the grammar stage a child's mind is a lot like a sponge, and memorization comes easily and enjoyably.

### ***Logic: 6th — 8th Grade***

In the junior high years, we emphasize connections and interrelations. Students are taught how to analyze reason, question, evaluate and critique. We study the why and how of each subject. The Logic stage makes students solid and strong by examining the ordered relationship of particulars within each subject. In the grammar stage pupils learn *what* a subject is and in the logic stage they learn *why* the subject is that way. In addition, students learn to think about all of life within the framework of a biblical worldview.

### ***Rhetoric: 9th — 12th Grade***

High school students are interested in presenting themselves well, so we take advantage of this stage by teaching them how to express their ideas. Debate, apologetics, speech, essay writing and drama are emphasized during this stage as means to equip students as effective communicators. Students are challenged and trained to implement a biblical worldview by engaging the culture for Christ.