

GreatHearts[®]
Lake Charles

*Prospective
Family Packet*

Private Caliber, Tuition-Free Education

TRUTH

Dear Prospective Families,

Welcome to Great Hearts Lake Charles. As we prepare to open our campus doors in August of 2027, it is our great joy to invite you to learn more about our community devoted to the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

Great Hearts Lake Charles will open serving students in grades K through 4, laying a strong foundation during the most formative years of a child's education. As a tuition-free public charter school, we are committed to making a rich, classical education accessible to all families—one that cultivates both the mind and the heart.

Our curriculum is intentionally designed to awaken wonder, inspire curiosity, and develop disciplined thinkers. Through the great books of Western Culture, meaningful discussions, and a structured approach to mathematics, science, and the arts, students encounter ideas that are the bedrock of human flourishing. Just as importantly, they grow in character, learning the habits of attention, perseverance, and courage that will guide them for a lifetime.

At Great Hearts Lake Charles, your child will be known, loved, and challenged. Our classrooms are places of joy and purpose, where teachers lead with both wisdom and care, and where students are encouraged to pursue excellence in all things.

We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you into our founding community.

Warm regards,

Dan Scoggin
Co-Founder
Great Hearts Academies



Embracing Classical Education

Great Hearts Lake Charles, a proud member of the Great Hearts Academies network, will stand as a shining example of classical education in Louisiana.

Our educational philosophy is anchored in the pursuit of Verum (Truth), Pulchrum (Beauty), and Bonum (Goodness). We believe in a knowable, orderly world longing to be discovered by the curious. Our curriculum, grounded in the Classics, is a testament to our commitment to these timeless ideals, fostering a relentless quest for objective truth, the appreciation of lasting beauty, and the cultivation of moral goodness.

In our classrooms, we bring to life the wisdom of Socrates, engaging in shared inquiry and honest dialogue. Our students receive a well-rounded education in Western music, drama, and visual art, encouraging them to think deeply, cherish noble things, and live harmoniously.

We aim not just to prepare students for college, but to shape their souls, hearts, and minds, following Plato's vision of education as a path to intellectual and moral virtue.



GOODES

Exploring the Richness of Classical Education

At Great Hearts Lake Charles, our academic program offers a rich and vibrant blend of time-tested classical education and thoughtful modern insight:

Literature and Humanities

Students encounter the great stories and ideas that have shaped our world—from ancient epics to enduring classics—cultivating attentive reading, thoughtful discussion, and a lifelong love of the humanities.

Mathematics and Science

Through a focus on reasoning, logic, and discovery, students come to see the inherent order and beauty of the natural world, developing strong problem-solving skills and intellectual confidence.

Languages

Beginning with Latin in the early grades, students build a strong foundation in language that sharpens thinking, deepens vocabulary, and prepares them for future linguistic study.

Arts and Music

Integral to the life of the school, our programs in visual art and music invite students to create, perform, and appreciate beauty—forming both skill and imagination.

At the heart of all we do is the formation of character. We intentionally cultivate virtues such as honesty, courage, perseverance, and humility, guiding students to grow not only in knowledge, but in wisdom—preparing them to lead lives of purpose and to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Great Hearts K-5 Curriculum Overview

Classes/Year	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
English	Phonics, Spelling, & Vocabulary					
English	Reading & Literature					
English	Grammar & Composition					
History	Core Knowledge History & Geography					
Math	Singapore Math					
Science	Core Knowledge Science					
Foreign Language	Latin					
Fine Arts	Art, Music Theory and Performance					
Athletics	Physical Education					

Great Hearts 6-12 Curriculum Overview

Classes / Year	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
English	Literature & Composition			Humane Letters: American Tradition	Humane Letters: Modern Europe	Humane Letters: Ancient Greece	Humane Letters: Rome to Modernity
History	American History	Medieval History / Louisiana History	Ancient History	Humane Letters: American Tradition	Humane Letters: Modern Europe	Humane Letters: Ancient Greece	Humane Letters: Rome to Modernity
Math	Fundamentals of Mathematics	Pre-Algebra A	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II / Trigonometry	Calculus I	Calculus II
Science	Physical Science	Life Science	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics I	Physics II
Foreign Language	Latin I	Latin II	Latin III	Latin IV / Mod. Lang. I	Latin V / Mod. Lang II	Greek I / Mod. Lang III	Greek II / Mod. Lang IV
Fine Arts	Music & Studio Art			Music & Poetry		Studio Art & Drama	
Athletics	Physical Education			Physical Education			
Other						Economics	Government

Great Hearts incorporates two daily intervention blocks for personalized reading and math sessions. In an intervention block, students receive small group or 1:1 instruction with educators focusing on a subject they are less proficient in.

An approach like this, which evaluates both strengths and weaknesses promptly and addresses areas of challenge efficiently, provides children with an opportunity to stay on track when facing challenges, rather than lagging further behind due to a lack of focus on what they need to succeed. This method proactively ensures that every student, regardless of current proficiency, receives tailored support. The goal is to allow educational gaps to be closed swiftly and offer children the opportunity to access the entire range of the classical arts.

BEAUTY

Fostering a Community of Excellence

At Great Hearts Lake Charles, community will be at the heart of everything we do. From the very beginning, we are building a close-knit community of students, teachers, and families united by a shared commitment to excellence and character.

Guided by the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, we create a school culture where every child is known, valued, and supported. We also believe education is strongest when families and schools work together, fostering a spirit of connection and shared purpose.

Through opportunities to serve and engage, students grow in responsibility, kindness, and a desire to contribute to a greater good beyond themselves.

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A great learning environment for our grands. So thankful for Great Hearts' focus to not only educate the mind but to nurture hearts to seek Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

- Becky M.

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VIRTUE



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Great Hearts has low teacher to student ratios, a focus on excellence and virtue, and multiple ‘special’ classes each day such as Latin, music, gym, and art. They focus on order, beauty, and truth! Don’t we all need that? I have been pleased with our experience here.

- Melissa B.

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Connect With Us

Great Hearts Lake Charles will offer a private school caliber education WITHOUT the cost of tuition. The curriculum includes Language Arts, Math, History, Science, French, Latin, Art, Music, and Physical Education, aimed at nurturing great-hearted, well-rounded scholars. The school's classical approach is rooted in the Western tradition, emphasizing historical events, literary characters, poetry, scientific facts, and mathematical proofs.



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