



Before applying

**Visit
Campus**

There are multiple ways to visit us on campus during the school year. Please register online to attend any of the following events:

- Small Group Campus Tour: Pre-K to 4th Grade (Mondays); 5th - 12th Grade (Wednesdays)
- *Prospective Parent Meetings: November through April
- Upper School Preview Night: November

**Read &
Pray**

We realize that applying to any school is not a decision to take lightly. Please prayerfully consider your family’s needs, as well as the educational goals you have, in order to determine if partnering with Austin Classical School can help your family meet those goals.

To better understand our Classical, Christ-centered, collaborative model, **required reading** for our applicants includes:

- *An Introduction to Classical Education*, by Christopher A. Perrin
- *Traditional vs. Progressive Education*, by Martin Cothran
- *Top 10 Reasons for Studying Latin*, by Cheryl Lowe
- *So Your Parents Are Thinking of Sending You to a Classical Christian School*, by Joshua Gibbs

Key Admissions Dates

Priority Decision	Regular Decision	Rolling Decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 15 - January 24 • All checklist items, including testing, Shadow Student day, and family interviews must be complete by February 27. • Decisions will be sent no later than March 6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 25 - April 11 • All checklist items, including testing, Shadow Student day, and family interviews must be complete by May 1. • Decisions will be sent no later than May 12. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 12 - May 23 • All checklist items, including testing, Shadow Student day, and family interviews must be completed within 2 weeks of application submission. • Decisions will be sent on a rolling basis.

Please note:

- Siblings of currently-enrolled students should apply during the Priority Decision timeframe. Siblings are not guaranteed admittance, but qualified siblings in good standing will receive priority consideration once all steps of the application process have been completed.
- Application decisions will include either an offer of acceptance, a notification of an applicant’s placement in our waiting pool, or a decision to decline the applicant a seat for the upcoming school year.
- If a grade level is full, qualified applicants will be placed in a wait pool. When a spot becomes available in that grade, all applicants in the wait pool will be reviewed for admission.

*Prospective Parent Meetings are required for families applying to Pre-K through 6th Grade.

Applying to Austin Classical School

Online Application & Checklist

Complete an online application for each student applying, and pay the application fee. Application fees are \$100 for Pre-K applicants and \$150 for all other applicants.

The application has several components:

- Parent forms and questionnaire
- Student report card
- School records
- Student birth certificate
- Applicant photo and family photo
- Standardized testing results

Applicants for 2nd grade and above:

- Writing sample - handwritten by student
- Teacher recommendation(s)
- Administrator recommendation

Applicants for 5th grade and above: student questionnaire

Admissions Testing

Admissions testing varies by grade level of the applicant:

- Pre-K applicants: no testing is required.
- Kindergarten applicants: participate in on-campus Kinder Readiness assessments in the spring.
- 1st grade and above: participate in on-campus ACS assessments including writing, grammar, and math.

Note: if your student has recent ISEE test scores, those can be uploaded to the online application.

Shadow Student Day

We require students applying to 5th grade and above to spend a day on campus as a Shadow Student. These dates vary and can be scheduled with our Admissions department.

Family Interview

The Family Interview takes place on campus and lasts between 45-60 minutes. Both parents, as well as all applying students are required to attend. Non-applying siblings are welcome to attend, but are not required.

Note: all application components, checklist items, and admissions testing is required to be completed before the Family Interview.

Admissions Decisions

Admissions Decisions are made by the ACS Admissions Committee, which holistically reviews all applicants during each admissions round. Decisions will be communicated in writing, and enrollment forms as well as the registration fee must be submitted no later than ten days after notice of acceptance. If extended an offer, your student's spot will be held for ten business days.

Preparing for School

The preparation process includes purchasing uniforms, as well as certain curriculum items depending on your grade level. Additional items to note:

- Families with incoming students in 5th grade and above are required to attend our Readiness Academy, July 23-25, 2025.
- All families are required to participate in our Co-Teacher Training during the week of August 5, 2025.

Note: Families that only have Pre-K students are only required to attend 1-2 sessions during that week.

Austin Classical School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. ACS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of admission or financial aid.