

→ LEGACY OF HOPE

GLORIA DEO ACADEMY
LAUNCHING OUR FUTURE



IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES



“Education is not a subject,
and does not deal in subjects.
It is instead a transfer of
a way of life.”

--G.K. Chesterton



Sharing the Story Behind

GDA



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

GDA educators carry out a calling in partnership with parents who want to “raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.” My own calling began as a pastor. When the time came for our first child to attend school,

I began teaching at a classical, Christian school and recognized significant opportunities for discipleship. Years of teaching and educational leadership grew my commitment to classical, Christian education. Gloria Deo Academy partners with families that share the same passion. Our parents desire a school with meaningful community, purposeful academics, and a thoughtful worldview. Now, GDA serves over one hundred families each year in a school where the spiritual development of students is paramount.

We are privileged to share the story and mission of Gloria Deo Academy. Holding to a deep commitment to our founding mission, we provide a biblical classical education to prepare students to become lifelong worshippers, lifelong learners, and lifelong servants. With a thriving campus community located in a growing area, GDA is uniquely positioned to impact our community and beyond.

Grace and Truth,

Joe Fesler
Head of School



THE SCHOOL'S MISSION



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Gloria Deo Academy exists to provide a biblical classical education, equipping the whole student--heart, mind, and strength--for the glory of God

TRANSFORMATION

rather than information

ENGAGEMENT

rather than idleness

FELLOWSHIP

rather than self-focus

GLORIA DEO ACADEMY

DISCTINCTIVES



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DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN

A GDA education is provided by believers who aim to ground students in the Gospel and a historic Christian worldview.



DISTINCTIVELY CLASSICAL

A GDA education has stood the test of time and is proven. Students are taught to think logically and communicate effectively, based on the traditional liberal arts of grammar, logic, and rhetoric.



DISTINCTIVELY COLLABORATIVE

A GDA education occurs through collaboration between parents and teachers to deliver a high-quality, engaging education.

OUR HISTORY

Education with a Purpose

GLORIA DEO ACADEMY LAUNCHED IN 2012 WITH 57 STUDENTS IN 2ND-9TH GRADES.

The following year, enrollment doubled, and we expanded to grades K-10th.

Since then, we have added athletics, a science lab, a music program, mission trips, and mentorship programs. We also began building a permanent facility on our land.

Today over 230 students from 100+ families attend in PreK3-12th grades.

We invite you to come alongside us on our journey as we launch a legacy of hope.





TODAY'S YOUTH NEED

A FOUNDATION OF TRUTH

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT EDUCATION AND PARENTS GO HAND IN HAND AND SHOULD NEVER BE SEPARATED. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR PARENTS TO KNOW WHAT IS BEING TAUGHT IN THE CLASSROOM.

Gloria Deo is here to serve parents by educating and discipling the next generation.



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HOPE

Gloria Deo has daily opportunities to speak life into the formation of our students by integrating a biblical understanding of our world into all instruction and discipleship, which grounds their identity in truth in order to provide meaning, redemption, and hope.

We educate students to:

- Think critically to discern cultural lies
- Defend their beliefs with eloquence
- Recognize their inherent purpose and value as image bearers of Christ
- Value humility in the context of discipleship
- Measure truth based on biblical standards

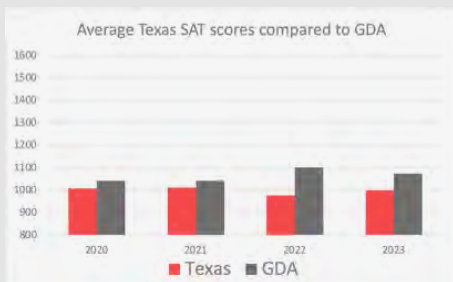


IDENTITY AND PURPOSE

ACADEMICS

Our students are doing extremely well academically, and we are very pleased to be in the top 25% of schools in the country with our SAT and PSAT scores.

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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE AND MATRICULATIONS

36 ALUMNI FROM 2016-2024

Abilene Christian University
 Baylor University
 Biola University, Torrey Honors
 Colorado Christian University
 Dallas Baptist University
 Gordon College
 Highlands College
 Hillsdale College
 The King's College
 Liberty University
 Oklahoma University

Patrick Henry College
 Regent University
 Tarleton State University
 Texas A&M--College Station
 Texas State
 Texas Tech
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
 University of Texas--Austin
 University of Texas--San Antonio
 Wheaton College





**Student to
Teacher Ratio**

16:1

Enrollment

PreK-6th	163
7th-8th	27
9th-12th	45



Tuition

PreK-6th	\$6,250
7th-8th	\$7,515
9th-12th	\$9,100

**Number of
Students**

235



**Average
Faculty
Salary**

\$35,302

**Average
Tuition**

\$6,895



Faculty/Staff

51

Administration

7

**Tuition
Assistance**

\$211,600



**GDA BY THE
NUMBERS**

ALUMNI AND PARENT REFLECTIONS

“The school's classical academic program conducted from a Christ-centered, biblical worldview is precisely the combination we hoped for. Our sons are thrilled to be students at GDA, and we are both impressed and thankful for this school.”

--Jamie, GDA Parent



“I graduated more prepared for college than many of my peers who had other high school experiences. My teachers not only taught me academics but also how to live in a Christ-like way. My GDA experience helped me become the person I am today.”

--Emily, Class of 2018

“GDA is a unique jewel in the San Antonio area. We looked far and wide for Christian schools and found GDA the best combination of Christ-centered classical education for developing the whole child.”

--Eric, GDA Parent

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LIFETIME OF VALUE

“We are so impressed with the school and educators who live and model what they impart to our grandsons! We have seen them learn so many life skills through their classical education. The curriculum flows beautifully with their home life, and we are amazed by what we witness in their character.”

--Jeanne, GDA Grandparent



VISION



We strive for a different goal in education. When our students leave GDA, we want them to be lifelong worshippers, lifelong learners, and lifelong servants. We exist to shape children into virtuous adults.

We are humbled and amazed by how God has blessed our school through our partnership with parents. Our hope is to better meet the needs of our growing student population and to increase the impact of our mission at GDA. Our long-term vision is to inspire awe and wonder in the hearts and minds of up to 360 students.



LAND

Nine acres adjacent to the campus

The addition of nine acres of land will provide opportunity for our campus to expand as we influence future generations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

GYM

Completing the pavilion as a gym

In addition to athletics space, the gym will offer crucial restroom facilities and spacious gathering areas for the entire GDA community.

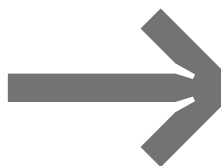
LONG-TERM STAFFING

Strategically planning for growth

The primary driver of a successful school is a healthy, growth-focused, faculty culture. We must continue to hire and resource a skilled, Gospel-professing faculty.

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GDA has a unique and time-sensitive opportunity to acquire an additional nine acres adjacent to the current campus. This strategic acquisition would increase our total land size to 20 acres and facilitate a future campus with classroom space adequate to meet growth projections, indoor and outdoor gathering spaces for our community, enhanced campus security options, versatile athletic facilities, and outdoor spaces vital to student flourishing. On a 20-acre campus, we can expand thoughtfully while safeguarding and creating a space that preserves our cherished Hill Country.



WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP



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Our world desperately needs more men and women who reflect the love of God as they grow up to lead and serve their families, businesses, and communities.

In order to bring GDA's vision to life, we require a space that can serve as the central hub of our school – a gymnasium that is not only for sports, but much more.

The construction of the gym is essential for our future. It will serve as the new headquarters for small and large gatherings, provide a place for our teams to train, facilitate our ability to host events, provide opportunities to show hospitality to the community, provide indoor play and eating

areas during inclement weather, and offer crucial restroom and locker room facilities. This building will foster the sense of community that embodies our school spirit.

Utilization of the gym also facilitates better allocation of school resources. By having our own facility, we can eliminate the need to rent gathering spaces and athletic facilities, freeing up resources that can be reinvested into our students, faculty, programs, and facilities.



This gym is more than just a building - it is the very foundation for our school's future. It is where our community will gather, our students will learn the value of teamwork, and where GDA's legacy will be built. We are thrilled about this project and invite you to partner with us in launching the next chapter of GDA's story. Together, we will ensure that our campus remains a place where excellence thrives and students are fully prepared to thrive and contribute in all aspects of life.



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Launching for the Future

GDA



The Board and administration of Gloria Deo Academy are enthusiastically moving forward with our plan to expand by adding much-needed space for indoor athletics, performing arts, and community collaboration in the heart of our campus!



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THE LION'S SHARE GIVING PLAN

# of Den Members	Gift Amount	Total
2	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
4	\$500,000	\$2,000,000
8	\$250,000	\$2,000,000
20	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
30	\$50,000	\$1,500,000
50	\$25,000	\$1,250,000
60	\$10,000	\$600,000
70	\$5,000	\$350,000
80	\$2,000	\$160,000
90	\$1,000	\$90,000
100	\$500	\$50,000
Total		\$12,000,000



"I am more indebted
to my father for my
classical education
than all the other luxuries
his cares and affections
placed within my reach."

--Thomas Jefferson





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