

Preparing for College



Producing Leaders for the 21st Century Covington Latin School

In a typical classroom setting, gifted learners face the risk of becoming unchallenged students. This phenomenon creates a host of emotional and motivational issues such as depression and underachievement that can limit future opportunities. The easiest and most effective way to help advanced students flourish is through academic acceleration — the process of moving through traditional curricula faster than typical students. Yet America's schools have a history of avoiding academic acceleration, primarily because of concerns over social development. Long before this issue gained visibility, it inspired the formation of Covington Latin School in 1923.

One of the Tri-State's most singular institutions, Covington Latin School, located in Covington, Kentucky, offers an accelerated, college-preparatory high school education to gifted students. A Catholic, co-ed school, Covington Latin's program furthers the development of younger students who enter after completing the sixth or seventh grade, thus beginning their high school education one to two years earlier than a traditional high school program. They are prepared for college in four years. This acceleration enables the academically talented student to move forward into new and more challenging and rewarding studies. Covington Latin is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and with an average tenure of 18 years, it boasts remarkable faculty retention rates.

"Our curriculum is both challenging and invigorating. We're an entire school dedicated to helping gifted students realize their potential as leaders of the community, state and nation," says Headmaster Andrew Barczak. "It's amazing to stand back and watch what happens when our students get together. They are coming from all different corners of the region and realizing for

the first time that they are not alone. We have tremendous social dynamics and our students learn to be competitive in a healthy way. They positively challenge each other, building the capabilities to handle anything."

Getting With the Program

As its central purpose, Covington Latin School aims to form Christian leaders by challenging its students to attain their academic, intellectual, social and moral potential. The school's philosophy, curriculum and practices promote integrity and excellence, leading students to find fulfillment in a life of service to others and a continuing love of learning.

The school's commitment to acceleration allows bright sixth or seventh grade students the opportunity to begin their high school career. All of Covington Latin's incoming students must advance at least one grade and score in the 85th percentile, or better, on an entrance exam that covers six areas of math and language arts.

Moving On Up

Choosing institutions that range from Ivy League schools to local universities, Covington Latin's graduates usually attend college at age 16. They all go on to higher education in pursuit of their professions.

The 42 graduates in the Class of 2008 were collectively awarded \$5.3 million in scholarships.



For more information about Covington Latin School, please call 859-291-7044 or visit www.covingtonlatin.org.