

## **“Classical Conversations (CC)”**

Tara

One of the more common homeschool formats, Classical Conversations uses a traditional approach to education that doesn't have to overwhelm you. Listen as Tara breaks down the ins and outs of CC and why it works for her family.

### **Tara's Takeaways:**

#### **• What is classical, Christian education?**

A classical education incorporates the three stages of learning, known as the trivium. The first stage of the trivium is the grammar stage, which encompasses learning parts, vocabulary, and memorization. The second stage is the dialectic stage, in which a learner takes the information they have collected and makes deeper connections, wrestling with and debating what they know. The final stage, the rhetoric stage, is when a learner is able to communicate and teach what they know, persuading others toward truth, goodness, and beauty. A classical, Christian education does not just add Bible study to an existing curriculum. Classical, Christian education affirms that God is at the center of all we learn and know, and all subjects are integrated and reflect Him as our Creator.

#### **• What is Classical Conversations?**

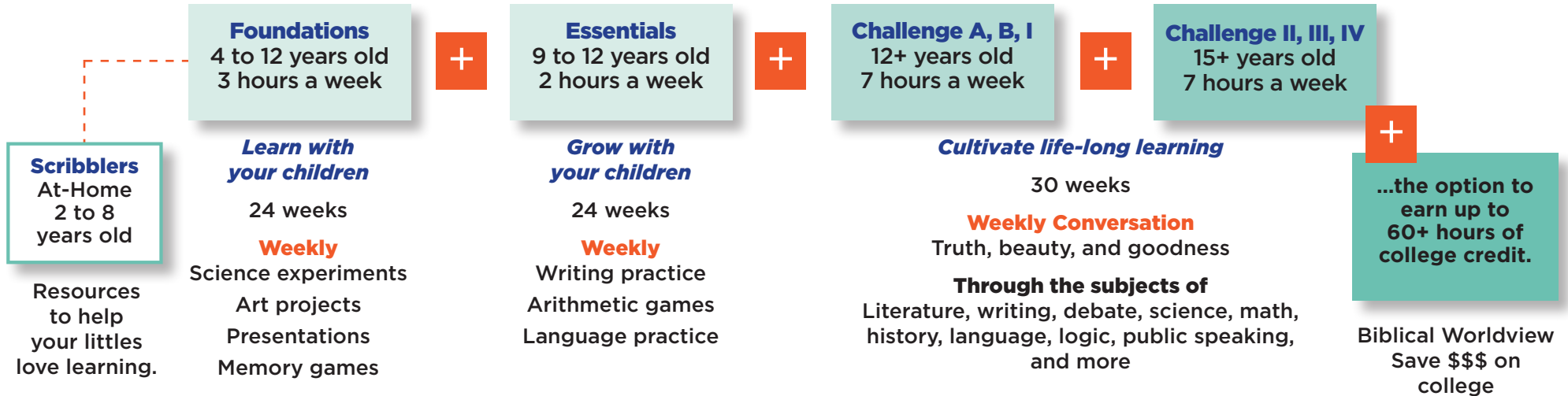
Classical Conversations is a PK4-12 program that encompasses all stages of the trivium with a biblical worldview. The Foundations program (PK4-6th grade) introduces students to the components of history, science, Latin, geography, and more with facts, vocabulary, and memorization. The Essentials program (4th-6th grade) is a rigorous English and writing curriculum that bridges Foundations to Challenge and gives students the opportunity to practice their dialectic skills. The Challenge program (7th grade-12th grade) sees the students' transition from dialectic learners to rhetorical thinkers as they solve problems, write original papers and speeches, participate in debates, and lead class discussions and conversations, culminating with a senior thesis in Challenge IV. Communities meet once a week where tutors model teaching the information at home (Foundations and Essentials), or students come to have Socratic discussion about the work they have completed (Challenge). Community provides accountability, fellowship, and a push to excellence. At CC, parents are the teacher - tutors are there to support and equip parents as they educate their own children.

#### **• How has CC worked for our family?**

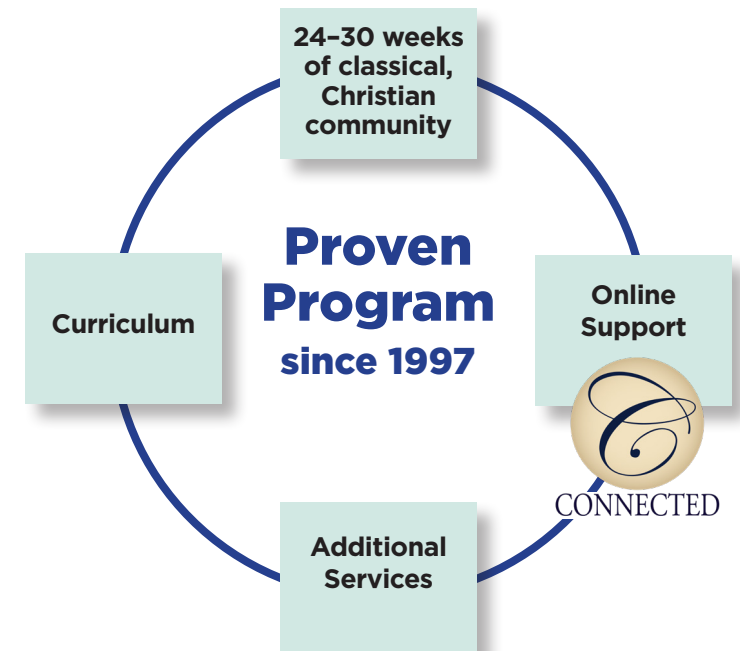
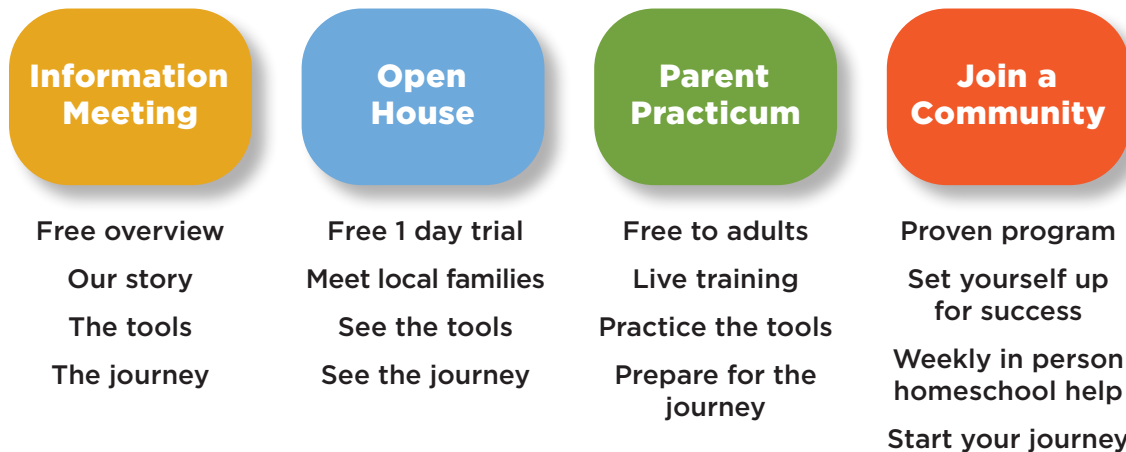
My oldest has been in CC since she was in kindergarten. We followed the model of focusing on memorization and added on a math and language arts curriculum (which CC recommends). She was interested in researching ancient empires and events on a world timeline as young as 7. When she moved into Essentials, she became extremely efficient in English grammar (due to the memorization work she did in Foundations) and a fantastic writer. Now, as she is beginning her 9th grade year and going into Challenge 1, we have seen her transition into the rhetorical student - one who has been able to make connections and wrestle with ideas and now she can persuade others to truth through her speaking and writing. She does not shy away from big ideas or hard topics and can discuss with maturity and in a reasonable fashion. Her character has also been shaped by her first two years of Challenge - she has become responsible for her own studies and applied personal discipline to complete the rigorous coursework. We have seen the fruit of "trusting the model" of classical education in her life. My youngest has special needs, and we were told at one time she would not mentally progress past the age of 6. CC has been a tremendous blessing for her in that so much of it is memory based, and she thrives on memory work, songs, and repetition. Last year when she identified European countries correctly on a map, I cried because I wasn't sure she'd ever be able to do that. CC has been the perfect fit for both my girls: it has propelled my oldest to excellence and it has given my youngest the opportunity to do things doctors and specialists said she'd never be able to do. We thank God for CC and give Him glory for the work in both girls' lives through this program.

# Classical Conversations Homeschooling Journey

A community built upon a biblical and family-friendly program!



## Get connected. Next steps.



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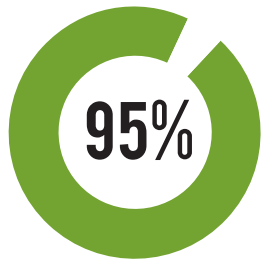
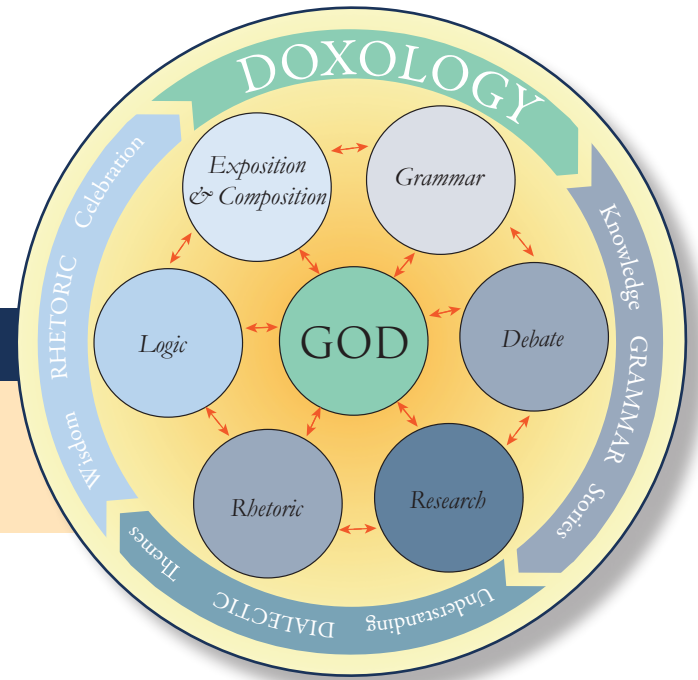
Classical Christian Community

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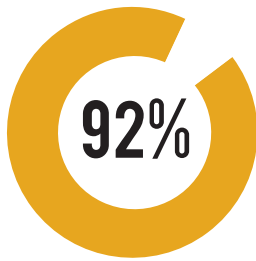
**Our mission is “to know God and to make Him known.”**

## CORE VALUES

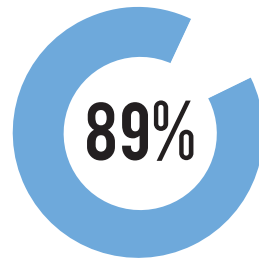
Grace • Humility • Integrity • Diligence • Excellence



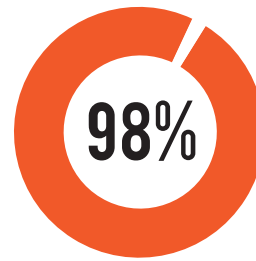
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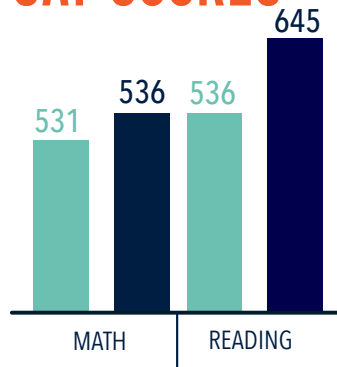


of graduates reported that their teenage faith in Christ was strengthened by attending Classical Conversations.

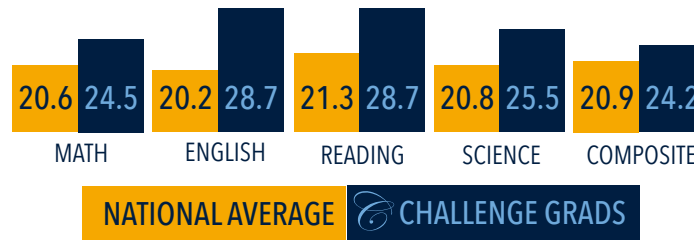


of graduates rated the quality of Classical Conversations academic programs as better than other homeschooling programs they had experienced.

## SAT SCORES



## ACT SCORES



SOURCES

The College Board | The Annual Challenge Graduate Survey | ACT, Inc.

“My husband and I see a lot of curriculum providers both create and bring to market some pretty marvelous tools and resources for homeschooling parents. Most are good, some even excellent. I only wish we would have **heard of Classical Conversations sooner**. This company falls into the “**excellent**” category.”

– Gena Suarez

Publisher, The Old Schoolhouse® Magazine

“My kids and I have been so **blessed by our community**. They have accepted us for who we are and challenged us to grow and learn. My kids aren't competing, **they are learning**.”

– Jennifer, homeschool mom

“If you were to ask me, what is the best advice for my student in terms of learning and preparation for life, your first priority should be to **finish the Challenge IV curriculum**.”

– Dr. Joseph Childs

Chair, Department of Business and Leadership

US GRADS CHALLENGE GRADS

*You don't have to settle for a  
Common Core.*

**You can give  
your child the  
whole apple.**



**You can homeschool. We can show you how.**



Come join us to learn more about bringing out the best in your child at an upcoming Information Meeting in your area. Discover an educational approach at Classical Conversations that is about truth, beauty, and goodness—and that's anything but common.

You can give your child a *whole* education: one that is full of literature, history, language, math, and science. We believe in equipping parents, offering resources and encouragement in community to aid learning at home. If you are ready for a fresh take on education, we are ready to show you how.

We plant and support local homeschooling communities that meet weekly for academics, support, and fellowship. Our Foundations, Essentials, and Challenge programs are tailored to train parents and provide excellent resources to support your family.

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Conversations*

## INFORMATION MEETING

July 16, 2020 • 4:00 pm

PJ's Coffee • 2200 David Drive, Metairie

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