

Academic Excellence Committee Report

Committee Name: Academic Excellence Committee

Date of Report: 7/25/2026

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Date of last meeting: 7/18/2026

Next meeting date: TBD

Committee Update:

Our committee welcomed visiting board member Teo Flesher. The committee addressed two areas related to academics at Nova:

1. We discussed national trends of decreasing math scores, as well as some initial thoughts around potential causes. Nova is suffering from this trend as well, although we are using curricula that are considered high quality, and our overall scores are still higher than local and national averages.
2. We discussed culture and climate at Nova, and what impact these have upon the overall discussion of "What does culture look like at a Classical School?" Many positives came up in the discussion.
3. The AEC will continue the conversation about these items at the next meeting

The goals for this year are the same as last year, with a modification to the dates.

Motions/ Action Items for the Board Meeting:

For the Consent Agenda:

none

For the Business Section:

none

Academic Goals for 26-27

The Academic Excellence Committee is charged by and shall be responsible to the Board for ensuring that Nova Classical maintains high academic standards, adheres to the board-approved classical education definition, and sustains academic operations consistent with the mission and vision as outlined in the Strategic Plan." (Revised by AEC 1/25, adopted by the board 3/25)

Goal	Notes	Due Date/ Complete?
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For FY2026 through FY2027, the School's Board of Directors will evaluate academic progress at a public meeting at least twice annually and shall include a summary of its findings in the applicable board minute		June 30,2027
The Committee shall be responsible to the Board for ensuring that Nova Classical maintains high academic standards		June 30,2027
The Committee shall be responsible to the Board for ensuring that Nova Classical adheres to the board approved definition of classical education		June 30,2027