

**Abstract:** Verses 101-66 of *carm. 23* show how Sidonius Apollinaris was partaking in the (presumably heated) debate on education and upbringing of the youngsters. These verses, far from being merely a list of Greek and Latin authors, seem to reflect a ‘paideutic proposal’ indeed: a ‘cycle’ of subjects, firstly philosophy, meant as an ideal of wisdom and equilibrium (vv. 101-44); then a selection of Latin authors (vv. 145-66), which seems to mirror the scholastic canon still employed between the IV<sup>th</sup> and the V<sup>th</sup> century.

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