

Class Descriptions

Elementary Program: 9:00am-11:30am (lunch 11:30am-12:15pm)

Grades K-2 – Teacher - Jodi Tlaczek

Grades 3-5 – Teacher – Kathryn Harber

Our elementary program is designed to complement your home education journey with hands-on science, music, art, and other activities, all with a Biblical foundation and focus. This year, we will be touching all of the subjects through various themes, a mix of specific academic areas and activities to make it fun! We understand that many families are new to homeschooling, so it is our goal to walk alongside them, while allowing the children to experience the fun of learning in a small group of other home educated children. Children will be grouped according to age and ability within the program as needed. Parent (or grandparent/caregiver) involvement is required, either within the group, or elsewhere volunteering on campus. This is not a drop-off.

Cost: \$275

Supplies provided by student: TBD

Class supplies fee: \$50

Middle School and High School Academy Classes

Astronomy (Grades 6-8) 8:30-9:55am

Taught by Darryl Sposato

In this course, your student will explore and learn about the sun, planets, asteroid belt, dwarf planets, the Kuiper belt galaxies, nebulae, and even black holes as they reveal the marvel and might of our loving Creator. We will begin by learning about the sun, the planets in our solar system, the stars, galaxies, and space travel. Their awareness of the beauty of the universe and its Creator will expand as they expand their studies to the far reaches of what we can see out in space. Students will build a model solar system, make a solar eclipse, compass, and telescope, watch a meteor shower, launch a rocket, make clouds, and locate constellations. We hope to join with local astronomy groups on field trips and will be bringing the StarDome, a portable planetarium in for a special experience.

Cost: \$260 Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: \$30

Supplies provided by student: *Apologia's Exploring Creation with Astronomy 2nd edition* ([link](#)).

Student notebook is optional, but helpful for some students. (Teacher will not be assigning notebook work.)

HS Civics/Government (Grades 9-12) 8:30-9:55am

Taught by Shelby Shaw

Dive into the heart of American democracy with our focused Civics class, designed to illuminate the workings of the U.S. government and the Constitution. This interactive course invites students to engage deeply with the principles that shaped our nation, from the thoughts of the framers and founders to the pivotal role of the Supreme Court and the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights.

Through a blend of lectures and group discussions, students will sharpen their critical thinking skills and debate and dissect the core aspects of government and civic participation. Homework is crafted to reinforce learning, with practical worksheets, selected readings, and concise writing tasks—no lengthy essays, just clear, thoughtful paragraphs. Adding a layer of understanding, we'll also touch on U.S. geography.

Assessments include class participation, written assignments, and quizzes.

This class isn't just academic; it's a journey into active citizenship, offering tools for engagement in the great American experiment. Join us to empower your high schooler with knowledge and confidence in their civic role.

Cost: \$260 Prerequisite: Students should be able to read and write comfortably.

Materials/requirements: \$10 materials fee (will be charged with registration)

Internet access to read online articles

“Documents of Freedom” textbook located for free download

at <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/curricula/documents-of-freedom>

Biblical Studies (Grades 6-12) 10:00am-11:00am

Taught by Jen Johnson

Throughout this semester students will gain an understanding of the way the Bible is organized. They will learn how this remarkable true book, tells God's story of redemption and grace. Regardless of experience level or church background, students will gain a deeper understanding of the most influential and important book in history.

We will walk through two books by Lee Strobel this year.

[The Case for Christ - Student Edition](#)

[The Case for Faith - Student Edition](#)

Cost: \$200 Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: None

Supplies provided by student: a Bible (any translation), a notebook or journal, pens or pencils

HS The Language of Literature (Grades 9-12) 11:05am-12:30pm

Taught by Shelby Shaw

Welcome to this high school literature class designed to spark curiosity and appreciation for the rich tapestry of literary expression. The carefully curated curriculum covers a diverse array of genres including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, and a special high-level look at Shakespeare's, *Julius Caesar*. Students will explore the fundamentals of literature, from theme and plot elements to characterization and literary devices such as metaphor, simile, personification, imagery and more.

Each week, students will receive either printouts or links to thoughtfully selected stories that exemplify the week's learning focus chosen with great care to ensure appropriateness and relevance. Prior to the commencement of classes, parents will be provided with a comprehensive list of these materials for review, offering an opportunity for families to be involved in the educational journey. I welcome and respect parental input, allowing for the option to opt-out of certain readings without any impact on student grading. Please know that stories will be chosen with the utmost of care ensuring a respectful alignment with each family's values.

The class is structured to promote active participation and critical thinking, with activities including group discussions, engaging worksheets, creative writing exercises, vocabulary building, and quizzes. Writing assignments are designed to be approachable focusing on paragraph-style short essay responses that sharpen students' analytical and expressive skills without the pressure of long essays. In fact, no essays will be assigned.

This literature class is not just an academic endeavor; it's an invitation to explore the vast landscapes of human experience and emotion through the written word. It's an opportunity for students to open the door to a world where literature becomes a gateway to understanding the complexity and beauty of the human condition.

Prerequisites: Students should be able to read comfortably at the 9th grade level

Materials:

- No Fear Shakespeare: Julius Caesar - \$7-10 (includes the original play and modern-day translation)
- Internet access to read online works of literature
- Paper and writing tools

MS Language Arts/Literature (Grades 6-8) 11:05am-12:30pm

Taught by Maja Pawlikowski

Students will study a wide variety of literary types: classic novels, poetry, drama, short stories, and nonfiction. They will gain literacy skills including reading, writing, speaking, listening, comprehending, and analyzing works of literature. Students will gain practice in grammar, punctuation, and writing skills. Join me on an exciting literary adventure!

Cost: \$260 Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: \$20

Supplies provided by the student: notebook, pens, pencils

Spanish 2 (Grades 7-12) 11:05am–12:30pm

Taught by Erica Maier-Lopez

The Spanish language is further developed through lessons with vocabulary, grammar, dialogue, and cultural activities. During Thursday's class time, we will speak in Spanish exclusively and use roleplaying and games to teach and reinforce skills.

Cost: \$260 Pre-requisite: Spanish 1 Supplies fee: None

Supplies provided by the student: Register with [Easy Peasy High School Spanish 2](#) online, notebook, pens, pencils, index cards (optional - if you would use flash cards), the [Duolingo](#) app is strongly encouraged.

Middle School Art History (Grades 6-8) 1:00-2:25pm

Taught by Brooke Wotring

This course will walk through art periods studying various artists throughout history. This class will focus on some of the greatest artists in history including Leonardo DaVinci, Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Rembrandt to name a few. Each week, we will look at the artist and their contributions to the world of art. We will also complete a hands-on art activity each week to go with the artist we cover.

Required Materials:

Cost: \$260 Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: \$25

Notebook and pencil for notetaking

Supplies provided by the student: Mixed Media Paper Pad. I recommend [Strathmore Mixed Media Paper 300 series](#).

There is a \$25 material fee for this course.

High School American History (Grades 9-12) 1:00-2:25pm

Taught by Kathryn Harber

This course will study the chronological events of our nation's history beginning at the age of exploration through the midterm election of President Trump. Our textbook is written in a narrative format, with updated maps and charts. Your students will quickly develop an appreciation for our American heritage with the factual accounts presented in this student textbook. We will learn what makes America great and have some fun while doing it!

Cost: \$260 Prerequisite: None Supplies fee: \$25

Book: Abeka's United States History: Heritage of Freedom (families can purchase the textbook or digital version at [ABeka](#) (or used on eBay, Abes Books, etc.)

Life Skills (Grades 6-12), 1:00-2:25pm

Taught by Michelle Haines

Beginning cooking, along with exploring other handy skills, such as sewing, the use of herbs, plants and berries, etc. This is not just for girls!

Cost: \$260 Pre-requisite: None Supplies Fee: \$30

Supplies provided by the student: TBD

French 1 (Grades 6-12) 2:30pm-3:30pm

Taught by Maja Pawlikowski

This beginner French class will focus on the most commonly used French verbs and how to conjugate them in the present tense, past tense, and future tense. Students will learn how to speak simple communication phrases and may progress to more complex phrases over the course. Writing skills will be developed by doing word studies and sentence building. Auditory skills will be learned through French dictations, videos, and class discussions.

Cost: \$200/year Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: \$10

Supplies provided by student: Notebook, pens or pencils

Performing Arts (Grades K-12) 2:30pm-3:30pm

Taught by Jen Johnson

Performing Arts is defined as creative activities that are performed in front of an audience; such as drama, music, and dance. Join us for this fun elective!

Cost: \$200/year Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: \$25

Supplies provided by student: Notebook, pens or pencils