

Academy High School Elective Information

Before you register for electives, please note the following:

All classes have limited capacity. We will fill classes on a first-come-first-served basis, based on when forms are returned to us. We will notify you if a class you have chosen is full. You can then make an alternate choice. We will maintain wait lists for full classes.

Fees will not be due until the Parent Meeting in August. All fees must be paid by the second week of classes. Elective fees cannot be refunded, since much of the money is spent before classes actually begin (purchases are based on the number of students registered for the class).

Tuition for high school is based on part-time (1-2 classes or full-time 3+ classes) status. You DO NOT pay by the class. Part-time tuition for one student for the year is: \$247.50. Full-time tuition for one student for the year is: \$495.00. Part-time students are NOT allowed to stay for the entire day.

NOTE: ADVANCED BIOLOGY IS A 2-PERIOD CLASS. This is necessary in order to adequately cover all the information required for an advanced class. This class DOES count as 2 classes, so if students take this class and one other elective, they will be considered full-time.

Your child may opt to have a **study hall period** in place of an elective choice, as long as he or she is signed up for other classes following the study hall. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, part time students are not allowed to stay on campus for the day. We do not encourage two consecutive study halls for any student. Study hall is a last resort, not a class option!

You can e-mail or mail your elective selections:

If **e-mailing**, send to: academy@homeedonline.com

IMPORTANT: If e-mailing, please use the following format to reduce confusion:

Student's Name

Student's Grade

1. First class (if none, write None)
2. Second class (if none, write None)
3. Third class (if none, write None)
4. Fourth class (if none, write None)
5. Fifth class (if none, write None)

If **mailing**, print out the Elective Selection form, fill out completely, and mail to :

Academy
2224 Pear Orchard Dr
Little Rock, AR 72211

**LITTLE ROCK HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES REGISTRATION SHEET
2009-2010**

Student's
Name _____ **Grade** _____

FIRST BLOCK (9:15 – 10:05)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College Test Prep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spanish I **FULL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> French |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latin I | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Religions | |

SECOND BLOCK (10:10 – 11:00)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 th Century History **FULL | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish II | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Hall | |

THIRD BLOCK (11:05 – 11:55)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 th Grade Composition **FULL | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 th Grade Composition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 th Grade Composition | <input type="checkbox"/> Art |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civics/Government *FULL | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Hall |

FOURTH BLOCK (12:45 – 1:35)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 9 th Grade Composition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biology **FULL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Biology (12:45-2:30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry *FULL | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concepts of Algebra | |

FIFTH BLOCK (1:40 – 2:30)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Lit **FULL | <input type="checkbox"/> Biology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Biology (12:45-2:30) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography **FULL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Hall |

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

for updated supply lists, go to:

www.homeedonline.com/academyclass0912electives.html

9th Grade Composition (*Tanya Smith*)- The 9th grade class will develop their writing skills as they respond to various prompts including literature, poetry, and current events. They will be challenged to respond to one another's work and to look closely at how they can improve their own written expression using examples of great writing and brief lessons in form and grammar.

10th Grade Composition (*Nancy Wheeler*) - The fall semester will consist of more traditional types of writing (descriptive, persuasive, etc). The spring semester will be creative writing, story writing, and writing to entertain.

11th Grade Composition (*Tanya Smith*) - The 11th grade class will spend the first semester in creative writing exercises including the practice of description, explanation analysis, narration, and journaling. The students will focus on writing a research paper in the 2nd semester and will complete a poetry unit.

12th Grade Composition (*Terri Oxner*) – The class will focus on developing the students' abilities to put their creative thoughts on paper. They will cover essays, writing and analyzing short stories, keeping a journal, mystery writing and various styles of poetry. They will be graded on content as well as grammar, usage, and mechanics of writing. Keeping their journal is a requirement, not optional, and will be a portion of the overall grade, but it is a minimal requirement --minimum three entries per week and a minimum five sentences per journal entry.

20th Century History (*Nancy Wheeler*) – This is an American history class, covering the decades between 1900 and 2000. The emphasis will be on American history, but we will also discuss how America was involved in world politics.

Advanced Biology (*Lyn Gladden*) - DUE TO TIME DEMANDS, THIS CLASS WILL COVER 2 CLASS PERIODS. This course is an in-depth anatomy and physiology course which thoroughly covers the workings of the human body. Because it is an upper-level course with college-level subject matter, regular biology is a definite prerequisite, and chemistry is a recommended pre-requisite. This will be a great course for any senior (or strongly science-minded junior) who is considering a career in the medical / science field. In class, students will have the opportunity to use microscopes to look at slides of various body tissues; practice bone identification with a small, plastic skeleton; and dissect a cow eye, a sheep heart, and a fetal pig. We will also discuss the material covered in each chapter of the textbook. There will be tests every few weeks, plus a final each semester.

American Government/Civics (*Debbie Sadler*) - We will cover government, civics, and economics principles in this course. The first semester will primarily be studying the foundations of American government and the Constitution. Students will need access to the Internet. The second semester will primarily be focused on local government and civic responsibilities, as well as basic economics. Students should sign up for both semesters to count this as either a civics course or an American government course, since there is some overlap in subjects.

American Literature (*Debbie Hopper*) – Introduces students to works by America’s prominent writers from several different periods. We will read approximately 15 American classics throughout the year. Students will be responsible for own books.

Art (*Rebekah Holloway*) –Many different mediums will be taught to help encourage the use of the student’s creativity, with the students choosing their own medium the second semester. No talent required!

Biology (*Enid Valentine*) – This is Apologia’s biology course, Exploring Creation with Biology. Students will learn about life science topics like cell structure, genetics, ecosystems, the five kingdoms, creation and evolution, and more.

Chemistry (*Cary Hiatt*) – This is Apologia’s chemistry course, Exploring Creation with Chemistry. Students will learn about topics like atoms and molecules, chemical equations, solutions, kinetics, energy & heat, and more.

Choir (*Nancy Wheeler*) – This class is performance based. Basic music theory will be covered within the context of the music that we will be performing. There will be a concert in December and in April.

College Test Preparation (*Rebekah Holloway*) - Get prepared to take your college entrance exams. Recommended for juniors. Focus on preparing to take the ACT, with test taking hints, practice test and developing critical thinking skills.

French 1 (*Tanya Smith*) - French I is an introduction to the French language and culture. Students will be introduced to new vocabulary and grammar each week and will practice both written and spoken expression. Class time will include practice of pronunciation by repetition and by participating in conversations.

Concepts of Algebra (*Tracy Cochran*) – This class will consist of working with the basic algebraic equations to the more in-depth equations. It will start out with Algebra I type problems and work up to Algebra II.

Latin I (*Linda Allison*) – This course is based upon Wheelock's Latin, *Latin Made Simple, So You Really Want to Learn Latin?*, and Canon Press's *Latin Grammar* and meets the requirements for a first year Latin course: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd noun and adjective declensions; all 5 verb conjugations in the present, imperfect, future, perfect, pluperfect, and future perfect tenses; imperatives of verbs; comparison of adjectives; formation of adverbs; English derivatives; translations; weekly quizzes; and semester finals.)

Latin 2 (*Linda Allison*) - This course is based upon Wheelock's Latin, *Latin Made Simple, So You Really Want to Learn Latin?*, and Canon Press's *Latin Grammar* and meets the requirements for a second year Latin course: 4th and 5th declension nouns; pronouns: personal, intensive, reflexive, and relative; locative case; expressions of time and direction; passive voice in all the tenses; deponent verbs; semi-deponent verbs; participles; ablative absolutes; all tenses of infinitives; indirect statements; subjunctive mood; jussive subjunctive; irregular verbs; causal clauses; English derivatives; translations; weekly quizzes; and semester finals.

Personal Finance (*Rebekah Holloway*) – Students will learn about income and expenses as well as assets and liabilities. They will learn how to budget for short and long term expenses. Access to a computer and the internet will be necessary in order to complete assignments.

Photography (*Kim Magnus*) – Teaches basic photography techniques. Students will work throughout the year to build a portfolio and compete for cash prizes at the end of the year.

Physical Science (*Lyn Gladden*) — This is a science dealing with non-living matter. We will cover subjects such as motion, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy. Using the textbook *Exploring Creation with Physical Science* by Dr. Jay L. Wile, we will cover the experiments from each chapter and briefly discuss the topics covered in the chapter. Students will read one chapter each week at home and come to class ready to do the experiments for that chapter. There will be a test every third week covering the experiments and some of the subject matter from the previous two chapters.

Spanish I & II (*Melody Castrellon*) - A conversational approach will be taken in teaching the students, with a goal of having the students understand and speak with a vocabulary used in everyday Spanish. An English/Spanish dictionary is required.

Speech (*Terri Oxner*) – The goal of this class is to teach students the basic skills needed for making public speeches, and to help them overcome fear of public speaking. Note: Participation in speeches is NOT optional in this class and is a major part of the grade.

Theatre (*Nancy Wheeler*) - Whether it's acting, costuming, lighting, sets or sound. All aspects of theatre will be taught in class with a final performance at the end of the year.

World Religions (*Debbie Sadler*) – We will be studying the history, foundation, and basic tenets of the major world religions (Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Eastern religions and tribal religions). The first semester we will discuss the religion of Islam more in-depth than some of the other religions so that students may have a better understanding of this religion that so greatly affects the world in which we live today.

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

9th Grade Writing – One-subject notebook with perforated edges, notebook or journal (student's choice) to be used solely for journaling, one folder, two pens of different colors (green, purple...), in addition to black ink pens and pencils. A copy of “**A Writer’s Reference**”, **5th edition with 2003 MLA update** by Diana Hacker - to be purchased by student.

10th Grade Writing – \$3.00 copy fee; bound composition book; notebook (3-ring or spiral); 2 pocket folder

11th Grade Writing – One-subject notebook with perforated edges, notebook or journal (student's choice) to be used solely for journaling, one folder. Two pens of different colors (green, purple ...), in addition to black ink pens and pencils. A copy of “**A Writer’s Reference**”, **5th edition with 2003 MLA update** by Diana Hacker - to be purchased by student.

12th Grade Writing – Paper and pencil/pen, a spiral notebook for journaling only, a dictionary. Not required, but recommended: **The Writer’s Toolbox: A Writing and Grammar Handbook**, by Bob Jones Univ. Press.

20th Century History - \$15 copy /supply fee; 3-ring notebook; 2-pocket folder

Advanced Biology – \$35.00 lab fee, *The Human Body, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!* by Dr. Jay L. Wile and Marilyn M. Shannon, M.A. (absolutely required for class), the Solutions Manual to this text (highly recommended), any notebook, pen or pencil. Additionally recommended, but not required: *The Anatomy Coloring Book* by Wynn Kapit and Lawrence M. Elson. This is a good tool, which is used by many college-level anatomy classes, and it is highly recommended by the author of the book.

American Government/Civics: thisnation.com - an on-line textbook which is free of charge. To be purchased by second semester: *Whatever Happened to Penny Candy* and *The Money Mystery: the Hidden Force Affecting Your Career, Business, and Investments*. Both of these books are part of the "Uncle Eric" by Richard Maybury; Blue Stocking Press and are paperbacks, which can be purchased for around \$10.00 or less

American Literature- TBD

Art – Students will use various mediums first semester, which will be covered by paying a \$15.00 art fee.

Biology – A spiral notebook that has both paper & pockets, pencils. Please purchase the Apologia text by Dr. Jay Wile (*Exploring Creation with Biology – 2nd edition*). \$25.00 lab fee

Chemistry – A ½ to 1”, 3-ring binder to be used as a lab notebook, pens (blue or black and red), lined paper or graph paper, & calculator. Students must bring to class by **October 6th**: a white, cotton t-shirt, washed and dried without fabric softener (please write student's name on label), a large coffee can (cleaned, with lid), and a 2-L soda pop bottle (cleaned). Parents are responsible for purchasing 1st or 2nd edition of *Exploring Creation with Chemistry* by Dr. Jay Wile (Apologia Publishers). \$25.00 lab fee

High school supply list (cont.)

Choir – \$20.00 sheet music fee; black 3-ring notebook; pencil - NO pens please!

College Test Preparation –\$30 for ACT book to be purchased at Academy during Parent Meeting.

Concepts of Algebra–\$7 copy fee, paper, pencil, calculator

French –TBD

Latin 1 and Latin 2 – \$15 manual fee; 2 inch 3-ring binder with a front plastic sleeve, optional Latin/English dictionary - text will have Latin to English glossary in the back.

Personal Finance – \$10 copy fee, spiral notebook, pencil

Photography – A 1”, 3-ring binder with dividers, pens/pencils, a camera (preferably digital). \$15.00 fee, plus some additional developing costs throughout the year. *Camera and developing cost not included in fee.*

Physical Science – Notebook or section of notebook, pencil/pen. *Exploring Creation with Physical Science* by Dr. Jay Wile (Apologia Publishers) must be purchased by the individual. \$25.00 lab fee

Physics Lab - Notebook or section of notebook, pencil/pen, calculator. Apologia's 2nd edition of *Exploring Creation with Physics* must be purchased by the individual. \$25.00 lab fee

Spanish I and Spanish II –\$10 copy fee; English/Spanish dictionary

Speech – Paper and pencil/pen, plus note cards for each speech given (the larger size works better for speeches).

20th Century History- A 3-ring notebook; 2-pocket folder

Theatre – A 3-ring notebook, 2-pocket folder, pencil; \$30.00 fee

World Religions - paper, pen, TEXT: *World Religions: the Great Faiths Explored and Explained* by John Bowker. This book can be purchased as a paperback for around \$10.00 and students should have a copy by the first day of class.