

Westridge Christian Academy

Academic Requirements

Middle School/High School

All Middle School/High School Students are required to attend one semester of our Basic Study Skills Class whether you take one class or a full load of classes at Orchard Academy. Students will pick from a Tuesday or Thursday time slot @ 3PM. The cost of the class is \$50 a month.

Below are the minimum requirements for all Middle School/High School Students. Extra requirements for Seniors are listed at the end of each subject area.

Please note that students are required to complete at least 75% of the textbook to ensure that they are on track for the next grade level.

Math

- 1 Math Project demonstrating a method or procedure related to the area of Math the student is studying. (Math teacher will provide specific instructions.)
- Demonstrate mastery of an assigned Math concept by teaching a 15 minute lesson in class.
- 4 Quizzes per Semester.
- 1 Midterm and 1 Final Exam per Semester.
- Daily Homework Assignments from Textbook.

Additional Requirements for Seniors:

- Demonstrate 3 more Math concepts by teaching a 15 minute lesson in class.
- Essay on the topic "How Math Leads to Success" to be presented at Senior Presentation.

Science

- 1 Science Project using the Scientific Method related to the area of Science the student is studying. (Science teacher will provide specific instructions.) To be presented at our annual Science Fair.
- 8 Labs (to be completed in class during lab time).
- 4 quizzes per semester.
- 1 Midterm and 1 Final Exam per semester.
- Daily Homework Assignments from Textbook.

Additional Requirements for Seniors:

- Demonstrate mastery of 2 assigned Science concepts by teaching a 15 minute lesson in class.
- An Independent Research Paper/Project as assigned by teacher. This will be on display at Senior Presentation.

Literature and Composition

- 8 (3-5 page) Essays (equaling one per month) using the Five Paragraph Model.
- 1 Research Paper on topic assigned by teacher.
- 4 quizzes per semester.
- 1 Midterm and 1 Final Exam per semester.
- 2 Short Stories (8-10 pages).
- 4 Poems demonstrating 4 different types of poetry as assigned by teacher.
- *Read Books from the Required Reading List.* Students will also write an essay for 4 of the books on the reading list. These essays may be included in the 8 required essays above.
- Daily Homework Assignments from Textbook.

Additional Requirements for Seniors

- Dramatic Interpretation Speech using one of the characters from the assigned Literature Books.
- 1 Additional Research paper on topic assigned by teacher.

History/Geography (Middle School and High School)

- 1 project related to the period/topic in History/Geography that the student is studying. This will include either a model and related essay or a display board and related essay. This will be showcased at Open House.
- 1 Research Paper
- 2 Biography reports (1 per semester)
- 4 Essays using the Five-Paragraph model (2 per semester)
- Minimum 4 Chapter Tests or Quizzes per semester
- 1 Midterm and 1 Final Exam per semester
- Homework assignments/class participation
- 2 Extracurricular reading assignments as assigned by teacher (1 per semester)
- Opportunity for a day serving as a page for a State Representative or State Senator with pictures and essay regarding the experience (second semester).

Additional requirements for Seniors enrolled in a History class:

- Senior project about a person, group or event in history. This project is to be coordinated with the teacher and may include, for example, a dramatic interpretation or speech, a song with music and lyrics written by the student, a visual arts display, a Power-Point-type of presentation, or instructional/teaching activity. Other types of projects may be considered. This will be presented at Open House for Senior Presentation.
- Senior essay including a presentation on the topic, “My Place in History.” The type of presentation is to be coordinated with the teacher. This will be presented at Open House for Senior Presentation.

Economics (Fall Semester)

- 1 Project demonstrating an Economic Concept to be presented at December Open House
- 3 Essays on an economic topic as assigned by the teacher
- Minimum 4 Chapter Tests or Quizzes
- 1 Midterm Exam and 1 Final Exam
- Homework assignments/class participation
- Additional reading requirement: Financial Peace Revisited by Dave Ramsey. If you do not already have this book, I hope to order in bulk at a discounted price. We will need these by October 8. This last half of the semester studying personal finance will also coordinate with Mrs. Torbert's Friday computer class on personal budgeting if you would like to register for that elective class.

Government (Spring Semester)

- 1 Project demonstrating the 3 Branches of Government to be presented at Spring Open House
- 3 Essays on a governmental topic as assigned by the teacher
- Minimum 4 Chapter Tests or Quizzes
- 1 Midterm Exam and 1 Final Exam
- Memorization and presentation of the following: The Preamble to the Constitution
- Additional reading requirement: 5000 Year Leap by W. Cleon Skousen. I may be able to order these in bulk at a discounted rate.
- Each student is required to have a personal copy of The US Constitution. Teacher may order copies at cost for those who do not already have a personal copy.
- Opportunity for a day serving as a page for a State Representative or State Senator with pictures and essay regarding the experience. Pictures and essay will be displayed at Spring Open House.

There will be at least two field trips to the State Capitol during the legislative session.