



**Creative**Academy

Course Catalog

2022-2023

## **Courses**

The Course Catalog gives descriptions of courses being offered. Classes and descriptions are subject to change. Courses are sorted as Core classes with a book and assignments, then Electives by subject type, then other Electives. Electives will have minimal homework, more for some courses for older students. Each class identifies which grades should enroll in this class. Please note some electives are offered by semester only, you may choose according to fall semester, spring semester, or both.

For core courses Creative Academy families will be reading lessons at home and then coming to class for projects. Instructors provide a syllabus with details on reading assignments and work to be completed at home. Textbook purchase required for core courses.

## **New Families**

New families wishing to enroll in Creative Academy must first submit an electronic New Family Application. Applications are found on the Academy website. There is a non-refundable new family application fee of \$60, plus a \$20 service fee, for each student applicant in the family.

Applications are accepted and processed while enrollment is open. After receiving acceptance notification, parents will be provided information necessary to complete the enrollment process.

## **Enrollment and Re-Enrollment**

Current and newly accepted families will be provided with information necessary to complete the enrollment process each year, typically in spring. Re-enrolling families do not need to pay an application fee. Families may complete the enrollment process through the summer. However, space is limited and classes do fill up. Families are encouraged to complete the enrollment process as soon as possible in order to have a better chance at getting into the courses they prefer.

***Students enroll in the same schedule for the entire school year. For students who want different classes for the Spring Semester, parents will have the opportunity to submit a Spring Semester Change Request Form.***

# Kindergarten

## **Kindergarten Teams (K Teams)**

Kindergarteners join a K team to build community on both Tuesday and Thursdays 9:30-12 with a consistent instructor and students. Activities include Bible, Prayer, Phonics, Math, Music, Story times, Art, Physical Education and other fun educational activities. Strengthen the basics while also building confidence and a love for learning. Enroll in all 4 segments for a total of 5 hours per week, or 6 hours if they stay to eat cold lunch together 12-12:30.

After lunch Kindergartens may choose to enroll in electives with K-2nd grade students. Parents of Kindergarteners are expected to be involved as Parent Partners at least half the time your student is at Creative Academy. Students excel when parents are involved!

# Language/Writing Courses

## **IEW Structure and Style (Yearlong)**

Students reading at a 3rd–5th, 6th–8th, and 9th–12th grade level who are new to the Structure and Style for Students video course will take delight in Mr. Pudewa’s humorous, incremental, and effective writing lessons. The curriculum provides clear daily assignments and includes vocabulary words, literature suggestions, and lesson plans for teachers. Brings a successful solution to your writing lessons! (Any student who completed level A may enroll in B, or completed B may enroll in C regardless of their grade level.)

Structure B: 6th–8th

Structure C: 9th–12th

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# Math Courses

## **Abeka Arithmetic 1 (Yearlong)**

Using delightful themes and full-color illustrations, this 347-page work-text presents concepts in an orderly manner, building on prior learning and including consistent year-long review. Concepts include counting, writing and reading numbers, place value, addition and subtraction, money, graphs, measurement, time, temperature, and fractions.

Applications to real-world situations and daily “Thinking Caps” stretch students’ thinking ability. The worktext includes classwork and seatwork (independent) pages for every day based on the themes of the zoo, ocean, farm, and springtime. Your first grader will love arithmetic!

## **Abeka Arithmetic 2 (Yearlong)**

Hop around the world through jungles, ponds, and national parks as students sharpen basic arithmetic skills and use them in new areas such as carrying in addition, borrowing in subtraction, and applying fractions. Using delightful themes and full-color illustrations, this 356-page work-text presents concepts in an orderly manner, building on prior learning and including consistent year-long review. Bursting with delightful illustrations and practical word problems, this resource will capture interest and boost the ability to think and solve problems in both classwork and independent work.

## **Abeka Arithmetic 3 (Yearlong)**

One of the most effective ways to learn mathematics is to do mathematics. Arithmetic 3 is all about the mastery of multiplication and division that your child will get through story problems, measurement conversions, fractions, and more. With new materials boxed on top of the page and problems given directly below, your child can easily look back at the study notes as he works through his problems. Brain boosters are also included four times a week to challenge students to apply the concepts learned. With additional topics including rounding and estimation, perimeter and area, graphs, and geometric figures, prepare your child for the higher math that he will learn in the future. All of this is presented in four fun themes - nocturnal animals, travel in the U.S., zoos

around the world, and space exploration. Learning math can be challenging and fun at the same time with Abeka Arithmetic 3.

#### **Abeka Arithmetic 4 (Yearlong)**

Help your child excel in arithmetic with the colorful, daily work text Abeka Arithmetic 4. Practice multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers, estimating, and writing decimals as fractions. Your child will solidify his understanding of square measures, simple geometry, proper and improper fractions. Daily word problems, supplemental problems, and a handbook for terms and definitions in the back of the book provide ample opportunity for application and review.

#### **Abeka Arithmetic 5 (Yearlong)**

Dive into decimals and dividing fractions and many more mathematical concepts with Abeka Arithmetic 5. Challenge your child with more advanced word problems, pre-algebra concepts, and basic geometry. Continue work with estimating, rounding, and applying all of these concepts to daily life. Supplemental problems, homework assignments, and a handbook for terms and definitions in the back of the book provide for ample review and added implementation.

#### **Abeka Arithmetic 6 (Yearlong)**

Usher your child into the world of percentages and pre-algebra with Abeka Arithmetic 6. This full-color, traditional work-text will review decimals, fractions, measures, and more while enhancing your child's understanding of basic geometry, percentages, graphs, algebra, and practical mathematics. Broaden your child's understanding of problem solving through analyzing and checking his answers to ensure accuracy. Supplemental problems, homework assignments, and a handbook for terms and definitions in the back of the book provide for ample review and added implementation.

#### **Saxon Math 7/6 Homeschool (Yearlong)**

Introduces functions and coordinate graphing, integers, exponential expressions, and prime factorization. Students will specifically learn about the order of operations, number lines, decimal place value, how to find the percent of a number, how to round

decimal numbers, attributes of geometric solids, and more. To ensure this is the correct math level for your student, please have them take the placement test at this link:

*<https://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/curriculum/placement-tests/saxon-placement-tests/>*

**Please have students take the placement test prior to enrolling in the Saxon math classes.**

# History Courses

## **My Story and the World Around Me 1st-2nd (Yearlong)**

My Story and the World Around Me is a lower elementary social studies course that introduces students to history, politics, sociology, economics, and geography, while providing an understanding of God’s world and the cultures of the countries. Begins with children in their homes, helping them think about their lives from their immediate families and beyond, as well as learning about local governments.

## **Report World History 3rd-6th (Yearlong)**

Elementary World History—You Report! guides your student through a fascinating overview of world history from Creation to modern times! In this uniquely designed, Charlotte Mason flavored world history course your student becomes a reporter for World Times. Their task is now to gather information on world events, organize it, and present that information just like a real-life reporter—and along the way they’ll even compile their own Pulitzer Prize worthy investigative report on Noah’s Ark!

## **Middle Ages World History 6th-8th (Yearlong)**

The World's Story 2 brings history alive through a Charlotte Mason approach as it teaches junior-high students (grades 6-8) the amazing history of the world. Angela O'Dell uses the same lively storytelling style of her popular America's Story series to bring the settings and characters to life as students study world history from the Fall of Rome to the Renaissance.

## **World History 9th-12th (Yearlong)**

High school students will develop their Christian worldview while forming their own understanding of world history trends, philosophies, and events in James Stobaugh's examination of historical theories, terms, and concepts.



### **Geography Passport 3rd-6th (Yearlong)**

Elementary Geography & Cultures guides your student on a journey across the globe in this engaging elementary geography course! Explore continents, countries, and cultures around the globe while discovering biomes, history, government systems, heritage sites, recipes, and Christian heritage through visually stunning books and engaging worksheets!

# Science Courses

## **Botany K-2nd (Yearlong)**

Your young botanist will begin this course with an overview of botany and then grow in their knowledge of seeds, flowers, pollination, fruits, leaves, roots, and stems of plants. Their awareness of the world around them will blossom as they experience planting a garden that they design and discover how food is produced. By digging deeper into the many different types of plants in creation, they will acquire wisdom that will flourish for their lifetimes.

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## **Dinosaurs God Designed 3rd-6th (Yearlong)**

Step back in time (but not too far!) and enter the fascinating world of dinosaurs. Learn about the different kinds of dinosaurs, what they ate, when they lived, what happened to them, and more. You'll even discover that dinosaurs and people lived together!

## **Heaven & Earth - Earth, Weather & Universe K-2nd (Yearlong)**

An earth science curriculum for K-2nd graders, the lessons feature beautiful color pictures, age-appropriate activities, worksheets, Scripture learning, writing practice, and more. Fun and easy-to-use, the God's Design Series – for Beginners curriculum is ideal for anyone who wants their children to understand creation from a solidly biblical basis.

Discover what makes Earth special as you learn about the Great Flood, the Ice Age, glaciers, rocks, fossils, gems, mountains, earthquakes, volcanoes, erosion, and more!

Explore the atmosphere, weather, ancient climates, kinds of clouds, the water cycle, storm prediction, oceans, beaches, the sea floor, ocean zones, and coral reefs!

Understand the creation of the universe, how planets move, gravity, the moon and stars, solar eclipses, energy, seasons, our galaxy, space exploration, meteors, and more!

**General Science: Weather, Minerals, Oceans, Astronomy 6th-8th (Yearlong)**

**General Science: Weather, Minerals, Oceans, Astronomy 9th-12th (Yearlong)**

In General Science 1: Survey of Earth and Sky, junior high and high school students will explore God's glory on display in the scientific study of oceans, astronomy, weather and minerals. With full-color, fascinating textbooks, your student will learn scientific facts and principles that support the authority of God's Word and His role as Creator. The course allows one core area of science to be studied per quarter. Lessons are scheduled five days a week and should take 30 – 45 minutes to complete.

# Electives

## Science & Math

### **Creative Construction K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Creative Construction 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Creative Construction 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

We love to build, so let's build better! Students will be given various building materials and construction challenges to build things which are strong, tall, fast, glide or spark interest in other unique ways. We will construct simple machines learning how levers, inclined planes, wedges, wheel & axles, pulleys, and screws can be useful and fun! For example, what is a lever? Where do we see them everyday? Let's construct a lever launcher to launch a pom pom! Now how can we optimize our launcher to make it go further, higher, etc? This is a hands-on class to be creative and develop an understanding of improved building practices. We are like our Creator when we are creative! *\$50 supply fee*

### **Electrifying Discoveries 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Join us for science exploration geared toward young students. Learn the secrets of one of the most exciting discoveries of science—electricity! How does it work? What does it do? What would we do without it? Join us for this exciting hands-on class with Snap Circuits. *No book or additional materials required.*

### **How to Cook 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

This class aims to introduce new foods and flavors, practicing kitchen safety as we try various recipes to learn different techniques and nutritional benefits. As we introduce nutritional information, we'll discuss how to see past sometimes deceptive packaging and advertisements. We'll explore how to plan, prepare, and present various types of food. The text is a cookbook to be used at Creative Academy and at home. Students shall have flexibility to decide which recipes they prepare at home, then bring photos, samples and reports about family reactions to the foods. We'll also bless other people by sharing food we prepare as a personal outreach to honor Jesus. *\$50 supply fee*

**Food & Nutrition K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Food & Nutrition 3rd-6th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Food is a gift from God! Find joy in preparing it, celebration in eating it, and personal outreach by blessing other people as you share! This class aims to introduce new foods and flavors, practicing kitchen safety as we try various recipes to learn different techniques and nutritional benefits. We'll explore how to plan, prepare, and present various types of food. God created us to crave, and our cravings impact our overall health. *\$50 supply fee*

**Math Games 1st-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Math Games 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

First and foremost, math games are fun learning! With Math Games, students engage in calculation and computation without even realizing they are actually learning! The games are offered in both team and individual formats, giving a little friendly competition to motivate intrinsic learning. The level of the math used in these games will vary by grade/age. This goal of the class is to foster a love for learning math, allowing children who may have been intimidated by math to conquer that fear and blast through their "math barriers." We hope to see you in math games!

# Electives

## Language & Literature

### **Reading the Classics Hands On 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Reading the best classic books could not be more fun!

### **CS LEWIS 6th-8th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **CS LEWIS 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

This semester the CS Lewis course will be a discussion based class that will read and examine the works of this famous British author and renowned apologist. The semester's selections will be based on four of his major works: Mere Christianity, The Screwtape Letters, and the Great Divorce. The Socratic method will be employed in this course as students examine the ideas presented in these books.

### **AESOP'S FABLES 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

This course is designed to make Aesop's Fables come alive through exciting, hands-on projects. Each week's lesson will focus on a different fable, and students will complete writing, comprehension, and art activities for each story to put in their fable portfolio. We will examine the elements of the story, learn to identify the moral and its meaning within a fable, and improve reading comprehension. At the end of the semester, students will write an original "fable" and create a storybook of their own.

### **Dr. Seuss on the Loose K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Explore the wonderful and wacky world of Dr. Seuss. Each week a different Dr. Seuss book will be read and accompanied by various fun activities.

# Electives

## Performing Arts

### **Dance K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Dance 3rd-6th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

This is an introduction to various types of dance, all from a Christian perspective. There will be extra focus on lyrical and musical theater dance with preparation for performing on stage. Students will learn various ways to move to music and express their love for God with their whole being!

### **Worship Team 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

This is intended to help train up the next generation of musicians and worship leaders in the church and community. Students in this class will gain an understanding of the basics of worship leading, including song selection, audience engagement, and verbal communication. Students will have opportunities to lead the worship segments of Creative Academy chapel using contemporary worship music. No book required, but musicians must be proficient in their instrument, and vocalists must be able to hear harmonies and demonstrate the heart of worship in a live setting.

### **Youth Choir 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Youth Choir 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Youth Choir is designed to teach students how to sing comfortably in a group setting and learn to work together with a wide variety of ages and abilities. Students may audition for solo or duet pieces. Students may perform their choir selections in the Showcase.

### **Making Melodies K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Learn the basics: beats, rhythms, notes, singing worship songs while being inspired to create and enjoy the world of music!

### **Understanding Music 6th-12th: (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Look at fundamental concepts musicians use to understand, analyze, and create music. Learning basic music theory is essential for enhancing creativity and developing musical awareness. It's a challenging but rewarding set of skills to learn. Understanding Music also provides insight into the basic building blocks of music that form harmony, melody, and rhythm. Understanding Music will give you a deeper understanding of music to help you create, understand, and communicate music.



# Electives (Other)

**Art K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Art 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Art 6th-8th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Art 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

God is a brilliant Creator! In this class we will tap into our own creative abilities. Students will explore the world of art as we cover styles of art and let students express themselves. This class isn't structured on being a perfectionist but understanding that God created us all unique and wonderfully made. Homework won't be assigned, but a student can always finish up one of their masterpieces at home if they want. \$50 *supply fee*

**Cell Phone Permit 5th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Cell Phone Permit is a comprehensive course that teaches students about the challenges and opportunities that come with the responsibility of having a cell phone and devices. Cell Phone Permit understands the importance of a whole-community approach among educators, students, and parents in creating a healthy relationship with cell phone use. This curriculum equips young people with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the digital world as well as the character and knowledge to ensure they put those skills to use. Course materials are provided by the instructor.

**Countries & Cultures K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Countries & Cultures 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Countries & Cultures 6th-8th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Countries & Cultures 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

We will spotlight different countries with a goal to understand various cultures! Meet guest speakers who will share about their country, allowing us to see, hear, touch and taste through music, language, clothing, photos, activities, geography, flags, crafts and foods. Students will pray specifically for each group of people!

### **Entrepreneurship / Career Planning 6th-8th, 9th-12th: (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Have you ever wanted to be your own boss? Start your own business? Welcome to the world of Entrepreneurship. See what having an entrepreneurial mindset can do when backed with the Word of God. God made us to be the head not the tail. He wants you to have financial and time freedom. God has given you talents and wants you to be successful using those talents. In this course we will discuss the basics of business, products versus services, and financial literacy and budgeting. Students will create their own business idea and pitch it to mock investors.

Careers: Prepare now for your future! Students will explore various employment options through career assessments. The class will actively learn about resume preparation, the interview process, employment information and deeper exploration of career options. Meet guest speakers from various career fields.

### **Leadership Skills 1st-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Leadership Skills 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Leadership Skills 6th-8th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Leadership Skills 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Youth are our future leaders, so we want to prepare them with strong skills! Students will increase in knowledge and skills necessary to be who God called them to be. We'll apply knowledge to real world experiences with hands-on activities. We will identify leadership qualities and address ethics, honor, communication, integrity, vision, humility, goals, perseverance, optimism, handling conflict, transitions, and responsibilities.

### **Life Skills K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Life Skills 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Life Skills 6th-8th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Life Skills 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Let's get practical! Students will increase in knowledge and develop skills necessary for everyday living. Students will apply knowledge to real world experiences with hands-on activities. Topics include communication skills, tools, finances, etiquette, tools, health, organization and various household responsibilities.

**Personal Faith K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Personal Faith 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Personal Faith 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Faith should be personal and real. This discipleship class will provide a wonderful place to develop understanding of the Bible and a heart for the Lord. We will pray, memorize Bible verses, apply scripture to life, discuss Christian worldview, and grow in our faith. This will be an interactive class which aligns with the beliefs and culture of Creative Church.

**Photography 1 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Whether Students own a point-and-shoot or a more advanced DSLR, this class will give them a better grasp of their chosen tool and the skills to make successful images. We will focus on core photographic concepts, composition, lighting and the many creative choices one can make through various techniques. The course will include hands-on demonstrations with a DSLR camera as well as basic digital image editing techniques.

**Photography 2 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Students must have taken Photography 1 course and have their own DSLR camera. In this course, we will focus on opportunities to capture images outside of the Classroom. We will explore more advanced techniques, the use of accessories such as neutral density filters, tripods, diffusers and supplemental lighting. This course will also include hands-on digital image editing and the use of online tools such as Canva to create social media posts, flyers, brochures, marketing materials and more.

**Physical Education K-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Physical Education 3rd-5th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Physical Education 6th-8th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

**Physical Education 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Students will be introduced to movement concepts and skills that will help them achieve and maintain health and fitness throughout their lifetime. Class time will be spent participating in a variety of both team and individual activities, so be prepared to be active, have fun, and learn new skills!!

### **Production Team 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

The goal of the Production Team Course is to help students get familiar with the world of live production (consisting of audio, lights and video) enough to confidently bring production value to most church services. Most of the training would be taught in the context of Creative Church.

- Basic tech equipment operations.
- Basic tech equipment programming.
- Terminology.
- Understanding the value and importance of the production team in a Church setting.
- Maintaining and servicing equipment.
- Students will also operate the equipment during Creative Academy Chapel under the instructor's supervision

### **Speech & Debate 6th-8th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Speech & Debate 9th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Students will develop an understanding of the forms of speech and argumentation, with an emphasis on informal reasoning. They will learn to apply that understanding of argumentation by participating in various exercises in written and oral persuasive communication and debate and will gain confidence in defending or positing a persuasive view in an adversarial situation and develop a more thoughtful, well-reasoned worldview on significant spiritual, ethical, political, and social topics of contemporary debate.

### **Strategic Games Fun 1st-2nd (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Strategic Games Fun 3-5 (Fall, Spring, Both)**

### **Strategic Games Fun 6-12 (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Using strategy board games to teach students how to take turns, stretch their brains, learning to read and guess their opponent's cues. Through different games students will use math skills, strategy skills, and team building skills while having fun! Lessons can be spiced up with cultural and literary references as well as dramatic battles. Learn the value of sacrifice for the greater good.

### **Yearbook & Journalism 6th-12th (Fall, Spring, Both)**

Use writing and graphic design skills to create special projects including Creative Academy newsletters and yearbooks.

### **Chapel: Free for all**

#### **Tuesdays 9:30-10:00am**

The chapel experience is a time for all students, K-12, to come together in community to be equipped and encouraged as leaders of the next generation. The chapel worship is led by Creative Academy students under the direction of the Worship Team instructor. The message is brought by local pastors, church staff, Academy staff, and parents. This class is free of charge and strongly encouraged. No textbook or additional materials required.

### **Worldview: Free for all**

#### **Thursdays 9:30-10:00am**

Like chapel, this 30-minute class is complimentary for all students. We will work in parent-led breakout groups by age following the scope and sequence chart for worldview. Parents will purchase one book and read along with the lessons each week as a family (some books have notebooks and activity books you can include for younger children at home). In the class, we will discuss the chapters and pray together. The full worldview series includes *Who Is God: Biblical Worldview*; *Who Am I: Biblical Self-Image*; *It Couldn't Just Happen*; *Fallacy Detectives*; *Who Is My Brother: Biblical Servanthood*; and *What on Earth Am I Here For: Biblical Stewardship*. This year, we will all be reading and discussing *Who Am I: Biblical Self-Image*.