



Arete Homeschooling Collaborative 2026 - 2027 Course Descriptions

High School US Government (9 – 12)

1st Semester [W 10:15 – 11:15]

Students will study a 1-semester broad-brush foundation of the American republic form of government to include federal, state and local governments, the founding documents, government organizations, the electoral system, and how to be involved in the process using the spine: The Everything American Government Book by Nick Rangone and additional assigned reading to include primary sources. Students will be expected to complete regular quizzes and oral presentations. Students are required to read the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution prior to the start of class. Will require 2+ hours of homework time. Instructor: Ginger Master; Cost: \$125

High School Introductory Economics (9 – 12)

2nd Semester [W 10:15 – 11:15]

Students will study a 1-semester broad-brush foundation to understand the basics of economics to include: basic economic principles, Capitalism (Market Economy) vs. Socialism (Command Economy), and Interventionism (Mixed Economy) using the textbook Lessons for the Young Economist, by Robert P. Murphy. Students will be expected to complete regular quizzes and oral presentations. Will require 3-4 hours of homework time. Instructor: Ginger Master; Cost: \$125

Upper High School Renaissance Literature and History (10 – 12)

[M 9:15 – 11:15]

Students will delve into the history and literature of the renaissance world, sharpening their reading and writing skills within the context of the major events, people, and thoughts surrounding renaissance times. Will require 4+ hours of homework time. This course will require summer reading. Instructor: Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$500

High School Medieval Literature and History (9 – 11)

[M 11:55 – 1:55]

Students will delve into the history and literature of the medieval world, sharpening their reading and writing skills within the context of the major events, people, and thoughts surrounding medieval times. Will require 4+ hours of homework time. This course will require summer reading. Instructor: Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$500

Jr. High Medieval History (7 – 9)

[W 10:15 – 11:15]

Students will study history from early Christianity to the Elizabethan Period. This course is literature-based, and students will be required to read several historical novels over the summer and throughout the year. Will require 2-3+ hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$220

Middle Ancient History A (5 – 7), B (4 – 6)

A [M 10:15 – 11:15], B [M 11:55 – 12:55]

Students will study ancient history beginning with the cradle of civilization up to the Roman empire. This course is literature-based, and students will be required to read several historical novels of the summer and throughout the year. Students will use *Story of the World Vol I*. Meets once per week and requires 1-2 hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Mary Courtney; Cost: \$220

Elementary Ancient History (3 – 4)

[M 9:15 – 10:15]

Students will study ancient history beginning with the cradle of civilization up to the Roman empire. This course is literature-based, and students will be required to read several historical novels of the summer and throughout the year. Students will use *Story of the World Vol I*. Meets once per week and requires 1-2 hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Mary Courtney; Cost: \$220

Algebra I

[M,W 8:15 – 9:15]

Students will learn basic Algebra principles and concepts using: *Algebra I: Expressions, Equations, and Applications* by Paul Foerster. Meets twice per week and will require 2-3 hours of homework time. Instructor: Starr Olivo; Cost: \$500

Algebra I Enrichment

[M and/or W 9:15 – 10:15]

Students have the opportunity for extra Algebra I homework help and practice problems. Students can enroll in either Monday, Wednesday, or both. Instructor: Starr Olivo; Cost: \$150 for 1 day/week, \$300 for 2 days/week

Geometry

[M,W 9:15 – 10:15]

Students in this class will learn Geometrical proofs and concepts using: *Geometry: Seeing, Doing, Understanding* by Harold R. Jacobs. Meets twice per week, and will require 2-3 hours of homework time. Instructor: Tiffany Amack; Cost: \$500

Geometry Enrichment**[M and/or W 10:15 – 11:15]**

Students have the opportunity for extra Geometry homework help and practice problems. Students can enroll in either Monday, Wednesday, or both. Instructor: Tiffany Amack; Cost: \$150 for 1 day/week, \$300 for 2 days/week

Singapore 3**[M,W 12:55 – 1:55]**

Students in this class will go through *Singapore 3A/3B*. Meets twice per week, and requires 2 hours of homework time. *This class may be canceled if there are not enough students. Instructor: Kayla Whatley Cost: \$440

Math Study Hall (6 – 8)**[M 11:55 – 12:55]**

Students can receive help with math homework or work on other homework. Instructor: Regina Smith; Cost: \$130

Math Study Hall (3 – 6)**[W 12:55 – 1:55]**

Students can receive help with math homework or work on other homework. Instructor: TBD; Cost: \$130

Novare Physics (9 – 12)**[W 11:55 – 1:55]**

Students will study Physics from a Christian perspective using Novare *Introductory Physics*. Students should have a solid grasp of Algebra I concepts to enroll in the course. In-class time will include labs and discussion. Meets once per week and will require 3-4 hours of study/homework time. **This course will require an additional \$50 lab fee.** Instructor: Dr. Maury Estes; Cost: \$500

Novare Life Science (7+)**[M 12:55 – 1:55]**

For middle schoolers who want a more academic rigorous life science or for high school students who want a lighter Novare Biology class. Students will study Life Science from a Classical Christian perspective using Novare's *Life Science*. In-class time will include labs and discussion. Will require 2 hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Mary Courtney; Cost: \$250

Middle Life Science (5 – 7)**[M 12:55 – 1:55]**

Students will study the living things that compose our wide and wonderful world using *Biology for the Logic Stage* from Elemental Science, *The Usborne Encyclopedia of Science*, and *The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia*. Will require 1-2 hours of homework time. Instructor: Katie Fuster; Cost: \$220

Elementary Life Science (3 – 4)**[M 11:55 – 12:55]**

Students will study the living things that compose our wide and wonderful world using *Biology for the Logic Stage* from Elemental Science, *The Usborne Encyclopedia of Science*, and *The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia*. Meets once per week, and will require 1-2 hours of homework time. Instructor: Katie Fuster; Cost: \$220

Lost Tools Composition II (7 – 9)**[W 11:55 – 1:25]**

A course for students who have had at least three years of IEW or have had a year of Lost Tools I or other writing experience. Students will review the major writing concepts taught in Lost Tools I and further their writing experience by completing the entirety of The Lost Tools of Writing Level I. Additionally students will begin to study literary devices and literary analysis using Teaching the Classics and review grammar concepts using Fix-It Grammar 4. Summer reading is required for this class. Will require 2-3 hours of homework time. This course requires parents to watch videos outside of class and edit their student's papers each week. (Students in this class will have the option of staying for a Lost Tools study hall to get help with writing homework until 1:55 at a cost of \$75/year.) Instructor: Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$330

IEW Composition 3 (5 – 7)**[M 9:15 – 10:45]**

A course for students with at least a year of IEW or other writing experience. Students will continue studying the IEW writing sequence while producing longer, more complex works. Grammar will be taught using *Fix It Grammar*. Will require 1-2 hours of homework time. Summer reading is required for this class. (Students in this class will have the option of staying for a writing study hall to work on writing homework until 11:15 at a cost of \$75/year.) Instructor: Savannah Wright; Cost: \$330

IEW Composition 1 (4 – 6)**[W 9:15 – 10:45]**

A course for students who are new to IEW. Students will receive a gentle introduction into the IEW process using *Structure and Style for Students Year 1A*. Students must be able to read and write proficiently. Will require 1 hour of homework time. Summer reading is required for this class. (Students in this class will have the option of staying for an IEW study hall to work on IEW homework until 11:15 at a cost of \$75/year.) Instructor: Kayla Whatley; Cost: \$330

Preparatory Composition (3 – 4)**[W 9:15 – 10:45]**

This course provides a gentle introduction to writing and grammar using a slow and systematic approach, building a strong foundation for students to begin the IEW program the following year. Students will work through the *Essentials in Writing Level 3* which features small daily assignments so as not to overwhelm young writers. Students must be able to read and formulate/write a sentence to enroll in this class. Proper spelling and punctuation is not necessary. (Students in this class will have the option of staying for a writing study hall to work on writing homework until 11:15 at a cost of \$75/year.) Meets once per week and requires 1 hour of homework time. Instructor: Kristine Mathson; Cost: \$330

Latin Alive I (6 – 8)**[M 11:55 – 12:55]**

Students will dive deeper into Latin by beginning the *Latin Alive* Book 1. Will require 2+ hours of homework. Instructor: Cynthia Hazard; Cost: \$250

Latin Alive IIB (8 – 12)**[M 10:15 – 11:15]**

Students will dive deeper into Latin by completing the *Latin Alive* Book 2. Will require 2+ hours of homework. Instructor: Cynthia Hazard; Cost: \$250

Latin Primer A2 (3 – 6)**[W 12:55 – 1:55]**

Students will continue their journey in *Latin for Children Primer A* and will build on their foundation of basic Latin grammar and vocabulary. Will require 1+ hour of homework. Instructor: Emily Delmar; Cost: \$220

Latin Primer A3 (5 – 7)**[W 11:55 – 12:55]**

Students who have completed the Latin Primer A2 class and have a solid foundation in basic Latin grammar and vocabulary will complete the *Latin for Children Primer A* book. Will require 1+ hour of homework. Instructor: Emily Delmar; Cost: \$220

Intro to Latin (5 – 7)**[W 11:55 – 12:55]**

This class is geared to 5th through 7th graders with no Latin experience who would like to begin their Latin journey. This will be a faster paced class, and students will work their way through the entire *Latin for Children Primer A* book. Will require 1+ hour of homework. Instructor: Emily Delmar; Cost: \$220

Intermediate Logic 1 (9 – 12)**[W 9:15 – 10:15]**

Students will learn how to formulate and recognize arguments using the foundation from Introductory Logic using *Logic as a Liberal Art*. Meets once per week, and will require 1- 2 hours of homework time. **This class may be canceled due to low enrollment numbers. Instructor: Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$250

Spanish I (3 – 6)**[M 9:15 – 10:15]**

Students will learn basic Spanish grammar, vocabulary, and conversation using *Nacho: Libro Inicial de Lectura* (Coleccion Nacho). Will require 2 hours of homework. Instructor: Leonor Taylor; Cost: \$220

Spanish IB (6 – 8)**[M 10:15 – 11:15]**

Students will learn basic Spanish grammar, vocabulary, and conversation *Nacho: Libro Inicial de Lectura* (Coleccion Nacho). Will require 2 hours of homework. Instructor: Leonor Taylor; Cost: \$220

High School Art (9 – 12)**[M 1:55 – 3:10]**

Students will practice basic/intermediate art techniques using a variety of media. Students will have the opportunity to display their best works at an art show near the end of the year. **This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Leah Smith; Cost \$315

Jr. High Art (7 – 8)**[M 9:15 – 10:15]**

Students will practice basic/intermediate art techniques using a variety of media. Students will have the opportunity to display their best works at an art show near the end of the year. **This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Leah Smith; Cost \$220

Middle Art A (5 – 7)/ B (4 – 6)**A [M 11:55 – 12:55] B [M 12:55 – 1:55]**

Students will practice basic/intermediate art techniques using a variety of media. Students will have the opportunity to display their best works at an art show near the end of the year. **This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Leah Smith; Cost \$220

Elementary Art (3 – 4)**[M 10:15 – 11:15]**

Students will practice basic/intermediate art techniques using a variety of media. Students will have the opportunity to display their best works at an art show near the end of the year. **This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Leah Smith; Cost \$220

Choir (3 – 12)**[M 1:55 – 3:10]**

Students will learn the basics of music instruction by singing hymns, modern worship, and other songs. Students will have multiple opportunities to share their music with the community, including performances at Commonplace gatherings, Graduation, and Spring Concert. Participation in all scheduled performances is mandatory as part of this year-long course. **This class will require an additional \$15 materials fee to cover the cost of music.** Instructor: Regina Smith; Cost: \$275

Chess (3 – 6)**[M 12:55 – 1:55]**

Students will learn basic chess strategies and improve their chess skills following a sequential chess curriculum and integrating chess puzzles and games. Students will practice their skills in matches with each other. Instructor: Junior Blanchet; Cost: \$150

Shakespearean Drama (8 – 12)**[W 1:55 – 3:10]**

Students will take a deep dive into Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* through close-reading and analysis, culminating with a performance of the play in early May. Students will work to sharpen public speaking skills, build confidence, and develop a deeper understanding of human nature. All students who enroll must be willing to take on at least a small part in the show. Will require 1-2 hours of study time/week to study the plays, memorize lines, and develop performance plans. **This class will require an additional \$50 materials fee to cover performance costs.** Instructor: Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$315

Musical Drama (3 – 8)**[W 1:55 – 3:10]**

Students will learn a variety of drama skills culminating in a musical theatre performance in the spring. This class includes dancing, singing, and acting alongside building confidence, creativity, and teamwork. Will require at least 1 hour/week study time to memorize lines/ practice songs and dances. Attendance is mandatory, and students who miss more than 2 classes may lose their part. Parents are required to attend a planning meeting on the first day of classes and must ensure their students are learning their lines/songs/dances each week. **This class will require an additional \$50 materials fee to cover performance costs.** Instructors: Lauren Kolmetz and Regina Smith; Cost: \$275

PE and Health (3 – 6)**[W 11:55 – 12:55]**

Students will have an opportunity to learn fitness concepts, various team sports and activities, and basic health and nutrition while expending some energy. Instructor: Jordan Powell; Cost: \$220

Life Skills (6 – 12)**[M 1:55 – 3:10]**

Students will have the opportunity to work alongside various instructors to learn important life skills such as self-defense, health, finance, citizenship, manners, tools, etc. **This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Jordan Powell; Cost: \$275

Arduino Programming/Robotics (7 – 12)**[W 1:55 – 3:10]**

Through fun, hands-on projects, students will learn the basics of programming and electronic design using Arduino microcontrollers. Activities will include working with lights, switches, motors, and other simple electronic components as well as introductory programming. Students will need a laptop to bring to class. **This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Janna Camperman; Cost \$315

Gardening (7 – 12)**[M 1:55 – 3:10]**

Students will learn all about gardening in Florida to include plant biology basics, plant nutrition, proper plant care, propagation methods, pruning, soil basics, plant nutrition, starting seeds, vegetable gardening, and butterfly gardening. There will be hands-on projects to include growing a fall and a spring garden. **This class will require an additional \$50 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Mary Courtney; Cost \$315

Culinary (ages 14+)**August 28th through February 5th [F 9:00 – 11:00]**

This is a special elective being offered on Fridays at Tribe Church. Students will learn the basics of food preparation, presentation, and teamwork with the opportunity to learn while doing. **This class will incur an additional \$50 fee to cover supplies/food prep.** Instructor: Mr. Gregg Smith; Cost: \$270

Study Hall (3 – 12)

Students in grades 3rd through 12th who have a break in between classes, and whose parents do not remain on campus, must enroll in study hall. Students may be placed in an active classroom and will be expected to work quietly with plenty of work to keep them busy. Cost: \$130/year/study hall hour.

Early Elementary Classes

Hands-On Science (2nd/1st)

2nd: [W 9:00 – 10:00]; 1st: [W 10:00 – 11:00]

This fun, hands-on science course will cover the basic concepts of Life Science in a way that is comprehensible to little learners. Students enrolling in the 2nd grade class must be proficient at reading/writing. Meets once per week. Instructor: Abbey Snyder; Cost: \$220

Literature and Geography (1st/2nd)

1st: [W 9:00 – 10:00]; 2nd: [W 10:00 – 11:00]

Students in this class will explore US geography through quality children's literature and fun projects. The class will focus on phonics, comprehension, and fluency skills while participating in fun activities. Students enrolling in the 2nd grade class must be proficient at reading/writing. Meets once per week. Instructor: Jordan Powell; Cost: \$220

K Literature (K)

[W 9:00 – 10:00]

Students in this class will explore beautiful stories and poetry and work to memorize several poems. Meets once per week. Instructor: Renee Pelache; Cost: \$220

K Math and Science (K)

[W 10:00 – 11:00]

Students in this class will explore basic math and science concepts through hands-on learning. Meets once per week. Instructor: Renee Pelache; Cost: \$220

Early Spanish (K-1/1-2)

K-1: [W 12:45 – 1:45]; 1- 2: [W 1:45 – 2:45]

Students will have a fun introduction to Spanish through songs and games. Students enrolling in the 1-2 class need to be able to read/write and will use the Risas and Sonrisas Spanish curriculum. Instructor: Leonor Taylor; Cost: \$220

Early Music/Musical Drama (K-1/1-2)

K-1: [W 11:45 – 12:45]; 1-2: [W 12:45 – 1:45]

A fun introduction to musical drama and choir, with the aim of building confidence, speaking, drama skills, character work, and a fun environment where each child can develop their God-given instrument. Students will participate in a patriotic music/drama performance in February and a mandatory choral performance in the spring. **Students enrolling in the 1-2 class must be able to read.** Instructor: Regina Smith; Cost: \$220.

Early Art (K-1/1-2)

K- 1 [W 1:45 – 2:45]; 1-2 [W 11:45 – 12:45]

Children will learn the basic elements of art through a variety of fun, hands-on projects. **This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies.** Instructor: Hannah Maynard; Cost: \$220

****Students who fall outside of the listed grade range may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please email aretehomeschooling@gmail.com to make this request.**