



## Arete Homeschooling Collaborative 2024 - 2025 Course Descriptions

### High School US Government (9 – 12)

1<sup>st</sup> Semester [M 12:50 -1:50]

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: Mr. Sean Aland; Cost: \$115

### High School Introductory Economics (9 – 12)

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester [M 12:50 -1:50]

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: Mr. Sean Aland; Cost: \$115

### High School US History (9 – 12)

[M 11:50 -12:50]

Students will study and be exposed to a year-long journey through American History starting prior to America's founding up to current day. Students will be challenged using the textbook *Land of Hope, An Invitation to the Great American Story* and selected other readings. Students are expected to complete regular quizzes and oral presentations. The goal of this course is to explore the history of America via an approach that strives to produce "Intelligent Patriotism" based on history and facts. Will require 3-4 hours of homework time. Instructor: Mr. Sean Aland; Cost: \$230

### Jr. High US History (7 – 9)

[M 8:15 - 9:15]

Students will study the ideals and events that have shaped the US from prior to America's founding up to modern day using the text *Land of Home, An Invitation to the Great American Story for Young Readers*. This class will also have a literature component; in addition to the text, students are expected to read assigned fiction. Will require 2-3+ hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Mrs. Stephanie Howland; Cost: \$200

### Elementary (3 – 4)/Middle (5 – 6) Early Modern History

Elementary [W 9:15 – 10:15] Middle [W 10:15 – 11:15]

Students will study early modern history from the Renaissance to the 1850s using *Story of the World Volume III: Early Modern Times*. This course is literature-based, and students will be required to read several historical novels over the summer and throughout the year. Students in the middle class will have increased writing assignments. Meets once per week and requires 1-2 hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Mrs. Mary Courtney; Cost: \$200

### Geometry

[M,W 10:15 - 11:15]

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: Mr. John Fisher; Cost: \$460

### Algebra I

[M,W 10:15 - 11:15]

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: Mrs. Ruthann Fisher; Cost: \$460

### Math 6

[M,W 9:15 - 10:15]

Students will receive a solid review of the foundations of arithmetic in order to prepare them to begin Pre-Algebra the following year using *Dimensions Math 6A/6B*. This class meets twice per week and requires 2 hours of homework time. Instructor: Mrs. Regina Smith; Cost: \$400

### High School Biology (9 – 12)

[W 11:50 - 1:50]

Students will study Biology from a classical Christian perspective using Novare's rigorous curriculum: *General Biology*. In-class time will include labs and discussion. Meets once per week and will require 2-3+ hours of study/homework time. **This course will require a lab fee.** Instructor: Mrs. Mary Courtney, Cost: \$460

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**Novare Physical Science (7+)****[W 11:50 - 1:50]**

Students will study Physical Science from a Christian perspective using Novare's rigorous curriculum: *Physical Science*. In-class time will include labs and discussion. Meets once per week and will require 2 hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Dr. Maury Estes; Cost: \$460

**Middle Physical Science (5 – 7)****[W 12:50 - 1:50]**

Students will study the science of motion and the laws that govern our wide and wonderful world using *Physics for the Logic Stage* from Elemental Science. Meets once per week and will require 1-2 hours of homework time. Instructor: Mrs. Abbey Snyder; Cost: \$200

**Elementary Physical Science (3 – 4)****[W 11:50 - 12:50]**

Students will study the science of motion and the laws that govern our wide and wonderful world using *Physics for the Logic Stage* from Elemental Science. Meets once per week and will require 1-2 hours of homework time. Instructor: Mrs. Abbey Snyder; Cost: \$200

**Advanced Literature and Composition (10 – 12)****[M, W 9:15 - 10:15]**

Students will explore, discuss, and write about themes, worldview, and truths contained within great US and British works. Summer reading is required for this class. Will require 2-3 hours of homework time. Students must have prior experience with literary discussion/compositions. Instructor: Mrs. Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$460

**Introduction to Literature and Composition II (8 – 10)****[M 11:50 – 1:20]**

Students will study literary analysis and advanced composition skills using *Teaching the Classics*, *The Jill Pike Syllabus*, and *Windows to the World*. In addition to the student text, students will read several novels throughout the year. Summer reading is required for this class. Meets once per week and requires 1-2 hours of homework time. Instructor: Mrs. Stephanie Howland; Cost: \$350

**Middle Writing and Literature (5-7)****[M 11:50 – 1:20]**

A course for students with at least a year of IEW or other writing experience. Students will continue to practice the skills they have learned with IEW while also learning to study/write poetry and short narrative stories. Students will also begin to develop the tools of close reading and literary discussion. Will require 1-2 hours of homework time. Summer reading is required for this class. Instructor: Mrs. Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$300

**IEW Composition I (3 – 5)****[M 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 1-2 hours 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: Mrs. Stephanie Howland; Cost: \$300

**Advanced High School Latin (9 – 12)****[W 10:15 - 11:15]**

A course for students who have had several years of Latin, including at least 2 years of Henle Latin. This course will continue studying the Henle Latin curriculum. Will require 2-3+ hours of study/homework time. Instructor: Mrs. Cynthia Hazard; Cost: \$230.

**Latin Alive (7 – 9)****[W 9:15 - 10:15]**

Students with a basic Latin foundation will begin studying more advanced Latin with *Latin Alive*. Will require 2+ hours of homework. Instructor: Mrs. Cynthia Hazard; Cost: \$200

**Latin Primer B (5 – 7)****[W 11:50 - 12:50]**

Students will continue their journey through Latin with Latin for Children Primer B. This class is for students who already have had at least a year of Latin with a strong background in Latin grammar and vocabulary. Will require 1+ hour of homework. Instructor: Mrs. Emily Delmar; Cost: \$200

**Latin Primer A (3 – 5)****[W 12:50 - 1:50]**

Students will begin their Latin Journey using *Latin for Children Primer A*. Students need not have any prior Latin experience. Will require 1+ hour of homework. Instructor: Mrs. Emily Delmar; Cost: \$200

**High School Art (9 - 12)****[M 1:50 - 3:05]**

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. Instructor: Mrs. Maria Schafer; Cost \$275

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**Jr. High Art (7 – 8)/ Middle Art (5 – 6)****Jr. High [M 9:15 – 10:15] Middle [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. Instructor: Mrs. Maria Schafer; Cost \$200

**Elementary Art (3 – 5)****[M 11:50 – 1:20]**

Students will practice basic 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. Instructor: Mrs. Maria Schafer; Cost \$300

**Choir (3 - 9)****[M 2:35 - 3:15]**

Students will learn the basics of music instruction by singing hymns, modern worship and other songs. The class will participate in several performances throughout the year, culminating with a Spring Performance. Instructor: Mrs. Regina Smith; Cost: \$150

**Shakespearean Drama (7 - 12)****[W 1:50 - 3:05]**

Students will receive an in-depth study of an original Shakespearean play through close-reading and analysis which will culminate in a performance. (We will most likely perform *The Merchant of Venice*, a play which explores the themes of mercy and justice.) In the process, students will work to sharpen public speaking skills, build confidence, and develop a deeper understanding of human nature. Students who wish to study Shakespeare but prefer not to perform are welcome to participate in this class to study the play and help out with the technical aspects of theater. Will require 1-2 hours of study time/week to study the plays, memorize lines, and develop performance plans. Instructor: Mrs. Heather Magnuson; Cost: \$275

**Musical Drama (3 - 9)****[M 1:20 – 2:35]**

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 team work. Will require at least 1 hour/week study time to memorize lines/ practice songs and dances. Attendance is mandatory for this class. Students who miss more than 2 classes may lose their part. Musical Drama parents are required to attend a planning meeting on the first day of classes and are expected to ensure their students are learning their lines/songs/dances each week.

**This class will require an additional \$25 materials fee to cover the cost of venue rental/sound.** Instructor: Mrs. Lauren Kolmetz; Cost: \$250

**Programming Basics (6 – 9)****1<sup>st</sup> Semester Only [M 1:50-3:05]**

**\*\*Tentatively scheduled for Mondays, but this may change.\*\*** Students will learn the basics of computer programming using the Scratch programming language. Students will need a laptop to bring to class. Instructor: Mrs. Janna Camperman; Cost \$125

**Flite Test STEM (5 – 10)****1<sup>st</sup> Semester Only [W 1:50-3:05]**

Students will learn basic principles of flight and aerospace engineering through the construction of RC airplanes. Information about the program can be found [here](#). This is a 1-semester class. **This class will require a \$150 materials fee to cover the cost of supplies to build the RC aircraft.** Instructor: Mrs. Dot Wagner, Dr. Nic Wagner and Mrs. Claire Iseminger; Cost \$125

**Elementary PE and Games (3 – 4)****[W 10:15 – 11:15]**

Students will have an opportunity to learn various team sports and activities while expending some energy. Instructor: Miss Selah Elder; Cost: \$200

**Elementary Life Skills (3 – 6)****[W 1:50 – 3:05]**

Students will rotate through various practical learning units. Possible topics include: sewing, entrepreneurship, manners, nutrition, self-defense, money management etc. Instructor: Mrs. Abbey Snyder; Cost \$250

**Culinary 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (ages 15+), 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (ages 12-14)****[F 9:00-10:30]**

This is a special elective being offered on Fridays at Tribe Church. Students will learn the basics of cooking and have the opportunity learn while doing. **This class will incur an additional fee to cover supplies/food prep.** Instructor: Mr. Gregg Smith; Cost: \$175

**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, may enroll in a study hall period for periods 1-5. 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.

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## **Early Elementary Classes**

### **Hands-On Science K - 1/1 - 2**

**K-1: [W 9:00-10:00]; 1-2: [W 10:00 - 11:00]**

This fun, hands-on science course will cover the basic concepts of Physical Science in a way that is comprehensible to little learners. Students enrolling in the 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class must be proficient at reading/writing. Meets once per week. Instructor: Mrs. Brittany Thompson; Cost: \$200

### **Poetry and Literature K - 1 /1 - 2**

**K-1: [W 10:00-11:00]; 1-2: [W 9:00 – 10:00]**

Students in this class will explore quality children's literature and memorize a variety of beautiful poetry through IEW's Linguistic Development Through Poetry Memorization. The class will focus on phonics, comprehension, and fluency skills while participating in fun activities. Students enrolling in the 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class must be proficient at reading/writing. Meets once per week. Instructor: Mrs. Celia Massey; Cost: \$200

### **Early Spanish (K – 2)**

**[W 11:45-12:45]**

Students will have a fun introduction to Spanish through songs and games. Instructor: Mrs. Isabel Luciano; Cost: \$200

### **Early Drama (K – 2) 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Only**

**[W 1:45 - 2:45]**

A fun introduction to drama, with the aim of building confidence, speaking, drama skills and character work. Children will explore different techniques and drama games culminating in a public Christmas performance in December. Instructor: Mrs. Regina Smith; Cost: \$100.

### **Music and Choir (K – 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Only**

**[W 1:45 - 2:45]**

A beginning choral ensemble for early learners in a fun environment where each child can develop their God-given instrument: the voice. Students will learn American patriotic and folk songs, as well as worship songs. Students need no prior music or vocal training. Instructor: Mrs. Regina Smith; Cost: \$100.

### **Early Art**

**[W 12:45 - 1:45]**

Children will learn the basic elements of art through a variety of fun, hands-on projects. Instructor: Mrs. Maria Schafer; Cost: \$200.