



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Jr. High School On-Campus (JOC)

2022-2023

JOC

Courses are designed to provide junior high school students instruction in both core and elective subjects while also preparing them to succeed in their upcoming high school courses. Classes will stress attendance, time management, organization, following instructions, test-taking, oral presentation, and general classroom skills.

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SCIENCE

General Science

Grades: 7-8

Cost: \$380

Lab Fee: \$40

Placement Test: No

Prerequisite: None

Instructor: Marie Tennant

Semester: Fall and Spring

Schedule: Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

This is the first course in Apologia's *Exploring Creation With...* series, written by Dr. Jay Wile. It is designed to introduce Jr. High students to post-elementary science studies while giving them an excellent opportunity to learn the organization and process of this series before reaching the high school level courses. The General Science book has 16 modules (chapters) that "introduce" the students to a variety of topics, including the history of science, scientific inquiry, experimentation, simple machines, archeology, geology, paleontology, fossils, the fossil record, life, classification of life, energy and life, and the human body (covers 7 systems of the body). Each module has experiments that will be completed, for the most part, in class. These experiments are designed to reinforce the material in the module. Thus, the class will consist of lecture/discussion of the topics and the completion of the experiments. Each module has subsections with comprehension/application questions, and there is a substantial study guide at the end of each module to cover all the material from the module. Each of Dr. Wile's books is written from a biblical perspective as he seeks to show students how God was and is at work in the entire universe.

Required Resources:

- *Exploring Creation with General Science, 2nd Edition*
Author: Dr. Jay Wile (ISBN: 978-1932012866)

Optional Resources:

- *Exploring Creation with General Science Solutions and Tests, 2nd Edition*
Author: Dr. Jay Wile (ISBN: 978-1932012873)
- Note: The Solutions and Tests Manual should be kept by the parent until the instructor gives permission to use it.

ENGLISH

**Introduction to Literature and Composition: Unit B
Level 1 (WriteShop I/First Year Students)****Grades:** 7-8**Cost:** \$380**Lab Fee:** \$0**Placement Test:** No**Prerequisite:** None**Instructor:** Kathy Lynch**Semester:** Fall and Spring**Schedule:** Monday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In this course, students learn the steps of the writing process through lessons in descriptive, informative, and narrative writing using the WriteShop I curriculum. They also read and explore quality literature through in-class discussion, including answering comprehension questions and examining literary techniques. Important: Level 1 (WriteShop I) and Level 2 (WriteShop II) have different writing class times but a shared literature class time. Please note the overlap in schedule for these courses.

Required Resources:

- *WriteShop I Student Workbook, 4th Edition or 5th Edition*
Authors: Kim Kautzer and Deborah Older
(ISBN: 978-1935027331 – 4th Edition / 978-1935027492 – 5th Edition)
 - *The Phantom Tollbooth*
Author: Norton Juster (Any Edition)
 - *Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers*
Author: Ralph Moody (Any Edition)
 - *Where the Red Fern Grows*
Author: Wilson Rawls (Any Edition)
 - *The Hiding Place*
Author: Corrie ten Boom (Any Edition)
 - *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*
Author: Jean Lee Latham (Any Edition)
 - *Hatchet*
Author: Gary Paulsen (Any Edition)
 - *The Secret Garden*
Author: Frances H. Burnett (Any Edition)
 - *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*
Author: Elizabeth George Speare
- Note: Students who use audio books must also have a print version of the text.

Full – Waitlist Only

ENGLISH

Introduction to Literature and Composition: Unit B Level 2 (WriteShop II/Second Year Students)

Grades: 7-8

Instructor: Kathy Lynch

Cost: \$380

Semester: Fall and Spring

Lab Fee: \$0

Schedule: Monday, 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Placement Test: No

Prerequisite: WriteShop I or Equivalent

In this course, students expand their writing abilities as compositions shift focus to descriptive narration, narrative voice, point of view, use of tense, persuasive writing, and the basic 5-paragraph essay model. Students write multiple kinds of essays, learning to express an opinion and develop and support it with facts, details, and examples. They also read and explore quality literature through in-class discussion, including answering comprehension questions and examining literary techniques. Important: Introduction to Literature and Composition Level 1 (WriteShop I) and Level 2 (WriteShop II) have different writing class times but a shared literature class time. Please note the overlap in schedule for these courses.

Required Resources:

- *WriteShop II Student Workbook, 4th Edition or 5th Edition*
Authors: Kim Kautzer and Deborah Older
(ISBN: 9781935027348 – 4th Edition / 9781935027515 – 5th Edition)
- *The Phantom Tollbooth*
Author: Norton Juster (Any Edition)
- *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*
Author: Jean Lee Latham (Any Edition)
- *Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers*
Author: Ralph Moody (Any Edition)
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- *Where the Red Fern Grows*
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- *The Secret Garden*
Author: Frances H. Burnett (Any Edition)
- *The Hiding Place*
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Author: Elizabeth George Speare
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MATH

Saxon Pre-Algebra

Grades: 7-8

Cost: \$570

Lab Fee: \$0

Placement Test: Yes

Prerequisite: None

Instructor: Chara Grace Marcio

Semester: Fall and Spring

Schedule: Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

This course is designed to prepare the student for Algebra 1. Topics being covered include variables and expressions, absolute value, operations with integers, graphing in a coordinate plane, translations and reflections, operations with rational numbers, solving 2-step equations, solving and graphing multi-step equations and inequalities, perimeter, area, ratios, proportions, scale drawings and models, converting rates and measurements, percent, functions, linear functions, slope-intercept, scientific notation, formulas, monomials, surface area, and volume. Students should be proficient in their math facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division before enrolling.

Required Resources:

- *Saxon Algebra 1/2, 3rd Edition*
Author: John H. Saxon (ISBN: 978-1565771499)

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Civics with Alabama History

Grades: 7-8

Cost: \$380

Lab Fee: \$0

Placement Test: No

Prerequisite: No

Instructor: Candace Denison

Semester: Fall and Spring

Schedule: Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

This class is designed to give the student a better understanding of how our government works through interactive hands-on projects, dialectic discussion, and debate. The lessons will focus on the branches of government, American's founding documents, the election process, voting, how Congress works, American holidays, and the aspects of federal, state, and local government. Students will be expected to memorize portions of our founding documents and present them to the class. The last 4-5 weeks of the year will focus on Alabama history and geography.

Required Resources:

- *Uncle Sam and You, Part 1*
Authors: Ray and Charlene Notgrass (ISBN: 978-1609990466)

Full – Waitlist Only

ELECTIVES

P.E./Lunch Bunch

Grades: 7

Cost: \$190

Lab Fee: \$0

Placement Test: No

Prerequisite: No

Instructor:

Semester: Fall and Spring

Schedule: Monday, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

“Who’s in for a game of Gaga Ball, Gold Rush, or Golden Ball? Or how about some Ultimate Frisbee??” Joining this class is a great way to add physical fitness to your student’s day while also giving them an opportunity to make new friends and grow existing friendships in a natural setting. Kids will hang out and eat their lunches (brought from home) together on the grassy field. They will then have a prayer and devotional that encourages godly character development. After that, the games begin! Each week they will play a sport or recreational game where good teamwork and good sportsmanship will be encouraged. Students will need to dress appropriately for the weather and for playing games! *“Come ready to have fun!”*

Required Resources:

- None

Full – No Waitlist

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Science Course Recommendation

Academically prepared Jr. High students are encouraged to take General Science in the 7th grade followed by Physical Science in the 8th grade. This path allows students to complete their high school science requirements in the 11th grade, freeing them to take an additional science course or pursue other academic interests in the 12th grade.

English Course Rotation

Each English course consists of three components: grammar, writing, and literature. To accommodate different levels of writing ability, two grammar/writing courses are offered: Level 1 (WriteShop I) and Level 2 (WriteShop II). Both courses are on the same literature rotation (Unit A or Unit B) and therefore, use the same reading list.

Note: Each student will only be enrolled in one JOC English course per academic year regardless of Level or Unit. Grammar, writing, and literature are all part of the same course.

The following grammar/writing components are offered each year, subject to availability, and must be taken in order unless approved by the JOC Coordinator and Course Instructor.

- Introduction to Literature and Composition: Level 1 (WriteShop I/First Year Students)
- Introduction to Literature and Composition: Level 2 (WriteShop II/Second Year Students)

The following literature components are offered yearly on a rotating basis and may be taken in any order.

- Introduction to Literature and Composition: Unit A (2021-2022)
- Introduction to Literature and Composition: Unit B (2022-2023)

Social Science Course Rotation

The following courses are offered on a rotating basis, subject to availability, and may be taken in any order.

- Civics w/Alabama History Unit (2022-2023)
- World Geography (2023-2024)

Note: Jr. High (JOC) World Geography is not a substitute for High School (HOC) Geography. Eligible students may take both courses but not during the same academic year.