

Exeter Classical Christian School Academic Vision

School Philosophy: Education at ECCS will be grounded in Biblical truth and will expose students to the highest literary, artistic, and intellectual achievements of Western Civilization in a way that challenges them to apply and improve their individual abilities, appropriate to their gifts and stage of intellectual development.

Current Middle School Program

For middle school students, grades 6-8, the following course of study is normally consistent with these goals:

Mathematics: reinforcement of basic facts and skills and preparation for more advanced studies

Students will work from the following sequence of books, based upon individual ability and placement test results: Saxon 65, Saxon 76, Saxon 87 (if necessary for reinforcement of basic skills), Saxon Algebra ½, Jacobs Algebra I, Algebra II

Bible/Theology: emphasis on the basic theology of the Bible and fundamental Bible knowledge

Year A: OT Survey – Creation to the death of David; Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 1-28

Year B: OT Survey – Solomon to the rebuilding of the temple; West. Shorter Catechism, questions 29-62

Year C: NT Survey; West. Shorter Catechism, questions 63-107

Language Arts: emphasis on skills necessary to read and write effectively

Annual program of vocabulary (*Vocabulary from Classical Roots*), reading comprehension, spelling (Spelling Power levels according to ability testing), grammar, creative writing, and individual writing conferences.

Latin: emphasis on vocabulary, grammar, translation, and English-Latin connections

Year 1: *Wheelock*, chapters 1-13

Year 2: *Wheelock*, chapters 14-27

Year 3: *Wheelock*, chapters 28-40

Social Studies: emphasis throughout on the important names, dates, and places of history

Year A: *Streams of Civilization*, creation to Reformation (supplement: US geography)

Year B: *Streams of Civilization*, Reformation to present (supplement: world geography)

Year C: US History, 1492-1865 (supplement: US electoral process)

Science: emphasis on natural science and preparing students for more advanced studies

Year A: History of Science

Year B: *Apologia General Science*

Year C: *Apologia Physical Science*

Primary Literature: emphasis on age-appropriate classic texts

Year 1: 6th grade reading list

Year 2: 7th grade reading list

Year 3: 8th grade reading list

Secondary Literature: emphasis on the central legends and myths of Western Civilization as preparation for more advanced literature study (based on *Bullfinch's Mythology*)

Year A – Roman and Greek Literature

Year B – Early Medieval Literature

Year C – Late Medieval Literature

Art – emphasis on the key techniques, periods, and artists in the history of Western art

Year A – Pre-classical to Gothic Art

Year B – Renaissance to Enlightenment Art

Year C – Romantic to Post-Modern Art

Music – emphasis on key periods and composers in the history of music

Year A – Great Composers

Year B – Introduction to Music Theory

Year C – Study of Handel's *Messiah* & Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*

Drama – required participation in annual play production

Physical Education – required participation in school-wide program

Current High School Program Grades 9-11

For high school student in grades 9-11, the following course of study is normally consistent with these goals:

Mathematics: introduction to advanced math

Students will work from the following sequence of books, based upon individual ability and placement test results:

Saxon Algebra ½, Jacobs Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Calculus

Bible/Theology: emphasis on systematic theology and church history

Year A: Reymond, *Systematic Theology*, parts 1-2

Year B: Reymond, *Systematic Theology*, parts 3-5

Year C: Church history

Language Arts: emphasis on analytical and advanced writing skills and SAT preparation

Annual program of SAT preparation, vocabulary (SAT prep words), creative writing, reading comprehension, grammar, and individual writing conferences

Spanish: study of a modern Romance language with emphasis on writing and conversation

Year 1: Introduction

Year 2: Intermediate

Year 3: Advanced

Classical Studies: study of reasoning and communication skills

Year A: Informal Logic

Year B: Formal Logic

Year C: Rhetoric

Social Studies: emphasis on political and legal principles and ideas

Year A – US History, 1865-present

Year B – US & NH Law and Government

Year C – Modern European History (semester 1)/Economics (semester 2)

Science: introduction to advanced sciences

Year 1 – Biology I

Year 2 – Physics I

Year 3 – Chemistry I

Literature – classic great books with emphasis on writings in English

Year A – List 1 Books – special topic: Ancient Greek drama

Year B – List 2 Books – special topic: Modern English language novels

Year C – List 3 Books – special topic: Modern English language poetry

Art – advanced study of artistic techniques, periods, and artists

Year A – Pre-Classical to Gothic Art

Year B – Renaissance to Enlightenment Art

Year C – Romantic to Post-Modern Art

Drama – required participation in annual play production

Physical Education – required participation in school-wide program

Grade 12

Goal: The senior year at ECCS is organized to allow students to synthesize the knowledge and abilities they have acquired in their earlier studies, culminating in advanced study of great works in the study of history, literature, philosophy, and theology. With the guidance and subject to the approval of the headmaster, students will design a program of individualized study that will take the place of subject level studies of literature, social studies, Bible/theology, Classical Studies, and art, leading to the production of a senior thesis.

Academic program: Students may elect to take four of the following classes (no more than two per discipline):

Mathematics: Calculus I & II, Euclid's geometry, accounting, consumer math

Spanish: Advanced writing and conversation

Social Studies: Greek & Roman history from ancient texts

Science: Biology II, Chemistry II, Physics II

Internship: internship at a local business