



WYLIE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Upper School Enrichment Course Descriptions

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Junior High Enrichment (Grades 7-8)

JH Art:

This course reinforces a simplified artistic vocabulary and builds a greater understanding of how to compose a successful piece of art. Students will be exposed to a variety of media and techniques including drawing, painting, and 3-dimensional art. Students are challenged to grow and develop their individual artistic ability. History is introduced through artists and art period studies relating to the art elements being taught. Through this class, students begin to discover their unique talents and interests and how to use them to glorify the Master Creator.

Keyboarding:

This computer course introduces students to basic keyboarding and computer skills. At the beginning of the year, students will concentrate on learning how to type correctly and become comfortable with the computer. As the year progresses, they will continue their knowledge of basic keyboarding and discover how to apply this knowledge through exposure to various computer applications including: word processing, spreadsheets, and power point.

Theatre:

Theatre Arts is designed for the student who is interested in learning basic acting concepts, basic production concepts, voice, movement and characterization. Students will explore the production process through performance of classroom scenes and skits emphasizing learned skills in concentration, creativity, improvisation, and pantomime. These skills are learned through games, physical exercises, mental exercises, and writing exercises. The first semester will cover improvisation, pantomime, mime, stage dance, vocal development, and acting theory. The second semester will include acting, acting theory, and structures and varieties of drama, musical theater and theater history.

Photography:

This course will be a study of design elements and principles through the media of photography. Students will work with traditional black and white photographic techniques, as well as up- to- the- minute computer digital image manipulation. Students will use a variety of types of cameras, from constructed cameras to digital and 35mm cameras.

Physical Training (PT):

This course is designed to enhance overall physical endurance, agility, and functional strength training. This is accomplished through coach lead and developed physical training workouts. It will also concentrate on building leadership skills as well as Christ-centered character development through classroom instruction.

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Study Hall:

Each day during regular school hours, a study hall area will be open for students remaining on campus but not enrolled in a class. Students may register for any hour of study hall during this time frame, but may not register for more than two periods on the same day. Registration in a study hall is required for any student 1st – 11th grade expecting to be on campus but not in class during school hours.

High School Enrichment (Grades 9-12)

HS Art:

Students will take basic art skills and grow them into advanced skills. The students start with pencil and move into more advanced mediums while building a portfolio. All work is original. Photography is often used to begin the creative process. This class explores different artists, their work, and how to build a concept from start to finish. Students continue to discover their unique talents and interests and how to use them to glorify the Master Creator. Instructor approval may be required.

SAT/ACT Prep Class (Fall Semester Only):

Students learn and practice proven skills, strategies, and procedures that enable them to maximize their score on both the SAT and ACT college entrance exams. The instructor also works to identify each student's unique challenges, concerns, and problem areas in order to improve the student's testing confidence and ultimate success. This class is for students who are serious about developing and maximizing their understanding of the assessment areas of these tests and desire to sharpen their reasoning skills in order to achieve their testing goals.

College and Career Planning (Spring Semester Only):

This course will help students begin their search for college and career identification and selection. It will include taking interest and skills tests and/or surveys, working on resume writing, acquiring letters of recommendation, discussing and practicing the college application process and scholarship applications. Students will also have the opportunity to visit local college campuses, listen to speakers and representatives from a variety of colleges and universities and investigate those institutions.

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