

# Dougherty Academy

## Eighth Grade Syllabus

<b>Reading &amp; Writing</b>	Classic and modern literature studies, persuasive and analytical essays, research reports, and narrative writing.
<b>Math</b>	Algebra I, geometry, graphing, real-world problem-solving, and preparation for Algebra II.
<b>Science</b>	Chemistry, physics, and biology overview with lab experiments and STEM integration.
<b>Social Studies</b>	U.S. history, government, civics, and world geography connections.
<b>Spanish</b>	Grammar review, writing short essays, conversational fluency, and cultural studies.
<b>ASL (American Sign Language)</b>	Advanced signing, expressive and receptive communication, and interpretation skills.
<b>Religion</b>	Biblical studies, theology foundations, apologetics, and application to daily life.
<b>Character Education</b>	Leadership, service, humility, self-discipline, and community involvement.
<b>Art</b>	Realism, portrait drawing, creative expression, and digital art introduction.
<b>Music</b>	Ensemble development, rhythm mastery, and public performance.
<b>Ballet</b>	Advanced combinations, artistry, and choreography creation.
<b>Music Theory</b>	Chord progressions, harmonization, and intermediate composition.
<b>Piano / Violin / Viola</b>	Ensemble playing, solo recitals, and technical skill refinement.
<b>Physical Education</b>	Endurance, coordination, fitness planning, and team building.
<b>Golf</b>	Course etiquette, precision, and strategic play.
<b>Gardening / Homesteading</b>	Sustainable agriculture, ecosystem study, and hands-on stewardship.
<b>Cooking</b>	Intermediate culinary techniques, nutrition awareness, and meal planning.
<b>Technology</b>	Word processing, digital media, presentations, and responsible online use.