

Dougherty Academy

Eighth Grade Syllabus

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