

Dougherty Academy

Ninth Grade Syllabus

English Language Arts	Classic and modern literature, literary analysis, essay writing, grammar review, creative writing, and research composition.
Mathematics	Algebra I or Geometry (depending on placement), linear equations, graphing, trigonometric foundations, and real-world applications.
Science	Biology — cells, genetics, ecology, and human anatomy through lab and inquiry-based projects.
Social Studies	World History — ancient to modern civilizations, geography, and cultural studies.
Spanish I / II	Conversational fluency, grammar mastery, writing, and cultural projects.
ASL (American Sign Language)	Advanced vocabulary, receptive and expressive signing, and interpretation practice.
Religion	Theology, Church history, and moral reasoning rooted in faith and virtue.
Character Education	Leadership, responsibility, humility, and service-based learning.
Art	Drawing, watercolor, digital design, and introduction to art critique.
Music	Ensemble participation, ear training, and live performance.
Ballet	Advanced technique, choreography development, and artistic expression.
Music Theory	Scales, harmony, chord progressions, and intermediate composition.
Piano / Violin / Viola	Performance proficiency, ensemble blending, and independent practice routines.
Physical Education	Strength training, flexibility, fitness planning, and teamwork.
Golf	Skill refinement, course etiquette, and competition readiness.
Gardening / Homesteading	Sustainable ecosystems, biology in practice, and stewardship through gardening.
Cooking	Culinary techniques, nutrition, baking, and meal presentation.
Technology	Word processing, multimedia presentation, web literacy, and digital responsibility.