

Dougherty Academy

Eighth Grade 36-Week School Plan

Quarter 1 (Weeks 1–9): Academic Focus & Leadership

- Reading & Writing: Literary analysis, essay structure, grammar review, and creative narratives.
- Math: Algebra I concepts, equations, and real-world problem-solving.
- Science: Introduction to chemistry and lab safety.
- Social Studies: U.S. history — early America through the Constitution.
- Art: Portrait sketching and creative composition.
- Music & Ballet: Rhythm and movement coordination, ensemble awareness.
- Music Theory / Piano / Violin / Viola: Scales, chords, and practice logs.
- Spanish & ASL: Vocabulary review and daily conversational fluency.
- Religion & Character Ed: Leadership, gratitude, and moral decision-making.
- P.E. & Golf: Coordination, strength training, and swing form.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Compost care and planting basics.
- Cooking: Nutrition and basic culinary skills.
- Technology: Organization, typing proficiency, and digital safety.

Quarter 2 (Weeks 10–18): Exploration & Critical Thinking

- Reading & Writing: Persuasive and analytical essays, research writing.
- Math: Algebra I mastery and geometry introduction.
- Science: Physics — motion, energy, and forces.
- Social Studies: Westward expansion and Civil War studies.
- Art: Painting and design theory.
- Music & Ballet: Recital preparation and ensemble synchronization.
- Music Theory: Rhythm and notation mastery.
- Spanish & ASL: Cultural exploration and communication practice.
- Religion: Old and New Testament reflections.
- Character Ed: Empathy and teamwork.
- P.E. & Golf: Endurance training and teamwork activities.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Crop tracking and sustainability.
- Cooking: Baking techniques and meal planning.
- Technology: Presentation design and digital research.

Quarter 3 (Weeks 19–27): Innovation & Application

- Reading & Writing: Research projects, public speaking, and poetry.
- Math: Algebra II readiness and geometry problem-solving.
- Science: Biology — ecosystems and human body systems.
- Social Studies: Reconstruction, industrialization, and modern U.S. foundations.
- Art: Mixed media and sculpture.
- Music & Ballet: Ensemble performance and creative choreography.
- Music Theory / Piano / Violin / Viola: Harmony, sight-reading, and performance prep.
- Spanish & ASL: Expressive conversation and cultural storytelling.
- Religion & Character Ed: Faith in action through service and reflection.

- P.E. & Golf: Team challenges and strategy games.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Harvest projects and eco-reflection.
- Cooking: Cultural cuisine exploration.
- Technology: Multimedia projects and portfolio design.

Quarter 4 (Weeks 28–36): Mastery & Transition

- Reading & Writing: Literary essays, final research projects, and reflective writing.
- Math: Algebra review and applied problem-solving.
- Science: Integrated STEM project.
- Social Studies: Civics, U.S. government, and modern global studies.
- Art & Music: Portfolio presentation and end-of-year performance.
- Ballet & Music Theory: Recital preparation and music composition.
- Piano / Violin / Viola: Final recitals and performance reflection.
- Spanish & ASL: Conversational fluency and expressive storytelling.
- Religion & Character Ed: Graduation reflection and personal faith statement.
- P.E. & Golf: Sportsmanship celebration and final assessment.
- Gardening / Homesteading: Sustainability reflection and environmental project.
- Cooking: Final meal presentation and family-style event.
- Technology: Digital portfolio and end-of-year presentation.

End-of-Year Reflection

By Week 36, eighth graders emerge as articulate, capable, and faith-grounded learners — prepared for high school with the confidence, curiosity, and compassion nurtured by Dougherty Academy.