



JACKSONVILLE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

NINTH GRADE CURRICULUM

The ninth grader's experience at Jacksonville Classical Academy blends rigorous academics with a continued exploration of classical principles, fostering a love for learning through structured and engaging methods. This curriculum map is an overview of the concepts, texts, and curriculum taught during the ninth grade year.

LITERATURE

- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller

HISTORY

- **19th Century:** Reconstruction, Economic, Social, Intellectual and Cultural History (Abolition, Expansion, Gov't., Industry, Labor and Foreign Trade)
- **20th Century:** Political, Economic, Social, Intellectual and Cultural History (Immigration, Anti-communism, Military industry, The New Deal, Great depression)

POETRY

Students will memorize multiple poems in 9th grade including "Dulce Et Decorum Est" by Wilfred Owen, "Out, Out--" by Robert Frost and "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus

BIOLOGY

- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Classification, Heredity, and Evolution
- Organisms, Populations, and Ecosystems

MATH

- Algebra 1 - Solving Equations, Graphing Linear Equations and Inequalities and Solving Systems of Equations
- Algebra 2 - Functions and Equations, Polynomial Functions and Equations and Rational Exponents and Radical Functions

LATIN

- Latin I - Verbs (1st through 3rd Conjugations), Present, Future and Imperfect Tenses, Imperatives, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Interjections
- Latin III and beyond – Demonstratives, Functions of the Ablative Case, Numerals, Adjectives (3rd Declension)

ELECTIVES

- **Art:** Students will learn how to depict the human form through portraiture, and gestural drawings, with an emphasis on understanding how a strong design and composition often separate a good work from a masterpiece.
- **Spanish:** In addition to learning the rich history of Spanish-speaking countries, students will master the fundamentals of the language, including the Spanish vowels and alphabet, counting to 100, identifying colors, greeting and saying goodbye to others, and recognizing days of the week, months of the year, classroom objects, and school supplies, how to describe their family, foods, weather, and clothing.
- **Band:** All musicians in our band will be learning how to play an instrument, and what it means to be a part of a band. Students will be learning musical language, playing complex rhythms at diverse tempos, and diving into different styles of music.