



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
S T E U B E N V I L L E

**ADVANTAGES & SKILLS VS. DISADVANTAGES
COMPARISONS**

Advantages: (compare yourself without Chesterton to yourself with Chesterton)

- 1. Cohort of students – comfortable with each other; they become like your workmates, not necessarily friends, but a level of trust happens because there is a psychological safety in the group**
- 2. Critical thinking and logical reasoning skills practiced**
- 3. Integrates thinking and learning, not just learning**
- 4. Interactive learning rather than passive learning**
- 5. The students are not wasting their time in high school, just waiting for “real” life or college**
- 6. Improved ACT/SAT scores**
- 7. College preparation**
- 8. Scholarships offered because of #6, not just a nerdy person who can ace tests**

Skills practiced throughout:

- 1. Relating to the “real world” problems & situations because you have something to compare those problems to in history**
- 2. Writing – more practice and more feedback**
- 3. Socratic Seminar – helps with business meetings, talking within a family setting, and listening to others**
- 4. Speaking – rhetorical skills taught and practiced**
- 5. Problem-solving**

Disadvantages:

- 1. Demanding program**
- 2. May not have friends in the CA**