



A Classical Curriculum Track-FAQ

1. Is there information available that describes the Classical Curriculum?

Yes, we recommend the following resources as a good place to start. They are both available as free downloads.

The Lost Tools of Learning by Dorothy Sayers

[http://www.triviumeducation.com/texts/The Lost Tools of Learning.pdf](http://www.triviumeducation.com/texts/The%20Lost%20Tools%20of%20Learning.pdf).

An Introduction to Classical Education: A guide for Parents by Dr. Christopher Perrin

<http://classicalsubjects.com/resources/ICE.pdf>

2. Why is it called the Chesterton Academy?

The name comes from G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), a prolific Catholic writer who is considered one of the world's most outstanding men of letters and its most original thinker. As a recognized defender of the faith, a literary genius, and a stellar example of Christian charity, Chesterton is a perfect model on which to develop a Classical education model.

3. Is the Chesterton Academy a separate school?

No, it is a curriculum track within Catholic Central High School. Full-time students are matriculated Catholic Central students.

4. Is the tuition for the Chesterton Academy different?

There is a \$175 fee for the Chesterton Program in addition to tuition.

5. Will students in the Chesterton Academy have the opportunity to interact with students who are not in the program?

Yes, all students will mingle and mix at mass, lunch, band, clubs, and sports. Chesterton Academy students will also be integrated into math, science, and elective courses.

6. Is this the only program like this in the Diocese of Steubenville?

Yes, Catholic Central is leading the way in providing a classical curriculum track for our high school students. We are the only school in the area with this offering.

7. Will graduates of the Chesterton Academy receive a different diploma?

No, all graduates of Catholic Central will receive their official diploma from the Diocese of Steubenville. Chesterton Academy graduates will also receive a certificate as an Academy graduate.

8. Will all students take philosophy?

Yes. Chesterton Academy students take the equivalent of 4 years of philosophy. They have the benefit to get college philosophy credits in their junior and senior years from Franciscan University. The professor is Dr. Michael Healy, a longtime philosophy professor.



9. What is the primary method of instruction in the Chesterton Academy?

The curriculum's governing principal is that of Socratic Dialogue whereby students prepare themselves each night to participate the following day in teacher moderated discussions. The program will also offer standard teacher lectures, note taking, written tests, writing assignments, classroom presentations, and opportunities for prayer.

10. Why is it called "authentically Catholic?"

Our faith is interwoven throughout the curriculum and it reflects the history and teaching tradition of our Church. The exploration of original works by the greatest philosophers, theologians and historians, coupled with meaningful discussion, ensures that students will enjoy a rich experience. Daily Mass is encouraged, teachers take the Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium, and students are trained as cultural warriors - defending truth, the family, and the culture of life.

11. How does the Classical approach work for students who want to be scientists and engineers?

The leaders of engineering firms and scientific discovery are those who can articulate their ideas the best through both writing and rhetorical skills. Graduates of classical schools do well in standardized testing and have additional leadership and communication skills that colleges seek. Average test scores of graduates from a classical curriculum are significantly higher than the national average.

12. What will my child take in college after graduating from this rigorous academic program?

Though some of the Academy coursework sounds like a college set of credits, the courses are appropriate for the high school level. The coursework will, however, prepare the student to succeed in higher education and give him/her a clear sense of courses and majors in college. Through our partnership with Franciscan University, students are able to earn up to 12 hours in philosophy and 6 hours in theology. There are other possibilities on the horizon. Stay tuned.

13. Will there be a summer "bridge program" to help acclimate students to the curriculum?

Yes, plans for a summer bridge program are currently being made. Details will be forthcoming.

14. How will technology be integrated?

Technology will be used selectively per the individual teacher's plan. Chesterton Academy students generally use technology less in the actual classroom; however, it will certainly be used for research and writing assignments.

15. How will the students be graded?

Catholic Central's grading scale will be used for all students.

16. This sounds like a tremendous opportunity for my child. How do I apply?

The application is available on paper or online at www.steubenvillecatholicsschools.org