

Trivium Academy of Southern Nevada

Scope and Sequence (K–12)

PRIMARY LEVEL (K–2nd Grade)

A joyful, hands-on introduction to classical Christian education.

Core Characteristics

- Developmentally appropriate, creative instruction
- Gentle academic introduction through play, discovery, and modeling
- Focuses on prayer, relationship, and Christian virtue
- Foundational exposure to Bible, phonics-based language arts, Latin, literature, math, science, and history
- No formal grading; emphasis on wonder and love of learning

Bible

- Focus: “God at Work in His People”
- Rotating 3-year cycle
- Bible memory verses and stories of Scripture heroes

Language Arts

- Evidence-based phonics instruction grounded in a speech-to-print approach
- Integrated instruction in reading, spelling, grammar, and writing
- Emphasis on narration, copy work, and oral retelling to develop fluency and comprehension

Literature

- Read-aloud and guided discussion of historical fiction and classic stories tied to the history period

Math

- Emphasis on number sense, mental math, and problem-solving strategies
- Development of strong conceptual understanding through concrete and visual models
- Focus on arithmetic foundations, time, currency, and mathematical reasoning
- Skills reinforced through songs, chants, hands-on activities, and daily practice

Science

- Hands-on unit studies
- Introduction to scientific observation, basic classification, and simple experiments
- Exploration of God’s design through creation

History

- Thematic unit studies connected to Grammar-level historical period
- Use of timelines, songs, literature, and creative projects to bring history to life

Latin

- Introduction to Latin through songs, chants, vocabulary, and simple conversation
- Designed to cultivate joy and familiarity with the language of the Church and Western tradition

Physical Education

- Learns basic strength, balance, and coordination through fun, active games
- Participates in teamwork and group activities, building friendships and cooperation
- Practices perseverance and good sportsmanship in simple challenges engages in movements that promote healthy bodies and positive attitudes
- Develops habits that encourage discipline, focus, and respect for themselves and others

Music

- Exploring sound and rhythm introduces basic rhythm, pitch, and melody through singing, games, and movement
- Explores keyboard basics and simple instruments
- Builds listening skills, creativity, and collaborative music making

GRAMMAR LEVEL (3rd–6th Grade)

Laying the foundation of knowledge through memorization, recitation, and joyful learning.

Bible

- 4-year unified rotation for all Grammar students:

1. **Old Testament 1** – Creation through the Patriarchs
 2. **Old Testament 2** – Exodus through the Prophets
 3. **The Gospels** – Life and teachings of Christ
 4. **The Early Church** – Acts and the New Testament Epistles
- Emphasis on key figures, events, dates, and biblical themes
 - Students memorize Scripture, catechism, and timeline content
 - Older students begin to explore theological connections and typology within redemptive history

Latin

- Systematic instruction in Latin vocabulary, grammar, and translation
- Oral recitation, chanting, and written work to reinforce memorization
- Students begin reading and interpreting short Latin passages with understanding

Language Arts & Composition

- Strong focus on grammar, editing, vocabulary development, and writing structure
- Developmentally appropriate writing exercises based on classical models
- Introduction and progression through early classical writing forms:
 - Fable (G1)
 - Narrative (G2–G3)
 - Chreia (G4)
- Final quarter includes student-led creative writing projects

Omnibus (History, Literature, Science, Geography, Art & Music)

Grammar-level students engage in an integrated study of history, literature, science, geography, and fine arts, built around a four-year rotation of historical eras: **Ancient**, **Medieval**, **Renaissance**, and **Modern**. Each subject draws meaning from the historical period being studied, creating a cohesive and immersive learning experience rooted in a biblical worldview. Students grow in understanding as they explore how God’s hand has shaped people, cultures, and ideas throughout time.

- **History:** Presented as a compelling narrative of God’s providence across civilizations. Students explore key events, figures, and movements through engaging, story-driven lessons that emphasize the impact of the past on the present.
- **Literature:** Historical fiction, biographies, Scripture, and classic tales aligned to the era deepen students’ understanding of virtue, character, and faith. Guided discussion and writing help connect literary themes to biblical truth.
- **Geography:** Students map the lands, regions, and journeys significant to the time period studied. Geographic instruction enhances historical awareness and spatial understanding.
- **Science:** Scientific study is connected to the cultural and intellectual developments of the era, including the natural world, the human body, or early

discoveries. Observation and experimentation nurture awe and curiosity about God's creation.

- **Art:** Students study the visual styles and symbolic expression of the time period, then create their own works inspired by biblical truths and historical themes.
- **Music:** Musical selections from each era help students engage with cultural values while learning to worship joyfully through hymns and songs. Music is treated as both cultural study and spiritual formation.

Math

- Emphasis on mental math, place value understanding, and problem-solving
- Students develop fluency in multi-digit operations, fractions, geometry, and measurement
- Conceptual depth built through modeling, guided practice, and review
- Logical reasoning and mathematical thinking serve as preparation for higher-level math

Modern Day Home Economics: Living Wisely, Well, and Winsomely

- Life preparation course covering virtue, skills, and biblical living
- Grade-specific modules from hygiene and manners to budgeting, relationships, and civic responsibility
- Centers on the Success Sequence and biblical wisdom for life and leadership

Physical Education

- Build strength, endurance, and overall fitness with age-appropriate functional fitness movements
- Develops coordination, agility, and stamina through structured activities and challenges
- Engages in games, sports, and teamwork, fostering collaboration and camaraderie
- Emphasizes perseverance, discipline, and good sportsmanship in all activities
- Promotes physical health alongside spiritual growth, teaching students to honor their bodies and build character

Music

- Foundations of musical literacy develops keyboarding, guitar, and ensemble skills
- teaches reading music, rhythm, and melody
- encourages performance, collaboration, and creative expression

LOGIC LEVEL (7th–8th Grade)

Training students to ask good questions and reason through arguments.

Christian Studies

- Systematic theology foundations
- Survey of key doctrines with Scriptural support
- Exposure to creeds, confessions, and divergent orthodox views

Church History

- God’s work in the world throughout history
- Reading primary documents, studying key events from a Christian lens
- Connecting Church history to cultural developments

Logic & Critical Thinking

- L1: Formal Logic (syllogisms, fallacies, and informal logic)
- L2: Critical and constructive argumentation
- Application across disciplines through Socratic discussion and writing

Omnibus (History, Literature, Composition, Culture)

- Year 1: Ancient & Medieval History
- Year 2: Renaissance & Modern History
- Integration with literature, worldview formation, and persuasive writing
- Continued development through classical writing exercises: refutation, confirmation, and common topic essays

Latin & Spanish

- Latin I & II required before transitioning to a modern language
- Introduction to Spanish offered in L2 as a foundation for high school-level study

Science

- L1: Introduction to Chemistry & Physics
- L2: Introduction to Biology
- Labs and scientific method emphasized

Math

- Personalized instruction focused on pre-algebra and algebra readiness
- Students are placed based on skill level and move at an appropriate pace

- Emphasis on deep understanding of foundational concepts, application, and problem-solving
- Development of logical reasoning as preparation for advanced math in the Rhetoric level

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Physical Education

- Develops strength, endurance, and agility through functional fitness movements and structured workouts
- Engages students in team sports, games, and collaborative challenges
- Emphasizes perseverance, discipline, and good sportsmanship
- Promotes physical fitness, resilience, and healthy habits
- Encourages character growth and honoring the body as a tool for service and excellence

Music

- Intermediate music skills, expands on instrumental technique and ensemble participation
- introduces composition, music theory, and performance skills
- fosters discipline, self-expression, and teamwork through music

RHETORIC LEVEL (9th–12th Grade)

The capstone of classical learning: wisdom expressed with beauty and truth.

Bible, Theology & Worldview

- Systematic theology and apologetics
- Study of biblical worldview applied to literature, politics, and culture
- Defense of the Christian faith through classical and presuppositional methods

Omnibus

- R1: American Studies

- R2-R4: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Great Books
- Combines literature, theology, philosophy, and history with composition
- Emphasis on Socratic discussion, rhetorical writing, and worldview integration

Writing

- Critical writing focused on argumentation, structure, style, and rhetorical technique

Classical Rhetoric

- CR1: Art of persuasive speech, delivery, and expression
- CR2: Apologetics and junior thesis (20–30-page paper and oral defense)

Foreign Language

- Spanish I-IV or approved alternative language studies
- Emphasis on reading, writing, speaking, and listening fluency

Math

- Students’ progress through Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus at a personalized pace
- Placement is based on readiness and mastery, not grade level
- Emphasis on conceptual depth, application, and long-term retention
- Preparation for college-level math and practical problem-solving across disciplines

Science

- R1: Fundamentals of Physics
- R2: Chemistry
- R3: Advanced Biology
- All courses include laboratory experience

Economics & Personal Finance

- Christian stewardship, economic theory, and life management skills

Fundamentals of Professionalism

- Career and calling preparation: resume writing, communication, internships, mentorships

Independent Study (R4)

- 35–40-page thesis project with oral defense
- Student-led research under faculty mentorship

Quadrivium (R4)

- Integration of arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy
- Culmination of the classical liberal arts tradition

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Physical Education

- Build strength, endurance, and overall fitness through functional fitness movements
- Develops coordination, agility, and stamina in every session
- Engages students in games and teamwork, fostering collaboration and camaraderie
- Emphasizes perseverance and good sportsmanship in all activities
- Encourages discipline and a spirit of excellence
- Promotes physical health alongside spiritual growth
- Teaches students to honor their bodies as instruments for service and character development

Music

- Advanced music mastery, focuses on advanced keyboarding, guitar, ensemble, and solo performance
- deepens understanding of music theory, composition, and stylistic interpretation
- prepare students for leadership, performance, and lifelong appreciation for music

Enrichment & Discovery Day Courses

Art

- Studies great masters and art history
- Hands-on projects with various media
- Encourages creativity and technical growth

STEM Block

- Science labs and engineering projects
- Hands-on exploration of math, technology, and problem solving
- Develops critical thinking and creativity

Speech & Debate

- Develops public speaking and effective communication skills
- Teaches critical thinking, reasoning, and persuasion
- Builds confidence, poise, and leadership
- Encourages collaboration, respectful discussion, and intellectual curiosity

Book Club

- Discussion of age-appropriate books that build character
- Exploration of virtue through story and guided conversation
- Emphasizes moral reflection and personal application

Chess

- Teaches strategy, critical thinking, and concentration
- Reinforces logic, patience, and problem-solving skills
- Offers opportunities for friendly competition and mental development

Field Trips

- Connects classroom lessons to real-world experiences
- Sparks curiosity and a love of learning
- Encourages teamwork, observation, and critical thinking
- Provides hands-on, memorable learning opportunities