



WESTMINSTER
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW



A photograph of a male conductor in a tuxedo and glasses, holding a baton and gesturing with his left hand, leading a student orchestra. The students are seated in the foreground, playing violins and other instruments. The scene is set on a stage with a dark background.

why WESTMINSTER?

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The integration of the Christian faith with the study of the academic disciplines is the distinguishing characteristic of a Westminster education.

OUR MISSION

Westminster honors Jesus Christ by providing an excellent education, rooted in biblical truth as interpreted by the Westminster Confession of Faith, for the children of Christian parents. Faculty and staff enable students to discover and embrace a biblical view of the world and integrate that view into every area of life.

OUR VISION

Prepare and equip more young men and women to engage the world and change it for Jesus Christ.

BIBLE

The purpose of the Bible Department is to reveal God, His sovereignty, and His deep love for mankind. Students are challenged to accept, believe, and apply the Gospel for salvation and live in daily obedience, growing in grace, and giving all glory to God.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade: Essentials of the Christian Faith:
Old Testament

8th Grade: Essentials of the Christian Faith:
Life of Christ

UPPER SCHOOL

9th Grade: Essentials of the Christian Faith:
Early Church and Epistles

10th Grade: Biblical Ethics

11th Grade: Elective Choice

12th Grade: Worldviews

Electives: Church History, The Bible as Literature





BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS

The Business and Communications Department offers students the opportunity to pursue areas of interest in the fields of business, communications, and applied technology. Courses are designed to expose students to topics and content that allow them to integrate core learning with areas of personal interest while also providing areas of discovery not found in other academic departments.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

In the Middle School, foundational digital and technology skills are developed through the Integrated Technology Literacies program and the use of the iPad. This program integrates various technological skill sets within the core classes.

UPPER SCHOOL

Business

Introduction to Business
Principles of Economics
Finance and Accounting
Entrepreneurship
Marketing I and II

Communications

Newspaper Journalism I and II
Magazine Journalism I and II
Multimedia/Video Storytelling



ENGLISH

The purpose of the English Department is to provide students with an appreciation of literature and with the ability to evaluate great writing in light of Scripture. In addition, English studies provide students with the tools to communicate the written and spoken language clearly and concisely.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade: Foundations of Writing & Literature 7, Foundations of Writing & Literature 7 (Honors)

8th Grade: Foundations of Writing & Literature 8, Foundations of Writing & Literature 8 (Honors)

UPPER SCHOOL

9th Grade: Expository Writing, Expository Writing (Honors)

10th Grade: Literature of Western Civilization, Literature of Western Civilization (Honors)

11th Grade: American Literature, American Literature (Honors)

12th Grade: Advanced Expository Writing, AP Language & Composition, AP Literature & Composition

Electives: Film as Literature, Debate

FINE ARTS

The Fine Arts Department teaches students to express devotion and praise to their Creator through artistic endeavors. Students develop the discipline to take a piece of work from beginning to a point of display or performance.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Art, Band, Chorus/Performing Arts, Drama, Orchestra

UPPER SCHOOL

Art: 3-D Design, AP Art History, Advanced Studio Art, Ceramics I & II, Drawing, Graphic Design, Intro to Visual Art, Oil Painting, Photography, Printmaking, AP Studio Art, Watercolor Painting

Music: Band, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Intermediate Piano, Jazz Band, Men's Chorus, Music Appreciation, Music Composition, Music Survey, AP Music Theory, Orchestra, Piano Lab, Women's Chorus

Drama: Advanced Improvisation, Introduction to Theatre Arts, Speech Communication, Theatre Arts: Production & Design, Theatre Arts: Scripts & Styles, Theatre Arts: Advanced Theatre Arts





HISTORY

In the History Department, students are enabled to develop a conceptual understanding of humanity's patterns of interaction and to view history as a continuing parable that reveals God's purposes. Graduates leave Westminster better prepared to function in and redeem the culture.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade: Global Studies 7, Global Studies 7 & Gifted Exploration

8th Grade: Global Studies 8, Global Studies 8 & Gifted Exploration

UPPER SCHOOL

9th Grade: The History of Global Conflicts

10th Grade: Western Civilization, Advanced European History (AP/1818)

11th Grade: U.S. History, Advanced U.S. History (AP/1818)

12th Grade: American Government, American Government (1818), Advanced U.S. Government & Politics (AP/1818)

Electives: Race and Culture

MATH

Westminster math courses are designed to meet the needs of students of all abilities, interests, and college and career objectives; to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to model quantitative and spatial situations in all disciplines; and to enable students to develop skills in logical reasoning, problem solving, and technology.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade: Pre-Algebra, Pre-Algebra Concepts, Pre-Algebra (Honors)

8th Grade: Algebra I, Algebra I Concepts, Algebra I (Honors)

UPPER SCHOOL

9th Grade: Geometry, Geometry (Honors), Geometry Concepts,

10th Grade: Algebra II, Algebra II (Honors), Algebra II Concepts

11th Grade: Advanced Math Concepts, College Algebra, College Algebra (1818), Statistics (1818), Precalculus (Honors), Precalculus with Derivatives (Honors), AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics

12th Grade: AP Calculus BC, Introduction to Computer Programming, Advanced Computer Programming with C++





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The goal of P.E. is for students to learn how to monitor and maintain their own health, fitness, and athletic development – skills that will serve them for life.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade: Physical Education and Health

8th Grade: Physical Education

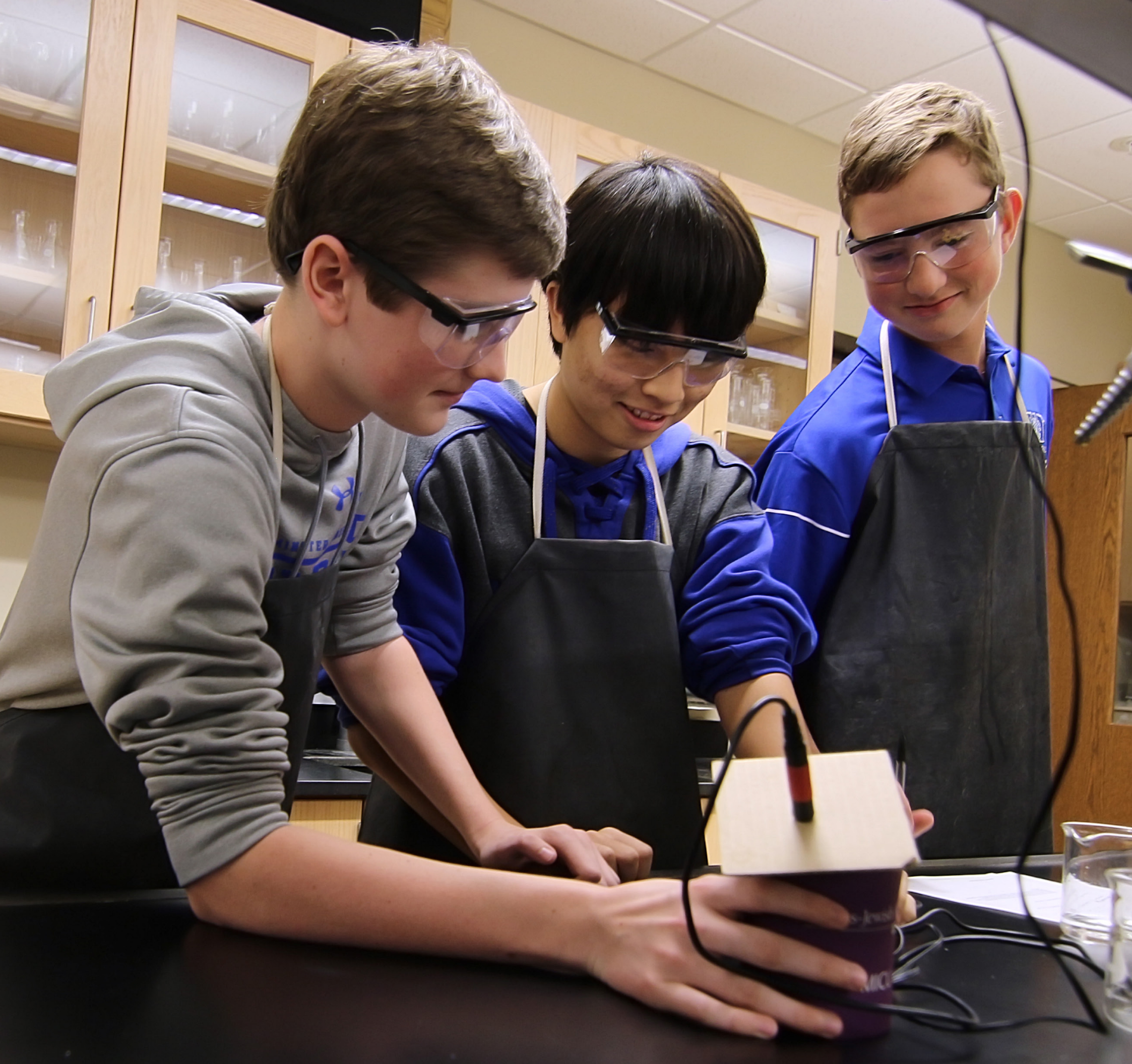
UPPER SCHOOL

Female Fitness, Male Fitness

Health & Fitness

Strength & Conditioning I

Advanced Strength & Conditioning



SCIENCE

At Westminster, students learn to embrace God's role as creator and sustainer of His universe from both a biblical and scientific perspective. The curriculum is designed for students to explore the fundamental concepts and principles of the science course and dig deeper into understanding the methods and technology used to discover them. This process teaches students to become problem solvers through observation, data collection, and experimentation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade: Life Science, STEM

8th Grade: Physical Science, STEM

UPPER SCHOOL

9th Grade: Physics, Physics (Honors), Physics Concepts

10th Grade: Chemistry, Chemistry (Honors), Chemistry Concepts

11th Grade: Biology, Biology (Honors), Biology Concepts, Biology (AP/1818), Chemistry (AP/1818)

12th Grade: Biology (AP/1818), Chemistry (AP/1818), Physics 1 & 2 (AP/1818)

Elective: Human Anatomy & Physiology, Environmental Science

STEM Courses:

Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)

Principles of Engineering (POE)

Computer Assisted Engineering Design (CAD)

Applied Scientific Research (ASR)

Civil Engineering and Architecture (CEA)

WORLD LANGUAGES

Students learn to appreciate the cultures that God created, master language skills, understand the literature of these cultures, and integrate their personal faith with these language and cultural studies.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade: Chinese, French, Spanish

UPPER SCHOOL

Chinese: Chinese I & II, Chinese III & IV (Honors/1818), AP Chinese V: Chinese Language & Culture

French: French I & II, French III (Honors/1818), French IV: French Language & Culture (AP/1818), AP French V: Issues in Francophone Literature

Spanish: Spanish I & II, Spanish II Concepts, Spanish II (Honors), Spanish III (1818), Spanish III (Honors/1818), Spanish IV (1818), Spanish IV: Spanish Language & Culture (AP/1818), AP Spanish V: Spanish Language & Culture

Experiential Learning: Summer Cultural & Language Immersion Experience





THE GIFTED PROGRAM

The Gifted Program provides services that meet the diverse social and academic needs of gifted students at Westminster. The program has been specially designed to assist those students who demonstrate outstanding levels of aptitude or competence in one or more domains with accelerated and enriched learning.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Services program supports the educational needs of students with diagnosed learning differences. The goal of Special Services is to enhance academic success by providing tools and strategies to utilize in the classroom, with homework, and during testing.



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