

ANN ARBOR ORTHODOX CLASSICAL ACADEMY

2023-2024 BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM – INFORMATION SHEET



Wisdom and Virtue in Christ

Mission Statement

The mission of Ann Arbor Orthodox Classical Academy (A2OCA) is to provide a classical education in an Orthodox Christian environment, in which we actively practice our faith, allowing students to grow to their full human and spiritual potential, with the ability to engage society as mature followers of Jesus Christ.

We encourage all families who support our mission, whether or not they are part of the St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, to apply to join our A2OCA family!

A2OCA Classes and Parent Partnership

The Blended Learning Program is designed for homeschooling families. For the 2023-2024 school year, the program is offered for Kindergarten to Second Grade students. The program involves access to an exceptional classical Christian curriculum through a combination of in-person instruction at A2OCA (two days per week) and on-line instruction (three days per week). On on-line days, students are expected to have access to 3–4 hours of at-home learning support to help support their learning and progress towards learning goals. In some cases, the instructors for the on-line classes will differ from those of the in-person classes, but both work together to offer students a seamless learning experience.

The school year begins with Divine Liturgy at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church on September 1/14, 2023, to celebrate the ecclesiastical new year and **concludes no later than May 25/June 7, 2024,** unless otherwise communicated by the Head of School. While parent involvement/participation is encouraged during in-person days, it is not a requirement for enrollment. We are committed to offering an education that is financially accessible to all families who wish to make A2OCA a part of their and their children's lives. If you require tuition assistance, please indicate this on your application form, so that we can send to you the application form when it becomes available.

The in-person instruction days are limited to the days and times noted below (in Eastern Standard Time [EST]), and parents are asked to follow the curriculum manual that outlines the work to be completed each day of each week and address the topics to be covered on each day that are not covered during on-line and in-person classes (alongside guidance from the on-line and in-person instructors), with the goal of supporting parents' successful delivery of the full curriculum, as well as students' progress to meet learning goals. On Wednesdays, our in-person days begin with a Church Service at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, as per the Church's service schedule (which you can view here: tinyurl.com/STVcurrentcalendar).

PLEASE NOTE: At-home access to the weekly read-aloud book is required so that you can read the book often to your child(ren) during the week to help support their learning. You have the option of purchasing all read-aloud books (for any given grade level) in a set from our supplier, or you may be able to locate most (if not all) of these titles at your local public library, your home library, and/or your local bookstore. Many parents/guardians choose to borrow the read-aloud books from their local library. If you decide to do the same, please allocate enough time to locate (and, if necessary, to place a hold on) the required book, so as to ensure that you have it in your possession prior to the start of the week during which it is scheduled to be read/discussed. We have found that placing a book on hold at least 7-10 days prior to the week that it is required is enough time for the book to be sent to a local library and to be ready for pick-up. Sometimes, however, this may not be the case, especially for seasonal/themed books, so please plan accordingly. When purchasing curriculum materials directly from our supplier, ensure to use our school's discount code for 10% off your purchase (discount code to be provided to parents/guardians upon student enrollment).

KINDERGARTEN – SECOND GRADE

Please note that a parent/guardian is required to be near the student during class times in order to assist with the student's technology use, redirecting student attention, and directing the student to the workbooks needed during exercises with the instructor.

ON-LINE: MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS *

KINDERGARTEN: 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (EST)

FIRST GRADE: 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (EST)

SECOND GRADE: 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (EST)

IN-PERSON: WEDNESDAYS

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST) — Wednesdays begin at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church with parent and student attendance for Church Service; Classes at A2OCA begin following the conclusion of Church Service

IN-PERSON: FRIDAYS

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST)

TUITION

\$4,115 per year, per student; can select between single payment plan, trimester payment plan, and monthly payment plan (see Tuition Contract for more information); discount is offered for those on single payment plan (tuition is \$3,909.25 per year, per student)

CURRICULUM MATERIALS (must be purchased directly from supplier, as linked below)

KINDERGARTEN **

[Memoria Press Kindergarten Curriculum Set](#): \$493.66 (plus S&H)

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OPTIONAL ***: [Kindergarten Read-Aloud Set](#): \$372.54 (plus S&H)

FIRST GRADE **

[Memoria Press First Grade Curriculum Set](#): \$401.51 (plus S&H)

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[Memoria Press First Grade New User Add-On Set](#): \$156.02 (plus S&H)

This 'Add-On Set' is only for those who have not previously purchased the Kindergarten Curriculum Set.

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OPTIONAL ***: [First Grade Read-Aloud Set](#): \$384.50 (plus S&H)

SECOND GRADE **

[Memoria Press Second Grade Curriculum Set](#): \$494.69 (plus S&H)

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[Memoria Press Second Grade New User Add-On Set](#): \$144.32 (plus S&H)

This 'Add-On Set' is only for those who have not previously purchased the Kindergarten AND First Grade Curriculum Set.

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OPTIONAL ***: [Second Grade Read-Aloud Set](#): \$372.55 (plus S&H)

* Times subject to change, if needed, to accommodate participants' availability

** Prices shown are accurate as of 04/20/2023

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