



Weddington Christian Academy High School Course Descriptions 2025-2026

Bible

Old Testament Survey (9th grade)

This course is an overview of the 39 books of the Old Testament. Students will explore each book's background, historical events, and key themes from the perspective of God's overall plan of salvation. They will also learn foundational Biblical values and strategies for future Bible study. It is our hope that this course will lead students into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Textbook: *Journeying with God: A Survey of the Old Testament, The Bible*

New Testament Survey (10th grade)

This course is an overview of the 27 books of the New Testament. Students will explore the purpose, context, and theme of each book and its relationship to the full canon of Scripture. The course seeks to prepare students for future Bible study by helping them grasp the big picture of the New Testament and its central figure, Jesus Christ.

Textbook: *Connecting with God: A Survey of the Old Testament, The Bible*

English and Language Arts

Introduction to Literature and Composition (9th grade)

This course uses a diverse array of literature from America and Britain to build a strong foundation in literary analysis. Emphasis will be placed on crafting essays, with a focus on the efficient use of textual evidence to support arguments. Writing projects will include literary analysis, persuasive speeches, scientific research, and short fiction. Coursework also includes vocabulary and grammar. This course aims to enhance literary and analytical skills while equipping students with tools for academic and technological success.

Novels: *The Outsiders*, *The Odyssey*, *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, *The Merchant of Venice*
Textbook: *NoRedInk*, *Classical Roots*

European Literature (10th grade)

This course exposes students to a variety of European literature ranging from ancient myths to modern classics. Students will explore the development of literature through the Renaissance, Baroque, Enlightenment, Romanticism, Realism and Modernism period. Ongoing emphasis will be placed on developing strong writing skills in a variety of formats. Students will continue to develop vocabulary and grammar skills in preparation for the PSAT.

Novels: *Paradise Lost*, *Frankenstein*, *Gulliver's Travels*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
Textbook: *NoRedInk*, *Classical Roots*

Math

Algebra I (9th grade)

This course equips students and teachers with tools and strategies for using and developing algebraic models to solve real-world problems within the context of a Biblical worldview. Students will write algebraic expressions, describe quantitative relationships, solve real-world problems using linear equations, and understand God's design as foundational to reasoning, modeling, and ethics in mathematics.

Textbook: *Algebra I* by BJU Press

Geometry (10th grade)

This course challenges students to think critically about mathematics while exploring two- and three-dimensional shapes using traditional geometric proofs and modern, real-world mathematics problems. Students will use mechanical and digital tools to create figures, prove relationships between figures using modern and traditional geometry, calculate measurements, perform transformations, and work with trigonometric ratios. While working with geometric figures, students will learn the value of God's design for reasoning, modeling, and ethics.

Textbook: *Geometry* by BJU Press

Science

Earth Science (9th grade)

This course is an in-depth investigation of our planet and its place in God's universe. Students will embark on a journey of observation, exploration, and participation in the Earth's processes. This course follows the North Carolina Science Standards as recommended by NCDPI. Topics include ecology, biodiversity, biomes, weather, plate tectonics, landforms, minerals, soil, fossil fuels, renewable energy, oceans, the water cycle, pollution, land use, and sustainability.

Textbook: *Earth Science by Savvas*

Biology with lab (10th grade)

This course will bring God's creation of cells, ecosystems, biomes, the genetic code, and more to life. Students will learn to observe and recognize the interactions and interdependencies of organisms in their natural environment. This course follows the North Carolina Science Standards as recommended by NCDPI and includes a strong lab component.. Topics will include cells, ecosystems, genetics, adaptation, ecology, and laboratory skills.

Textbook: *Master's Class High School Biology by Masterbooks*

Social Studies

Cultural Geography (9th grade)

This course opens the world to students, leading them on a guided tour of unique people groups, the places they inhabit, and the cultures they created. Students will learn to view these cultures through the Biblical lens of God's Creation Mandate found in Genesis 1:28. Students will develop research skills including reading maps, analyzing primary sources, and presenting to a group.

Textbook: *Cultural Geography by BJU Press*

World History (10th grade)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of world history from ancient civilizations to the modern era, examined through a biblical worldview. Topics key historical events, philosophies, cultures, and trends across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, while analyzing how God's sovereignty and purpose are evident throughout history. Students will learn to evaluate historical events and leaders in light of Scripture, develop critical thinking skills, and understand the role of Christianity in shaping societies past and present.

Textbook: *World History by Master Books*

Spanish

Spanish I (9th grade)

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of Spanish language and culture while developing basic proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students learn common vocabulary and grammar elements which will allow them to engage in simple conversation. Vocabulary focuses on personal information, family, food, and places. Grammar includes present tense verb conjugations (ser and estar), adjective usage, and formal/informal address.

Textbook: *Auténtico Level 1 by Savvas*

Spanish II (10th grade)

This course builds on the foundation of Spanish I, expanding spoken and written communication skills and cultural awareness. The recursive scope and sequence of *Auténtico* allows students to revisit the concepts and themes of Spanish I in greater depth. Students will broaden their grammar skills to include additional verb tenses, stem-changing verbs, and object pronouns. New vocabulary includes travel, entertainment, careers, and public service.

Textbook: *Auténtico Level 2 by Savvas*

Physical Education and Health

PE/Health (9th grade)

This course presents the Bible as the foundation of a healthy lifestyle. Students will learn to integrate the physical, mental, social, and spiritual aspects of their life. They will also develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of healthful physical activity. Students will learn the skills necessary to participate in a variety of sports and recreation.

Textbook: *Total Health by Purposeful Design*

Electives (10th grade and up)

Personal Finance

This course introduces students to essential money management skills that will help them make smart financial decisions now and in the future. Topics include budgeting, saving, reducing/avoiding debt, banking, credit, investing, and understanding taxes and insurance. Students will learn how to set financial goals, track expenses, and build good financial habits. The course also covers the basics of earning income and making informed consumer choices. Students will gain the confidence and knowledge to manage their personal finances responsibly.

Journalism

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of news writing, reporting, editing, and media ethics, while giving them hands-on experience in creating the school yearbook. Students will learn how to research stories, conduct interviews, and write in various journalistic styles. They will also explore the role of journalism in society and develop skills in photography, layout design, and digital publishing. As part of the course, students will collaborate to plan, design, and produce the high school yearbook, gaining real-world experience in teamwork, deadlines, and storytelling through words and images.