



NWCS
HOMESCHOOL
CELEBRATING 14 YEARS

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where and when do you meet?

We meet on Thursdays at Crossover Church, which is located right off Highway 2 in North Spokane. Secondary classes are 8am-3:10pm. Elementary classes are 9am-3:10pm.

2. What do I do with the extra hour in the morning if I have an elementary and a secondary student?

You can arrange to leave your elementary student with us and we will provide supervision or a place for them to help a teacher until class starts.

3. What are the student dress guidelines?

The goal of NWCS' dress code guidelines is to establish and maintain a policy that is biblically sound, sensitive to the reality of fashions and individual preference with an emphasis on modestly and neatness.

4. Is NWCS accredited?

We are a State Approved educational institution. Student transcripts from NWCS are recognized and accepted everywhere.

5. Are Homeschool teachers certified?

Teachers are Washington State certified or a specialist in their field.

6. Do Homeschool students take certified tests?

Starting at age 8, it is a yearly requirement for students to take a standardized test. Each spring, we offer the Stanford Achievement Test. If a family chooses an alternative standardized test, we just ask that you provide us a copy for your student's file. Secondary students may take the PSAT with students at NWCS.

7. Do you provide curriculum?

Yes! We provide the curriculum for the classes that we teach. Families are responsible for curriculum taught by parents at home.

8. What are some of the course offerings in the Homeschool program?

Elementary:

To make it easier for our families with multiple ages, our teachers collaborate and plan lessons along the same themes each school year. We typically plan our offerings based on a four-year rotating schedule. Math, reading, spelling/grammar, and Bible are classes parents teach at home.

Year 1: Ancient World History, Land Animals, Physics II, Geology, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 2: Middle Ages, Human Anatomy, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 3: US History: Native Peoples-1849/WA State and Spokane Focus, Astronomy, Weather, Swimming Creatures, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 4: Modern History: 1849-Present, Geography, Botany, Physics I, Insects, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing



Sample Secondary Course Offerings:

*Literature, History/Social Studies and Science follow a 4-year rotation that can be found at www.nwcs.org.

- Literature Rotations include Introduction to Literature, Understanding Literature, British Literature, Research and Composition, World and American Literature
- Social Studies Rotations Include Logic/Worldview, Pacific Northwest History, Geography, US History, World History and Government/Economics
- Science: General Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- Math: Fundamentals, Pre-Algebra, Basic Algebra, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus Annually: Middle School Spanish, Spanish 1 & 2, Art, PE/Health, Senior Leadership
- ◆ We require our secondary students to take a Bible course at home.
- ◆ Students enrolling as seniors are required to take Senior Leadership.
- ◆ For any secondary classes taught at home, we ask parents to keep records and turn in their student's grade(s) each quarter.

9. What sports are offered and what league does NWCS compete in?

NWCS Homeschool students are welcome to participate in all athletics at NWCS.

High school athletes (9-12) participate in the Northeast 2B League and are part of the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association. High school sports are: football, soccer, volleyball, cross-country, cheerleading, basketball, wrestling, track & field, baseball, softball, and golf. For more information, call Aaron Spuler at (509) 238-4005.

The middle school (7-8) participate in the Inland Empire Middle Level league and offers volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball. For more information, call Aaron Spuler at (509) 238-4005.

Elementary (5-6) teams participate in the Knights of Columbus League (Spokane Diocese of Spokane) and compete against local small Christian and Catholic schools. Elementary sports are: volleyball, cross-country (1st-6th grades), basketball, baseball, and softball. For more information, call Katie Iverson at (509) 292-6700.

10. Are there any other activities?

Secondary students may enroll in NWCS band and choir for a fee, and participate in the annual theater production, chapels, Girls Jubilee Choir and school retreats. However, they must be fully committed to being at every practice or rehearsal.

11. Are there any events in the Homeschool Program that I should be aware of?

To honor your schedule, we try to keep most of our activities scheduled for Thursdays. To foster community for our families and opportunities for our students, we do plan exciting events throughout the school year. In addition to our holiday and classroom parties, some of these are:

- Fall Parent Orientation
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (2 times a year)
- Musical Christmas Performances
- Evening of the Arts
- Field Day and Family Potluck
- Senior Graduation
- 8th Grade Graduation
- Occasional student socials