



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-3pm. Elementary classes are 9am-3:05pm.

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. NWCS Schools, Inc. is accredited.

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 six-year rotating schedule. Math, reading, spelling/grammar, and Bible are classes parents teach at home.

Year 1: Pacific Northwest/WA State/Spokane History with corresponding Geography, Botany, Chemistry Jan Term, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 2: Ancient World History with corresponding Geography, Land Animals, Physics Jan Term, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 3: Middle Ages with corresponding Geography, Human Anatomy, Health/Nutrition Jan Term, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 4: US History with corresponding Geography, Flying Creatures, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 5: Early Modern History 1600-1850 with corresponding Geography, Astronomy, Geology Jan Term, Music, Art, PE, Spanish, 6 Trait Writing

Year 6: Modern History: 1850-1990 with corresponding Geography, Swimming Creatures, Pollution/Environmental Science Jan Term, 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, Pacific Northwest History, Study Skills, Geography, US History, World History and Government/Economics
 - ☐ Literature, History/Social Studies, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, Senior Leadership, Junior High Spanish, Spanish 1 and 2, Art and PE/Outdoor Education
 - ☐ Science: General Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Dual Credit Human Biology
 - ☐ Math: Math 7, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, Dual Credit College Algebra (which includes Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus)
- Annually: Junior High Spanish, Spanish 1 & 2, Art, PE/Health, Senior Leadership, Technology, Yearbook and ASB
- ☐ We require our secondary students to take a Bible course.
 - ☐ 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) and time log(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 visit the athletics webpage at <https://www.nwcathletics.org/> or contact our Athletic Director, Beth Wing at (509) 238-4005.

The junior high (7-8) participate in the Inland Empire Middle Level league and offers volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball. For more information visit the athletics webpage at <https://www.nwcathletics.org/> or contact our Athletic Director, Beth Wing 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, basketball, baseball, and softball. For more information visit <https://www.nwcathletics.org>, or call the athletic elementary coordinator 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. 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- mandatory
- ☐ Parent-Teacher Conferences (2 times a year)- mandatory
- ☐ Musical Christmas Performances
- ☐ Evening of the Arts- mandatory
- ☐ Field Day and Family Potluck
- ☐ Senior Graduation- mandatory
- ☐ 8th Grade Graduation
- ☐ Occasional student socials and Mom's gatherings

12. Secondary Tuesday Math

Our secondary students that take math on Thursdays will have an additional period of math on Tuesdays held at crossover with their math teacher to help them succeed in this robust program. Times and other classes are subject to the individual class schedule and may change annually.