



WASHINGTON LATIN  
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
A Classical Education for the Modern World

## 2022 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Middle School

**Session 1:** June 27 - July 13 (2.5 weeks)

**Session 2:** July 14 - July 29 (2.5 weeks)

*Please note that these are tentative course descriptions. It is possible that a course may be canceled due to low enrollment or other considerations.*

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#### **Rising 5th Grade, MATH ENRICHMENT - Offered in both Sessions, In-Person**

The focus of this course is to help build student confidence in math with an open creative, and visual curriculum. The end goal is not only to strengthen fundamental math skills, but also to boost student confidence in math, using growth mindset strategies to overcome the gaps in math confidence that many

#### **Rising 5th Grade, ENGLISH SKILL DEVELOPMENT - Offered in both Sessions, In-Person**

Washington Latin Summer School English courses for incoming 5th graders are specifically designed to offer incoming students whose literacy skills are still developing to receive extra skill in reading, writing, and speaking. Additionally, students will be afforded an opportunity to become acclimated to their new school. Students will work in small classes to develop comprehension, fluency, and decoding skills. Students will learn to better analyze and understand the material they are reading through discussion and written responses. We will also read the assigned Washington Latin summer reading book, *Save Me A Seat*. Students will write every day, and this writing will most likely include responses to teacher prompts, responses to literature, creative, and persuasive writing. The goal of our summer programs is to provide positive support to our emerging students so that they are well set for the beginning of the school year.

#### **Rising 8th, ALGEBRA IB - 5 weeks, In-Person**

This course is an option for students who have completed Algebra IA in 7th grade with an A or A-. This course is the second part of a two-part study of Algebra, and would set up a student to take Geometry in 8th grade. The course begins with a review of some concepts from Algebra IA, including functions, but then goes to systems of equations, inequalities, multiplying/factoring polynomials, and graphing various

types of functions. Great emphasis is placed on using multiple pathways to problem solve and on solving real-world problems. Students are challenged to solve problems logically.

**Rising 6th - 8th, LATIN ENRICHMENT - Session 1 only, In-Person**

In this course students will receive extra Latin language practice to keep their skills sharp and prepare them for the next year's work. They will read level appropriate texts while reviewing core language concepts, vocabulary, and the reinforcement of some translation skills.

**Rising 5th - 8th, PHOTOGRAPHY - Offered in both sessions, In-Person**

If you have ever wanted to learn how to take better photos or just figure out where to start, start here! Students will learn about the golden age of photography and famous photographers while creating their own projects. Digital and traditional photography will be explored, along with action photography, silhouettes, portraits, and more. At the end of the session, students will have a strong portfolio and working knowledge of photographic techniques.

**Rising 5th - 8th, Creative Writing - Offered in both sessions, In-Person**