



# **ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**K-8**

**Course Catalog**

**LinkUp Classes are Indicated in Blue Text**

**2025-2026**

**COURSE CATALOG**

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## Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parents/Guardians are expected to:

- Have students to classes/school on time
- Attend all classes with students in grades K-3
- Remain on-site with students in grades 4-5
- Provide time/resources and support for all onsite/home study course work
- Help students with organization at home, planners and binders/notebooks
- Monitor assignments/grades in Synergy (for username or password talk to your ES)
- Communicate student needs with Education Specialist/Classroom Teacher
- Assist student in class when needed

## Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to:

- Arrive to class on time ready to learn/participate
- Be prepared for class with completed assignments and supplies
- Actively participate in all class discussions, labs, projects, etc.
- Complete all missing assignments from missed classes
- Show respectful behavior towards staff, teachers, onsite adults, and peers
- Treat all school equipment respectfully - computers, cameras, musical instruments, etc.
- Monitor assignments/grades on Synergy (for username or password ask your Educational Specialist)
- Use of personal electronic devices in class with teacher permission only.
- Attendance will be taken in the Independent Learning environment, and students are required to be present in all of their scheduled Independent learning times. (students in grades 6-8)

## Add/Drop Dates

**First Semester Adds & Drops will be accepted between August 18, 2025 and September 15, 2025.**

- No changes to schedules or refunds to allotments will be processed after September 15, 2025.

**Second Semester Adds & Drops will be accepted between January 12, 2026 and January 23, 2026.**

- Year-long courses dropped at the semester will **not** get a refund.

\*Students enrolling at times other than the beginning of the year or semester will have two weeks to drop an onsite class and request a refund.

**Gr. K-2 Allotment \$1460** \*K-2 Vendor \$146.00

**Gr. 3-4 Allotment \$1,655** \*3-5 Vendor \$165.00

**Gr. 5 Allotment \$1855** \*6-8 vendor \$185.00

**Gr. 6-8 Allotment \$2420** \*6-8 vendor \$242



## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is 'Priority Order'?** When submitting a course request, please rank your choices in order of priority. Schedules are not determined by 'first come first served' requests. Once the course request window closes, schedules will be created based on ranking order preference of each student.

**How are class waitlists determined for over enrolled classes?** If a class is over enrolled, students will be put on the waitlist. Students will be called in waitlist order to fill any vacancies that may occur.

**How long does a student have to drop a class without an allotment charge?** Dropping a class must be completed by the end of the second week of classes. Allotment and LinkUp tuition will not be refunded if a class is dropped after the second week.

**What is the process to add a class?** Adds **must** be completed with your student's Education Specialist and signed by the teacher (including case manager if the student has an IEP). An ES will submit the Add Form requesting the change in schedule. Add Forms without an ES **and** parent signature cannot be processed and will be returned to the ES.

**What is the process to Drop a class?** Drops **must** be completed with your student's Education Specialist (including case manager if the student has an IEP). An ES will notify the classroom teacher and submit the drop form requesting the change in schedule. Drop forms without an ES **and** parent signature cannot be processed and will be returned to the ES.

**What happens if I want to spend more than my student's allotment?** Allotments are designed to support each student's education. The student's Personal Learning Plan (PLP) will be designed by the family and ES to ensure the student has an appropriate curriculum or class to cover a complete course of study for the student in all appropriate subjects. Core subject requirements will be considered first before choosing elective courses or classes. When ordering classes and purchasing curriculum there can be **no allotment overages**. After all students have their schedules, extra seats in classes will be available for families to purchase out of pocket.

**Can I get a refund to my student's allotment if I drop a class during the year?**

You may drop an onsite class in the first two weeks and receive a full allotment refund.

- A review of the student's PLP should be made by the family and ES to ensure that the dropped subject is covered with that allotment or in another way before that portion is spent on another subject.
- There is no allotment refund credit after the first two weeks of classes.
- Onsite classes are charged for the entire length of the class, either semester or year long.
- If a student needs to change classes due to an incorrect grade/skill level placement, a direct onsite class swap will be made at no additional allotment charge.



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## ART DEPARTMENT

### ART EXPLORERS K-2 Room 108

Staff Grades:K-2nd  
Course fee \$213.00 Tuesday Only 10:00-10:55  
Material Fee \$20.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00  
**Total: \$233.00** Enrichment\*

Come explore the world of art through drawing, building, sponging, cutting, gluing, painting, and all kinds of making! You will need to follow instructions and also use your imagination! **Student Responsibility:** Bring a pencil and a willingness to learn something new! Participate in what the class is learning. **Parent Responsibilities:** Support a growth mindset in your child. Encourage positive social behavior.

### ART AROUND THE WORLD 3-5 Room 108

Erin Mayfield Grades:3rd-5th  
Course fee \$213.00 Wednesday Only 2:30-3:25  
Material Fee \$30.00  
Curriculum Fee \$18.00  
**Total :\$261.00** Enrichment\*

With Art Around the World, you'll "open the door to a journey that sparks the imagination, cultivates talent, and fosters a love for diverse cultures and people throughout our beautiful world" through engaging with a bit of the culture, language, and history of another country and creating a piece of artwork inspired by that country.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

**Student Responsibility:**

**Parent Responsibilities:** third grade parents must be in class.

### ART SEMESTER I & SEMESTER II Room 108

Margaret Hespen Grades: 6th-8th  
Course fee \$179.00 M/W 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$ 10.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$189.00 Per Semester** Enrichment\*

Course can be taken for just 1 semester or repeated each semester as we will do different projects.

We will explore realms of art within their historical contexts, including drawing, painting, design, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking and calligraphy, using a variety of media.

**\*Courses can be taken in the first and the second semester.**

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** pencil, sketchbook.

**Student Responsibility:** Use class time fully. Come willing to receive input in order to improve.

**Parent Responsibility:** Encourage a growth mindset in your students. Send students with necessary materials (pencil, sketchbook).

### BEADWORK SEMESTER I & SEMESTER II Room 109

Renee Elting Grades:6th-8th  
Course fee \$99.00 Monday Only 12:30-1:25 pm  
Material Fee \$40.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total :\$139.00 Per Semester** Enrichment\*

Explore beadwork in jewelry as well as clothing embellishment. Loom and off loom techniques will be demonstrated and discussed. This is a project based class. Final projects will be displayed and viewed in a gallery style reception at the end of each semester.

**\*Courses can be taken in the first and the second semester.**

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Dedicated binder, Mechanical Pencil, Separate Eraser, Colored Pencils,

**Student Responsibility:** Attendance in body and mind will be expected. Technique demonstrations will be in the first 20 minutes of class.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Attending the reception is encouraged. Support in student's independent exploration is also encouraged.

### BONJOUR, HOLA, CIAO! Room 220

Alessandra Hansen Grades 3rd-5th  
Course fee \$405.00 T/TH 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$36.00  
Curriculum Fee \$5.00

**Total: \$446.00** Enrichment\*

This course takes elementary students on exciting journeys to about 20 countries around the world. Students will learn about cities, cultures, animals, food, landscapes, holidays, and traditions. In addition, students will learn simple words and phrases in each country's language.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Three-ring binder with dividers

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible to complete all homework before coming to class. The days when we do not have class, students will be responsible to complete other work and/or research. Students are expected to participate in class by answering and asking questions. **Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are responsible for making sure their student is completing the assignments on time



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

## DRAMA FUN & GAMES

**Carly Carruthers**

Room: 220 & Gym

Course fee \$213.00

Grades 3rd-5th

Material Fee \$10.00

Monday Only 2:30-3:25

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$223.00**

**Enrichment\***

Drama Fun & Games introduces students to games and activities that help children build confidence while exploring the world of drama. Students will participate in group activities, learn basic acting techniques, and put on a 30-minute play in the spring. We will focus on encouraging creativity and teamwork, all while having fun!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Attend class and participate with a positive attitude.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parent responsibilities: Assist with the spring production. Parents of 3rd graders should be able to attend class with their child.

## DRAMA PRODUCTION & PERFORMANCE

**Carly Carruthers**

Room: 220 & Gym

Course fee \$384.00

Grades 7th-8th

Material Fee \$12.00

M/W 9:00-10:25

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$396.00**

**Comprehensive\***

Drama Production and Performance focuses on developing skills related to all aspects of theatrical productions. Students will learn foundational acting concepts while also learning how to audition, direct, design, and produce a production. Everyone's hard work culminates in a Spring Performance of student-directed plays.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Students need to come prepared with a pen, pencil, highlighter, and small folder or binder.

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible for attending class consistently, coming prepared with materials, completing assignments, and working collaboratively with their peers.

**Parent Responsibility:** Ensure students are available for evening and weekend tech rehearsals and performances in the spring.

## LIFESTYLE ADORNMENT

Room 210

Renee Elting

Grades 7th-8th

Course fee: \$198.00

Monday Only 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$150.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$348.00**

**Enrichment\***

Adorn your life! This project based class looks at creating the space and look you love. Exploration will cover jewelry construction that lasts, making a beading loom and learning how to use it, Macrame, Resin, Fabric Screen Printing, Embroidery, Weaving, and Basic Metalsmithing. For certain activities, students are required to provide their own properly fitting eye, ear, and respiratory protection as part of their personal protective equipment (PPE). A new technique will be introduced every few weeks. Final projects will be displayed and viewed in a gallery style reception at the end of each semester. \*Beauty begins inside and we will discuss embracing our own uniqueness.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Dedicated binder, Mechanical Pencil, Separate Eraser, Colored Pencils, ( I am putting colored pencils here as each student should have their own set. )

**Student Responsibility:** Attendance in mind and body will be expected. Demonstrations will be the first 20 minutes of class.

**Parent Responsibility:** Attending the reception is encouraged. Support in student's independent exploration is also encouraged.



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Kindergarten-8th

### **NATURE JOURNALING**

**Room 108**

Erin Mayfield

Grades: K-2nd

Course fee \$213.00

Monday Only 2:30-3:25

Material Fee \$30.00

Curriculum Fee \$21.00

**Total: \$264.00**

Enrichment\*

This course will teach you the methods of a field naturalist and will help you notice more, remember what you discovered, be actively curious, and become a better artist. You will learn simple techniques to improve your visual memory and help you draw what you see. You will learn how to use graphite, pen, colored pencils and watercolor for fast field sketches and we will practice drawing wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, landscapes, seascapes, and skies.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Nature Journal Notebook

**Student Responsibility:** You are a naturalist! Get curious, start noticing nature around you, and have fun!

**Parent Responsibilities:** Support your naturalists by taking nature walks or hikes together, visit nature centers, flower gardens and more together. Maybe start your own nature journal, talk and share what you observe.

### **NATURE JOURNALING**

**Room 108**

Erin Mayfield

Grades:3rd-5th

Course fee \$213.00

Wednesday Only 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$30.00

Curriculum Fee \$21.00

**Total: \$264.00**

Enrichment\*

This course will teach you the methods of a field naturalist and will help you notice more, remember what you discovered, be actively curious, and become a better artist. You will learn simple techniques to improve your visual memory and help you draw what you see. You will learn how to use graphite, pen, colored pencils and watercolor for fast field sketches and we will practice drawing wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, landscapes, seascapes, and skies.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Nature Journal Notebook

**Student Responsibility:** You are a naturalist! Get curious, start noticing nature around you, and have fun!

**Parent Responsibilities:** Support your naturalists by taking nature walks or hikes together, visit nature centers, flower gardens and more together. Maybe start your own nature journal, talk and share what you observe.

### **NATURE JOURNALING**

**Room 108**

Erin Mayfield

Grades:6th-8th

Course fee \$213.00

Monday Only 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$30.00

Curriculum Fee \$21.00

**Total: \$264.00**

Enrichment\*

This course will teach you the methods of a field naturalist and will help you notice more, remember what you discovered, be actively curious, and become a better artist. You will learn simple techniques to improve your visual memory and help you draw what you see. You will learn how to use graphite, pen, colored pencils and watercolor for fast field sketches and we will practice drawing wildflowers, trees, mushrooms, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, landscapes, seascapes, and skies.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Nature Journal Notebook

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### **STRUCTURE DESIGN**

**Room 206**

Morgen Kelm

Grades: 3rd-5th

Course fee \$213.00

Tuesday Only 9:00-9:55

Material Fee \$25.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$238.00**

Enrichment\*

This class encourages creativity, imagination, and collaboration, while exploring some of the basic principles of structural design. Students will use a wide variety of materials to create sketches, build models, and participate in structural design challenges that will put their problem solving and critical thinking skills to the test!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible for attending class consistently, coming prepared with materials, and working collaboratively with their peers.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents help get your child to class on time. Support a growth mindset in your child, and encourage positive social behavior.





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Kindergarten-8th

### **STRUCTURE DESIGN**

**Room 109**

Tracey Edson

Grades: 3rd-5th

Course fee \$213.00

Wednesday Only 12:30-1:25

Material Fee \$25.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$238.00**

**Enrichment\***

This class encourages creativity, imagination, and collaboration, while exploring some of the basic principles of structural design. Students will use a wide variety of materials to create sketches, build models, and participate in structural design challenges that will put their problem solving and critical thinking skills to the test!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible for attending class consistently, coming prepared with materials, and working collaboratively with their peers.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents help get your child to class on time. Support a growth mindset in your child, and encourage positive social behavior.

### **SPANISH MS**

**Room 220**

Alessandra Hansen

Grades: 6th-8th

Course fee: \$358.00

T/TH 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$0.00

Curriculum Fee \$111.00

**Total: \$469.00**

**Comprehensive\***

Beginning Spanish with a consumable resource as well as access to an online platform that mirrors the consumable book and gives immediate feedback. This course includes them-based vocabulary; grammar (nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions, present tense, preterit tense, imperfect tense, progressive tense). The online access meets the needs of auditory and visual learners and reinforces the material covered in the consumable book. The online platform includes pronunciation practice from native speakers, flashcards, videos, and cultural articles about Spanish-speaking countries.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

consumable book; three-ring binder w/ 4 dividers

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible to complete all homework before coming to class. On days when we do not have class, students will be responsible to practice for 20 minutes at least five times a week.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are responsible for making sure their student is practicing online and completing the assignments.

### **WORLD OF PERFORMING ARTS**

**Room 114**

Tracey Edson

Grades: 6th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

T/TH 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$42.00

Curriculum Fee \$25.00

**Total: \$425.00**

**Enrichment\***

This class is an exploration into the world of the visual & performing arts. Students will study the basic elements of the performing arts of film, dance, theater, and music. The class will also cover the elements of painting, sculpture, & architecture. Class will also focus on describing our experiences and responses to artistic performance & display as well as the function of the arts in daily life. The class will primarily deal with Western culture. The class will include trips to live music, a play, and an art museum, and students will have the opportunity to prepare their own projects of art or about art.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Notebook, paper, pencil/pen, provided text

**Student Responsibility:** Students should maintain a notebook of class materials, complete class assignments, have paper and pencil/pen. Students will need to attend an artistic performance each quarter (suggestions provided).

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should see to student attendance and that they have basic school supplies (notebook, paper, pencils/pen), and assist students to fulfill requirements to attend an outside performance each quarter.





## ELECTIVES

### ACA OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Darla Hall

Grades: 5th- 7th

Tuesday-Friday April 21-24 2026

Fee: To Be Determined (5th and 6th Grant Eligible One Time)

Come join us for an exciting outdoor science camp experience at Rockaway Beach in April 2026. We have exciting news! The state is providing funding for all 5th and 6th graders. (Except those who have previously been funded.) 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students (and Siblings) who are not funded by the district and who would like to attend, pay a fee.

Please have your ES add this as a class on your course request. Parents are welcome and pay a fee per person. All students and parents please sign the registration form in the ACA office. Unfunded students and parents attending please pay a \$25 non-refundable fee to the ACA office to reserve your spot and return the registration form to the ACA office by Thursday, December 4th.

Registration packets and student preparation workbooks will be available in February. Registration packets are due by Thursday, March 5th. Preparation Booklets are due April 13th. (Up to 20% of your allotment can be used toward ACA Outdoor Science Camp. Please have your ES put it in OPS and return a signed vendor form and registration packet by March 5th.)

We will be attending Twin Rocks Science Camp at Rockaway Beach. Outdoor School Science Classes taught by Science Educators. We will be studying marine biology, animal classifications, plant identification, photosynthesis, layers of soil, and the water cycle. We will visit a tide pool and dissect a shark. 10 Meals & snacks will be provided. (Vegan, vegetarian, Non-Celiac Gluten Free, Dairy Free options available. Must ask for these options in the registration packet.) ACA 5th-7th grade Outdoor School Experience—campers bunk with ACA Staff and classmates, unless family is attending. Families can bunk together. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with fundraising please email me at [darlahall@aca.k12.or.us](mailto:darlahall@aca.k12.or.us)

Looking forward to an exciting science adventure!

**Student Responsibility:** Students must complete the Outdoor School Preparation Workbook, which includes the topics Soil, Water, Plants, and Animals.

**Parent Responsibility:**

### BASIC TYPING SKILLS SEMESTER I ONLY Room 209

Josiah Lute

Grades: 6th-8th

Course fee \$179.00

M/W 12:30-1:25

Material Fee \$5.00

Curriculum Fee \$6.00

**Total: \$190.00 Semester**

Enrichment\*

This introductory course is designed to help students develop essential keyboarding skills for academic and professional success. Through engaging activities and guided practice, students will learn proper typing techniques, including finger placement and posture, while building speed and accuracy. Emphasis will be placed on fostering confidence and efficiency when navigating digital tools, enabling students to produce and format documents with ease.

By the end of the course, participants will gain a strong foundation in typing, preparing them for tasks such as composing essays, creating presentations, and collaborating in online environments. This class is ideal for beginners or anyone looking to strengthen their typing proficiency in today's tech-driven world.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Regular attendance and steady participation in classwork/homework will ensure growth and success. Responsible technology use.

**Parent Responsibility:** Check student grades in Parentvue and provide oversight for homework completion.



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Kindergarten-8th

### **CRYPTOGRAPHY**

Room 209

Amanda Castellano

Grades: 6th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

M/W 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$54.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$412.00**

Enrichment\*

**Prerequisite:** Students should know (or plan to learn) how to navigate Google classroom and use Google docs or Google slides to type and submit some assignments. Reading and spelling skills are frequently used when attempting to encrypt or decrypt messages.

Learn about cryptography - the art of writing or solving codes and its use throughout history from ancient hidden codes to modern computer security! In this class we will learn fun facts about history and language, practice hiding secret messages, create our own codes, test invisible inks, attempt to decipher riddles, and play games with cryptography themes such as escape room puzzles or group games with clues, spies or secret texts. Some short videos will be shown, which may include YouTube videos (always previewed). We will do some online activities involving encryption and decryption as well (more in the latter half of the year when we discuss more modern cryptography techniques). We also hope to have a field trip to an escape room and potentially a guest speaker relating to cybersecurity.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Students should always bring at least 2 pens or pencils to class.

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to come to class prepared and to check Google Classroom regularly for announcements. Students should not have much homework but should be aware that they may occasionally be asked to finish an activity at home.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should anticipate minimal homework but occasionally things may need to be finished at home. Parents should check Synergy for grades and missing assignments and monitor students' progress in Google Classroom. We are planning to have a Friday daytime field trip to an escape room - participation is optional and would require a parent to transport and chaperone.

### **FUTURE-READY TECH**

Room 207

Julie Pen

Grades: 7th- 8th

Course fee \$502.00

T/TH 2:00-3:25

Material Fee \$17.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$519.00**

Enrichment\*

In this hands-on, project-based course, you will gain a wide range of essential technology skills for safely, responsibly, and effectively navigating the digital world. Master Google Workspace tools for organization and collaboration, learn Chromebook productivity tips, and build a personal website portfolio to showcase all your new skills. A good portion of the year will be spent harnessing online tools to create personal interest based multimedia products such as posters, podcasts, or computer programs. This class also aims to develop socially responsible decision-making and critical thinking skills within a culture of learning and curiosity to equip students to be outstanding digital citizens while preparing them for academic and professional success.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencils, notebook paper, and a folder or binder for holding papers.

**Student Responsibility:** Class attendance is mandatory since most of the work for this course will be done together in class. There may sometimes be up to 2 hours of independent work (for the week) that must be completed outside of class. Students should log in to Synergy and Google Classroom weekly to access grades and check for missing work.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are expected to facilitate class attendance, supervise at-home work, and support interest-based projects. Please check Synergy regularly and accept the Google Classroom "Guardian Summary" invitation to stay apprised of your student's progress.



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## GAME MAKERS WORKSHOP Room 209

Amanda Castellano Grades: 6th-8th  
Course fee \$198.00 Wednesday Only 10:00-10:55  
Material Fee \$50.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$248.00** Enrichment\*

**Prerequisite:** Students should know (or plan to learn) how to navigate Google classroom and use Google docs or Google slides to type and submit some (not most) assignments.

Come design, create and test new ideas for board games, tabletop and/or card games! This class will cover topics like writing clear (and simple) instructions, color and theme, and visual presentation.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Students should always bring at least 2 pens or pencils to class. Supplies will be provided, however, students are welcome to bring in additional art or game-making supplies to make their project unique

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to come to class prepared to participate in creative activities and/or game play. Participation will be a significant part of their grade. Students should check Google Classroom regularly. Above all, students should expect the classroom to be a safe creative space where everyone is encouraged to share ideas, and should come prepared to give positive feedback and support their peers - especially when "testing" new game designs.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should anticipate minimal homework but should always review Synergy for grades and missing assignments and monitor students' activities in Google Classroom.

## HOME ECONOMICS Room 209

Valerie Johnson Grades: 6th-8th  
Course fee \$398.00 Thursday Only 12:30-1:55  
Material Fee \$45.00  
Curriculum Fee \$20.00

**Total: \$463.00** Enrichment\*

We're learning to cook and sew, two very handy life skills. One semester is devoted to hand sewing and learning how to use a sewing machine. The other semester we'll be in the school kitchen learning a sampling of cooking techniques and skills.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Binder & pen/pencil.

**Student Responsibility:** Follow the rules and guidelines and be willing to help clean up.

**Parent Responsibility:** Home support and help, as well as punctual class attendance

## LEGO TECHNOLOGY Room 210

Morgen Kelm Grades: 6th-8th  
Course fee \$358.00 M/W 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$10.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$368.00** Enrichment\*

An introduction to simple and powered machines, which encourages students to work collaboratively as young scientists, engineers, and designers. Students will be led through several hands-on investigations where they will build, adapt, and learn from LEGO models. Students will also use various applications to program simple LEGO robots using block coding based on Scratch.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** This is a participation based course, so student attendance and engagement are essential.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should help make sure students are attending classes regularly.



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### NIFTY FIFTY

Room 209

Renee Elting

Grades:4th-5th

Course Fee \$213.00

Wednesday Only 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$10.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$223.00**

Enrichment\*

4th and 5th graders will explore the 50 United States through games and fun activities.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencils

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to come to class on time and have a good attitude for fun and learning. A very small amount of fun homework might be assigned.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are encouraged to get their students to class on time and be supportive of their accomplishments.

### PROJECT STUDY

Room 210

Tracey Edson

Grades: 6th -8th

Course fee \$358.00

M/W 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$10.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$368.00**

Enrichment\*

This class gives opportunity for students to plan, carry out, and bring to completion projects on topics and in a format of their choosing. The class guides them to follow checklists, prepare a thesis, outline, and list of resources, and practice communicating in groups -- all toward completing a project. The class is designed to be done in class depending on the topic and type of project a student chooses. Learning to think in terms of steps toward a goal as well as managing personal time & effort are course goals.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Class notebook, journal, pencil/pen, access to Chromebook.

**Student Responsibility:** Attendance, maintaining class journal and packet(s), managing time and effort.

**Parent Responsibility:** Supporting students in learning to think and practice steps toward a completed goal. Some student projects may require parent assistance and/or availability (i.e. cooking, pet showing, home/family activity/hobby sharing or prep, etc.)

### SKILL FIRE

Room 204

Meg Snyder

Grades: 4th-5th

Course fee \$213.00

Wednesday Only 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$10.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$223.00**

Enrichment\*

Get ready to ignite your creativity and teamwork skills in Skill Fire! Based on Destination Imagination's challenge-based learning, this course offers a fun and engaging way for students to build essential problem-solving skills. Through hands-on activities and exciting team challenges, students will practice communication, creative thinking, dramatic play, and self-expression. They'll explore project management, technical design, and material properties while developing resource awareness and literary analysis skills. From rapid ideation to improvisation, Skill Fire encourages students to research, set goals, and solve problems together—all while having a blast!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Follow the rules and procedures of the class.

**Parent Responsibility:** Support your student in being present and on-time.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

## 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

### WACKY WORDSMITHS

Room 209

Amanda Castellano

Grades: 6th-8th

Course fee \$198.00

Monday Only 10:00-10:55

Material Fee \$14.00

Curriculum Fee \$5.00

**Total: \$217.00**

Enrichment\*

**Prerequisite:** Students should know (or plan to learn) how to navigate Google classroom and use Google docs or Google slides to type and submit some assignments.

Come stretch your imagination and practice writing skills in a fun, no-pressure setting. This class will involve a variety of in-class short writing projects that bend reality, defy gravity and bypass belief. Write tall tales, far-fetched stories or odd "news" articles. Flip instructions from informational to vaguely unforgettable. Create articles for an alien newspaper. Engage in group creativity with group writing prompts and "yes, and then" style shared projects. Play mad libs and other wacky writing games. We may even publish Wacky News! This class is intended to be a very fun, casual and exciting elective but it will involve frequent short writing projects; students are always welcome to type or hand write assignments at their level and accommodations like talk to text are welcomed for those who benefit from them.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Students should always bring at least 2 pens or pencils and a few sheets of lined paper to class.

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to come to class prepared and to check Google Classroom regularly for announcements. Students should not have much homework but should be aware that they may occasionally be asked to finish an activity or do a short task at home.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should anticipate minimal homework but occasionally things may need to be finished or done at home. Parents should check Synergy for grades and missing assignments and monitor students' progress in Google Classroom.

### WOODWORKING MS

Room 105

David Toth

Grades: 6th-8th

Course fee \$398.00

Tuesday Only 12:30-1:55

Material Fee \$50.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$448.00**

Enrichment\*

This class will focus on how to use common carpentry tools like the hand saw, planer, drill, chisel, hammer, clamps, and more. Gluing and nailing will be the dominant method of bonding wood joints. Lap and dovetail joinery will also be explored. Students will learn to stain and varnish their projects. Carpentry projects will intentionally incrementally advance in difficulty as a way to build skill with the above tools. Students at any level of experience may join.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Follow safety rules.

**Parent Responsibility:** none



## LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT

### STORYTIME Room 108

Erin Holman/Fred Folger-Vent Grades K-1st  
Course fee \$213.00 Thursday Only 11:00-11:55  
Material Fee \$30.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00  
**Total: \$243.00** Enrichment\*

Come join us for stories and adventures! We'll have songs, dance, arts and crafts, and a different story every week.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Participate in class activities

**Parent Responsibilities:** Support students in class activities as needed.

### FAMILY READING GAMES Room 108

Rosemary Buczkowski Grades K-1st  
Course fee \$213.00 Tuesday Only 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$12.00  
Curriculum Fee \$30.00  
**Total: \$255.00** Enrichment\*

Learn and practice the reading foundational skills through fun, hands-on activities and games fit for the whole family. The primary focus of this class is phonemic awareness, letter names and sounds, blending basic cvc words and beginning sight words knowledge. Parents are required to participate in class and encouraged to practice these skills at home. I recommend the All About Reading pre-reading level curriculum to accompany this class.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Participate in class and activities

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are required to be in class and participate

### BUILDING BLOCKS OF READING I Room 108

Rosemary Buczkowski Grades: 1st-2nd  
Course fee \$213.00 Tuesday Only 1:30-2:25  
Material Fee \$12.00  
Curriculum Fee \$68.00  
**Total: \$293.00** Enrichment\*

This class is for students still learning the foundational skills needed for reading but is confident on letters and sounds and is beginning to blend sounds to read words. The All About Reading Level 1 curriculum is required for this class and parents are asked to continue the lessons at home and follow the scope and sequence provided by the teacher. Weekly lesson plans will be provided by the teacher for the home

educator. We will practice and enrich the skills learned at home and the teacher will work with the home educator to navigate the curriculum.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Materials and books from the All About Reading curriculum level 1.

**Student Responsibility:** Attend and participate in class and at home.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are required to be in class and continue the lessons in the All About Reading curriculum at home. **Note: No additional curriculum will be required to make this course comprehensive.** **Student Responsibility:** Attend and participate in class and at home

### BUILDING BLOCKS OF READING II Room 108

Rosemary Buczkowski Grades 2nd-3rd  
Course fee \$213.00 Tuesday Only 11:00-11:55  
Material Fee \$12.00  
Curriculum Fee \$68.00  
**Total: \$293.00** Enrichment\*

This class is for students who still need the 2nd and 3rd grade reading foundational standards, specifically all long vowel spellings and multisyllabic words to be fluent, confident readers. Students should be proficient in reading one syllable words with short vowels and have completed The All About Reading Level 1 or an equivalent curriculum. The All About Reading Level 2 is required for this class and parents are asked to continue the lessons at home and follow the scope and sequence and weekly lesson plans provided by the teacher. We will practice and enrich the skills learned at home and the teacher will work with the home educator to navigate the curriculum.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** The materials and books from the curriculum.

**Student Responsibility:** Attend and participate in class and at home

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are required to be in class and continue the lessons in the All About Reading Level 2 curriculum at home. **Note: No additional curriculum will be required to make this course comprehensive.** **Student Responsibility:** Attend and participate in class and at home





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## 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

### READING ROCKETS

Room 108

Courtney Gordon  
Course fee \$213.00  
Material Fee \$12.00  
Curriculum Fee \$40.00

Grades 2nd-3rd

Thursday Only 1:30-2:25

**Total: \$265.00** **Enrichment\***

Reading Rockets is for 2nd and 3rd grade students who have a strong understanding of the foundational skills and are ready to "lift off" as a reader. We will focus on comprehension, fluency, vocabulary development as we explore exciting fiction and nonfiction text. We also ask families to participate in at-home choice reading for fun, including both reading aloud and independent reading.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil  
**Student Responsibility:** Attend and participate in class and at home.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are required to be in class and practice the reading strategies discussed in class to help their students understand what they are reading.

### BEGINNING AUTHORS

Room 108

Shannon Meade  
Course fee \$213.00  
Material Fee \$12.00  
Curriculum Fee \$9.00

Grades 2nd-3rd

Thursday Only 10:00-10:55

**Total: \$234.00** **Enrichment\***

Make way for beginning authors! Second and third-graders will write in a variety of genres including narrative, informational, and persuasive writing. The class will be structured around the full writing process, including planning, drafting, editing, and publishing with assignments to be started in class and finished at home. Packets with graphic organizers and guidance will be provided each week.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Student Responsibility: Students need to bring all materials to class, work on writing projects at home, and ideally have access to the online Google classroom in order to type at home and at school.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents will ensure that students attend class regularly and on time. Parents also regularly come to class and assist when needed. Parents will ensure that students continue working on writing projects at home.

### DEVELOPING AUTHORS

Room 108

Shannon Meade  
Course fee \$213.00  
Material Fee \$12.00  
Curriculum Fee \$9.00

Grades 4th-5th

Thursday Only 12:30-1:25

**Total: \$234.00** **Enrichment\***

Enroll your developing author to provide guidance and opportunities to share their writing. 4th and 5th graders will write in a variety of genres including narrative, informational, and persuasive writing. The class will be structured around the full writing process, including planning, drafting, editing, and publishing with assignments to be started in class and finished at home. Packets with graphic organizers and guidance will be provided each week to be completed at home.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** pencil and all provided materials ready to work

**Student Responsibility:** Students need to bring all materials to class, work on writing projects at home, and ideally have access to the online Google classroom in order to type at home and at school.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are primary educators in this subject and will help students to continue working on writing projects at home following provided guidance for this once weekly workshop. Parents ensure that students attend class regularly and on time and help students access materials when a class is missed. Parents are requested to attend a class session at the start of each quarter and are welcome to come to class and assist their learners throughout the year.





# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

## **NOVEL TALKS**

**Room 210**

Denice Crombie

Grades 4th-5th

Course fee \$213.00

Tuesday Only 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$7.00

Curriculum Fee \$20.00

**Total: \$240.00**

Enrichment\*

**Prerequisite:** Students should be capable of reading a 4th grade novel independently.

Are you a 4th or 5th grade student who enjoys reading? If so, join our literature group to read and discuss five fantastic novels. Students will use the books to examine character traits, identify plot elements, analyze themes, recognize figurative language, develop vocabulary and grammar skills, and present one speech, all while being a part of the mini book groups. Students may take this class more than once, since there is a rotation of book titles.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students should expect about two hours of work each week. They must attend class regularly, complete the weekly reading and homework packets, and come to class prepared to discuss the books in their groups.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents will support their student with completing the weekly homework assignments, make sure the student comes to class with the necessary materials (pencil, completed homework packet, and book), and that they arrive to class on time.

## **LA FOUNDATIONS**

**Room 210**

Erin Holman & Learning Specialists

Grades 6th-8th

Course fee \$518.00

T/TH 12:30-1:55

Material Fee \$5.00

Curriculum Fee \$85.00\*

**Total: \$608.00**

Enrichment\*

This Language Arts Foundations course will cover basic decoding, spelling, grammar, comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills. There is an emphasis on speech and language to build literacy skills. The curriculum features direct teacher instruction as well as an online component. \*If this course meets SDI minutes the fee will be reduced.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencils, paper.

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be expected to regularly attend all class sessions and complete in-class work as well as some homework. Students will also be responsible for completing 20 minutes of online word or text training each week. Students will come to class ready to learn.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are responsible to support their students by facilitating and encouraging work to be completed outside of class.

## **RESPONDING TO LITERATURE I**

**Room 108**

Shannon Meade

Grades 6th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

T/TH 9:00-9:55

Material Fee \$12.00

Curriculum Fee \$19.00

**Total: \$389.00**

Enrichment\*

In this class, students will read *My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen and *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin as well as other fictional short stories, poems, and nonfiction articles. Students will explore a variety of topics and themes including family, empathy, poverty, greed, belonging, and perspective-taking. Using the 6th-grade reading and writing standards, students will analyze the texts they read, work through the writing process, and participate in small group discussions.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil and provided materials.

**Student Responsibility:** Students should expect to have about 2 hours of reading, writing, grammar, or typing practice homework each week and have access at home to the online google classroom and other resources we will be using. All classwork should be completed in a timely manner.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are responsible to ensure students attend class regularly and on time. Support your student's progress in the class by reviewing assigned home practice and content, addressing areas of challenge for them, engaging in discussion around topics they are reading and writing about, reading aloud at home, and supporting students in practicing touch typing for both speed and accuracy. Home-educate areas of specific need in spelling, grammar, and composition.



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Kindergarten-8th

## **CONNECTING TO LITERATURE II** Room 210

Denice Crombie  
Course fee \$358.00  
Material Fee \$7.00  
Curriculum Fee \$11.00

**Total: \$376.00** **Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** Students at 6th grade can join with teacher approval.

In this class, students will read *Stella by Starlight*, by Sharon Draper and *Nothing But the Truth*, by Avi, as well as other short stories, poems and nonfiction articles. Students will explore a variety of topics including racism, civil rights, varying perspectives, and misinformation. Using the 7th grade literacy standards, students will research historical and current events present in the novels, compose written essays, participate in class discussions, and complete one presentation to the class

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** pencil, notebook paper.

**Student Responsibility:** Students should expect to have 2-3 hours of language arts homework each week, have access to the online grammar curriculum we will be using (Quill.org), and be prepared to submit classwork using Google classroom. All classwork should be completed in a timely manner.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should support their student with weekly homework completion, so they come to class prepared to engage in discussions and written work, and check ParentVue regularly to make sure their student is actually turning in their assignments.

## **ANALYZING LITERATURE III** Room 210

Denice Crombie  
Course fee \$358.00  
Material Fee \$7.00  
Curriculum Fee \$16.00

**Total: \$381.00** **Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** Must be in 7th grade or higher and capable of reading middle school texts.

In this class, students will read *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry and *Refugee*, by Alan Gratz, as well as other short stories, poems, and nonfiction articles. Students will explore a variety of topics including oppression, injustices of war, freedom, and hope. Using the 8th grade literacy standards, students will research historical and current events present in their novels, compose written essays, participate in small group discussions, and present a speech to the class. Students will walk away from the class with a greater appreciation for literature, a stronger understanding of grammar, and a deeper connection to the world around them.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** pencils, notebook paper

**Student Responsibility:** Students should expect to have 2-3 hours of language arts homework each week, have access to the online grammar curriculum we will be using (Quill.org), and be prepared to submit classwork using Google classroom. All classwork should be completed in a timely manner.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should support their student with weekly homework completion so they come to class prepared to engage in discussions and written work, and check ParentVue regularly to make sure their student is actually turning in their assignments.



## MATH DEPARTMENT

### FAMILY MATH GAMES

Room 105

David Toth

Grades 1st & 2nd

Course Fee \$213.00

Thursday Only 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$10.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$223.00**

Enrichment\*

Have you ever wondered how to use manipulatives when explaining place value or adding? Do you wish you had another way to teach subtraction? Would you like fun games to practice math skills? This class is designed for both the teaching parent and child to attend together. It is not a core class but is meant to support your homeschooling math instruction. The class will include a short interactive lesson and time for the teaching parent to practice their newly acquired skill. The focus of the course will be on manipulative use, teaching strategies, and games that reinforce math skills. Lastly, there is no required text because the course will support whatever text you are using at home.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Attend Class

**Parent Responsibilities:** Attend and participate in class activities.

### BASIC FACTS I

Room 105

David Toth

Grades: 3rd

Course Fee \$213.00

Thursday Only 12:30-1:25

Material Fee \$12.00

Curriculum Fee \$57.00

**Total: \$282.00**

Comprehensive\*

Do you want more support homeschooling your 3rd grader in math? Do you wish you had a place where you could both receive and share ideas around math instruction? This class is designed just for that. Class is for both the parent and student. Class will begin with the delivery of content via multi-sensory/ effective strategies. It will end with students working independently while parents and instructor exchange ideas on topics like: scope and sequence, customizing content, motivation, behavior issue, unique learners, creative ways to reinforce learning and more. This class will include student text, weekly assignments and will go for the entire school year. The course employs content which meets the elementary CCSS in Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Number and Operations, Base Ten Numbers Operations Fractions, Measurement Data and Geometry.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencils.

**Student Responsibility:** Complete all assigned work and rework all missed problems before the next class meeting.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Correct all student's work before the next class meeting and assist the child with the content they do not understand.

### BASIC SKILLS II

Room 105

David Toth

Grades: 4th

Course Fee \$213.00

Thursday 2:30-3:25

Material Fee \$12.00

Curriculum Fee \$57.00

**Total: \$282.00**

Comprehensive\*

Do you want more support with homeschooling your 4th grader in math? Do you wish you had a place where you could both receive and share ideas around math instruction? This class is designed just for that. Class is for both the parent and student. Class will begin with the delivery of content via multi-sensory/ effective strategies. It will end with students working independently while parents and instructor exchange ideas on topics like: scope and sequence, customizing content, motivation, behavior issue, unique learners, creative ways to reinforce learning and more. This class will include student text, weekly assignments and continues for the entire school year. This course employs elementary level CCSS content which explores Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Number and Operations Base Ten Numbers Operations, Fractions Measurement Data and Geometry.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencils.

**Student Responsibility:** Complete all assigned work and rework all missed problems before the next class meeting.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Correct all student's work before the next class meeting and assist the child with the content they do not understand.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

## MATH FOUNDATIONS V Room 105

David Toth Grades: 5th  
Course fee \$405.00 M/W 11:00-11:55  
Material Fee \$2.00  
Curriculum Fee \$57.00

**Total: \$464.00** **Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** Completion of 4th grade math curriculum.

In order for this course to be considered comprehensive, parents are expected and required to instruct their child in all geometry, conversion, graphing, and data standards. The math department will support this process by outlining several options to complete the content. Each class session will include direct instruction, time for students to practice what they have learned and teacher feedback on how they are progressing. Students will have daily work assigned to them. This course employs CCSS content which explores Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Number and Operations Base Ten Numbers Operations, Fractions Measurement Data and Geometry.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

**Student Responsibility:** Complete assigned work by next class meeting.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Correct assigned work and assist child with reworking missed problems. All work should be corrected by the next class meeting.

## MATH FUNDAMENTALS Room 105

David Toth & Learning Specialists Grades: 6th-8th  
Course fee \$518.00 M/W 9:00-10:25  
Material Fee \$12.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$530.00** **Enrichment\***

**Prerequisite:** \*Needs Math Department Approval

This course is designed for students who have historically struggled with math. The class is designed to move at the student's pace rather than covering all grade-level content in nine months. Students will focus on middle school standards like operations with fractions, decimals, integers, expressions, ratios and one-step algebraic equations. There will be an emphasis on mastery of basic skills with the expectation of at-home daily practice. In-class time will consist of highly structured, interactive, multisensory instruction.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Create an at home-schedule that includes a daily time devoted to math completion. Ensure all work is completed by the next class meeting. **Student**

**Responsibility:** Complete all work by the following class meeting.

## MATH SUCCESS Room 204

Joy Best Grades 6th-8th  
Course fee \$99.00 Monday Only 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$0.00 Wednesday Only 12:30-1:25  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$99.00**

Math Success is a supportive time designed to help students build confidence and improve their skills in math. Whether students need help with homework from a current class or support in their homeschool math curriculum, a licensed math teacher will be available to provide guidance, answer questions, and offer individualized assistance. Students should come prepared with their own math materials, including a textbook or curriculum, notebook, pencil, and any assignments they are working on. This is a great opportunity to receive one-on-one or small group help, develop strong study habits, and stay on track with math learning goals in a focused and encouraging environment.

## RATIO & PROPORTIONS I Room 206

David Ferguson Grades 6th  
Course fee \$358.00 M/W 9:00-9:55  
Material Fee \$0.00 T/TH 12:30-1:25  
Curriculum Fee \$54.00

**Total: \$412.00**

**Enrichment\***

**Prerequisite:**

**Completion of 5th grade math or skill assessment equivalent**

This math course covers the 6th grade common core standards. This class will teach the essential skills needed to be successful in 7th grade math. Each class session will include direct instruction, time for students to practice what they learned and teacher feedback on how they are progressing. The course will be supplemented with at home units on probability and geometry to make the course comprehensive.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Math Workbook, pencil, highlighter, math notebook & graph paper

**Student Responsibility:** Attend each class session with homework complete and notify the teacher of any questions. Complete at home units of study not covered in class.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Oversee completion of probability and geometry units at home.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

## RATES & RATIOS II

Room 105

David Toth

Grades 7th

Course fee \$358.00

T/TH 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$12.00

Curriculum Fee \$90.00

**Total: \$460.00**

Enrichment\*

**Prerequisite:**

**Completion of 6th grade math or skill assessment equivalent**

In order for this course to be considered comprehensive, parents are expected and required to instruct their child in all geometry, measurement, probability, graphing and data standards. The math department will support this process by outlining options to complete this content at home. Each class session will include direct instruction, time for students to practice what they have learned, and teacher feedback on how they are progressing. Various forms of assessment will be used to help gauge student progress. Students will have daily work assigned to them, which will be due by the next class session. This course employs CCSS 7th grade content, which explores algebraic reasoning, integers and rational numbers, proportional relationships, conversion of fractions, decimals and percentages, and multi-step equations.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Complete all assigned work by the next class meeting. **Parent Responsibilities:** Ensure all assigned work is complete and corrected.

## RATES & RATIOS II

Room 204

Joy Best

Grade 7th

Course fee \$358.00

M/W 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$12.00

Curriculum Fee \$88.00

**Total: \$458.00**

Enrichment\*

**Prerequisite:**

**Completion of 6th grade math or skill assessment equivalent**

In order for this course to be considered comprehensive, parents are expected and required to instruct their child in all geometry, measurement, probability, graphing and data standards. The math department will support this process by outlining options to complete this content at home. Each class session will include direct instruction, time for students to practice what they have learned, and teacher feedback on how they are progressing. Various forms of assessment will be used to help gauge student progress. Students will have daily work assigned to them, which will be due by the next class session. This course employs CCSS 7th grade content, which explores algebraic reasoning, integers and rational numbers, proportional relationships, conversion of fractions, decimals and percentages, and multi-step equations.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil  
**Student Responsibility:** Complete all assigned work by the next class meeting. **Parent Responsibilities:** Ensure all assigned work is complete and corrected.

## PRE-ALGEBRA

Room 204

Joy Best

Grades 8th

Class Fee: \$502.00

M/W 9:00-10:25

Material Fee \$17.00

T/Th 12:30-1:55

Curriculum Fee \$88.00

**Total: \$607.00**

**Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:**

**A passing grade in either a 7th grade ACA math class or 7th grade ACA proficiency exam.**

This is a rigorous comprehensive course covering the Pre-Algebra Common Core State Standards and is considered a "Flipped Class". Each class session will include time for students to practice what they have learned and teacher feedback on how they are progressing. Students will have daily work assigned to them and parents will be expected to ensure it is complete and that the student self corrects all their homework problems. This course includes the following topics: a) rational numbers; b) graphs and functions; c) exponents and roots; d) ratios, proportions, and similarity; e) geometric relationships; f) multi-step equations; g) graphing lines; h) data, prediction, and linear functions.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Graph Paper, pencils, folder, highlighters

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to attend class meetings regularly and on time. Students will need to bring materials to class and have access to the internet outside of class time. Lastly, students need to commit time each week outside of class time for completing class activities (minimum 4.5 hours per week).

**Parent Responsibility:** Parent's need to ensure your student has access to a computer/internet. Also, assist students in managing their schedule so that they have a minimum of 4.5 hours per week to complete class activities while at home.





## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### MALLET & PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE Room 114

Valerie Johnson Grades: 3rd-8th  
Course fee \$278.00 Wednesday Only 10:30-11:55  
Material Fee \$25.00  
Curriculum Fee \$35.00  
**Total: \$338.00** **Comprehensive\***

Time to make music with sticks, beaters and mallets. Yep - it can be done! Learn to drum, beat, strike, chime, and roll. We start with rhythm, counting, and snare rudiments. Then we play all the drums, keyboard mallets, and auxiliary percussion; like the cowbell. Learn multiple percussion instruments. 3-4 performances during the year and joint songs with the Concert Band. (Percussion Ensemble students are welcome to be in the Concert Band as well.)

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** pencil, Stick bag & 4 stick/mallet sets (list provided)

**Student Responsibility:** Home practice pad (or drums), stick bag and personal drumsticks and mallets (list will be provided)

**Parent Responsibility:** Concert apparel and attendance, home practice needs, space and time.

### BEGINNING BAND Room 114

Valerie Johnson Grades 4th-8th  
Course fee \$384.00 M/W 9:00-10:25  
Material Fee \$45.00  
Curriculum Fee \$35.00  
**Total: \$464.00**

**Prerequisite:** **Comprehensive\***

**Instrument discussion with Mrs. Johnson**

Learn to play a wind or percussion instrument! We'll do it together. With Mrs. Johnson's guidance, choose from flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, drums or mallets. (Some instruments are better suited to smaller students.) Learn proper tone and breathing, notes, rhythm and playing techniques. Let's make some music. December & May concert required performances.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil, Instrument (Or stick bag), cleaning kit, oil, grease, & reeds as appropriate.

**Student Responsibility:** Personal instrument for practice at home and 100 minutes of home practice each week. Participation in December & May concerts.

**Parent Responsibility:** Provide an instrument, home practice space & stand, and concert apparel.

### CONCERT BAND Room 114

Valerie Johnson Grades 6th-8th  
Course fee \$384.00 M/W 12:30-1:55  
Material Fee \$45.00  
Curriculum Fee \$35.00  
**Total: \$464.00** **Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:**

**Completion of Beginning Band and/or audition with Mrs. Johnson**

Keep the Band going and growing. Concert Band is wind instruments and percussion; including keyboard instruments like mallets. Build your skills; improve your tone, range, rhythms and techniques. Play amazing music with fellow musicians to share in 3-5 performances during the school year. The more we learn the more fun music we can play.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil, Instrument (Or stick bag), cleaning kit, oil, grease, & reeds as appropriate.

**Student Responsibility:** 100-120 minutes of home practice each week & concert participation

**Parent Responsibility:** Concert apparel and attendance. Encourage and support regular home practice with dedicated space and time.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

## 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

### **CHOIR TINY TREBS**

**Room 114**

Tracey Edson

Grades K-2nd

Course Fee \$213.00

Tuesday Only 9:00-9:55

Material Fee \$5.00

Curriculum Fee \$5.00

**Total: \$223.00**

Enrichment\*

If you love to sing this is the place for you! We learn and practice the basics of singing technique with reference to the Kodaly Method (do, re, mi) for ear training, sight singing, and reading rhythms. We sing a wide variety of music learned by ear with the goal of teaching the student to read basic melodies written on the treble clef. Students engage in the discovery of music with goals including learning how to sing on pitch, in unison, two-part harmony, in rounds, partner songs and solo voice. Concert participation is required.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** lyric or music sheets sometimes provided for home.

**Student Responsibility:** Attendance and positive participation; concert participation

**Parent Responsibilities:** Assure student attendance, assist with behavior issues as needed, assure concert participation with appropriate attire ("nice," like for school pictures), assist with class management at the concert as needed

### **CHOIR JUNIOR**

**Room 114**

Tracey Edson

Grades 3rd-5th

Course Fee \$256.00

T/TH 10:00-10:55

Material Fee \$10.00

Curriculum Fee \$41.00

**Total: \$307.00**

Enrichment\*

If you love to sing this is the place for you! We learn and practice the basics of singing technique with reference to the Kodaly Method (do, re, mi) for ear training, sight singing, and reading rhythms. We sing a wide variety of music learned by ear with the goal of teaching the student to read basic melodies written on the treble clef. Students engage in the discovery of music with goals including learning how to sing on pitch, in unison, two-part harmony, in rounds, partner songs and solo voice. Concert participation is required.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Music folder (provided), pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Attendance and positive participation, maintain folder of music & pencil, concert participation.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Assure student attendance, assist with behavior issues as needed, assure concert participation with appropriate attire ("nice," like for school pictures), assist with class management at the concert as needed

### **CONCERT CHOIR**

**Room 116**

Tracey Edson

Grades 6th-8th

Course fee \$384.00

T/Th 2:00-3:25

Material Fee \$10.00

Curriculum Fee \$46.00

**Total: \$440.00**

Enrichment\*

Do you love to sing? Do you want to improve your voice and musicianship? Choir is the place for you to learn and practice the techniques to become a stronger singer and to enjoy making great music with others. We study a diverse repertoire of Classical, Popular, and World music with reference to the Kodaly method of music reading (do, re, mi), rhythm and sight reading so that you have a complete education. This class encompasses a wide range of ages and abilities with opportunities for leadership and solo singing. Choir is a place to share your love of music with others and to develop your voice, while learning to combine the poetry of text with the power of harmony. Concert participation is required.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil, paper, binder of music

**Student Responsibility:** Attendance, maintain music folder & pencil, concert performance, maintain performance clothes, at-home practice, completion of assignments

**Parent Responsibility:** Assure attendance, assure maintenance of music/pencil, assure maintenance of performance clothes, assure attendance at performances, support at-home practice & assignment completion





### GUITAR I

Room 114

Josiah Lute

Grades 5th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

T/TH 1:30-2:25

Material Fee \$40.00

Curriculum Fee \$27.00

**Total: \$425.00**

**Comprehensive\***

This beginning guitar course is designed to get students excited about playing guitar by serving as an introduction to the instrument. Students will learn how to play the guitar properly and how to read standard notation and tablature, chord diagrams, and chord charts. They will learn guitar anatomy, composition, and performance techniques. They will examine guitar history and a variety of guitar music. Students will encounter a variety of listening and playing assignments, as well as lesson quizzes and exams, and will perform as a group in both Winter and Spring ACA concerts. Taking this course will prepare students for a lifetime of making music for their own enjoyment and the enjoyment of others.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Guitar, tuner, music notebook and guitar curriculum book

**Student Responsibility:** Strive to have a positive learning environment that is free from disruptions. Support this environment by following the Behavior Guidelines posted in Google Classroom in the Classwork tab under Resources.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents will support students by checking students practice logs weekly and signing them. Also listen to your child play and smile, encouraging their growing skills. Parents will support music students by attending your student's ACA Concert Showcases.

### GUITAR II

Room 114

Josiah Lute

Grades 6th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

T/TH 12:30-1:25

Material Fee \$40.00

Curriculum Fee \$32.00

**Total: \$430.00**

**Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Guitar 1 or exception through audition

This course will take the skills that were learned in Guitar 1 to a greater depth. Students will expand on their knowledge of standard notation, tablature, chord diagrams, charts and scales. They will learn increasingly challenging composition, and performance techniques. While examining guitar history and a variety of guitar music, students will encounter a variety of listening and playing assignments, as well as lesson quizzes and exams. All students are required to perform as a group in both ACA concerts (Winter and Spring). Taking this course will

prepare students for a lifetime of making music for their own enjoyment and the enjoyment of others

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Instrument, tuner, 3-ring binder, curriculum book

**Student Responsibility:** Strive to have a positive learning environment that is free from disruptions. Support this environment by following the Behavior Guidelines posted in Google Classroom in the Classwork tab under Resources.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents will support students by checking students practice logs weekly and signing them. Also listen to your child play and smile, encouraging their growing skills. Parents will support music students by attending your student's ACA Concert Showcases.

### GUITAR III

Room 114

Josiah Lute

Grades 7th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

T/TH 2:30-3:25

Material Fee \$40.00

Curriculum Fee \$42.00

**Total: \$440.00**

**Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:**

**Guitar 2 (Instructor approval)**

This course builds upon the foundational skills acquired in Guitar 2, delving into new musical styles and more advanced compositions. Students will engage in reading and writing music using standard notation, tablature, chord diagrams, and chord charts. The curriculum includes increasingly challenging theory and performance techniques. All students will participate in group performances at ACA concerts (Winter and Spring) and in small group ensembles throughout the school year. This course aims to prepare students for a lifetime of music-making, both for personal fulfillment and the enjoyment of others.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Guitar, tuner, music notebook and guitar curriculum book.

**Student Responsibility:** Strive to have a positive learning environment that is free from disruptions. Support this environment by following the Behavior Guidelines posted in Google Classroom in the Classwork tab under Resources.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents will support students by checking students practice logs weekly and signing them. Also listen to your child play and smile, encouraging their growing skills. Parents will support music students by attending your student's ACA Concert Showcases.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

## 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

### MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Room 114

Katie McNeil  
Grades Knd-2nd  
Course Fee \$213.00  
Material Fee \$5.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00  
Wednesday Only 2:30-3:25

**Total: \$218.00** Enrichment\*

This course is a general music class for younger elementary students. Students will experience music in a variety of different ways, including movement, singing, rhythm activities, listening activities, and more. They will learn the basics of reading music, such as note and rest values, dynamics, and rhythmic patterns. Upon completion of the class, students will have a broad understanding of the various aspects of musical literacy. **Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Students should come to class ready to learn, sing, and move! Students are also expected to follow school and classroom expectations. **Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are responsible for supporting and encouraging their child's learning. Parents are also expected to be in the classroom with their child during the class to help ensure school and classroom expectations are being met.

### MUSIC EXPERIENCE II

Room 114

Tracey Edson  
Grade 3rd-5th  
Course Fee \$213.00  
Material Fee \$10.00  
Curriculum Fee \$29.00  
Thursday Only 9:00-9:55

**Total: \$252.00** Enrichment\*

This course is a general music class for elementary students. Students will experience music in a variety of different ways, including movement, singing, rhythm activities, listening activities and more. Students will also try several different musical instruments including drums and recorders. They will learn the basics of reading music, such as note and rest values, dynamics, patterns, and music notation. Upon completion of the class, students will have a broad understanding of the various aspects of musical literacy.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil, practice material (as assigned).

**Student Responsibility:** Students are responsible for at-home practicing and for bringing materials to class. They are also expected to follow all school and classroom expectations.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are responsible for supporting and encouraging their child's learning as well as making sure students remember to bring materials to class. Parents are also expected to be in the classroom with their child during the class to help ensure school and classroom expectations are being met.

### MUSIC STRUCTURE & EXPRESSION

Room 116

Anna Trobaugh/Tracey Edson  
Grades 6th-8th  
Course fee \$349.00  
Material Fee \$60.00  
Curriculum Fee \$75.00  
M/W 9:00-9:55

**Total: \$484.00**

Enrichment\* **Prerequisite: Enrollment in an intermediate or advanced music class**

This class is for budding musicians who need further education on the structure, form, and history of music construction. This class is held two days a week with two teachers: one exploring the "theory" of music, the other exploring the "doing" of music. On Mondays students will explore the great literature of music, beginning with early folk and ceremonial music, tracing the development of the great pieces of the Classical tradition and the explosion of "popular" styles. Music from around the world will also be explored. On Wednesdays students will learn about the intricacies of reading and identifying written music in order to have a deeper knowledge to enhance their performance and interpretation. There will be a lot of listening and creating as well as attending live performances.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Class text/notebook, paper, pencil, provided materials.

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible for attending class, studying and reading selected material, listening and responding to assigned music. Students will maintain a notebook, keep track of assignments, and always have paper and pencil.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents need to be sure students are at class and with class materials. Parents will need to be sure students can attend performances, and have a means to listen to music at home.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

## 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

### ORCHESTRA I- PRELUDE

Room 116

Anna Trobaugh/Valerie Johnson

Grades: 1st-8th

Course fee \$256.00

M/W 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$52.00

Curriculum Fee \$13.00

**Total: \$321.00**

**Comprehensive\***

Embark on a new endeavor and enter the wonderful world of playing a string instrument! In this entry-level class, students will learn everything they need to know to play the violin, viola, cello, or bass. They will learn how to hold the instrument, create a beautiful sound with the bow, play pitches in tune, and keep the beat along with the group. Together, students will play fun and catchy tunes that they will love to play at home too! The class curriculum will include lessons on singing, note reading, and basic music vocabulary. Enrollment is limited to the month of September.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Instrument, music binder, pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students must obtain their own correctly-sized instrument for use in the class, which can be from the ACA instrument inventory or elsewhere. Students are expected to practice at home at least four times a week in 20 minute sessions. Student attendance at two evening concerts is required in December and May.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents will assist their child in obtaining and maintaining their instrument, supporting home practice routines, and providing transportation to concerts. Parent attendance at concerts is strongly encouraged. Parents of students in grades 1-3 need to attend class and help their child during practice at home, especially during the first semester.

### ORCHESTRA II- SINFONIETTA

Room 116

Anna Trobaugh/Tracey Edson

Grades: 3th-8th

Course fee \$256.00

M/W 10:00-10:55

Material Fee \$50.00

Curriculum Fee \$26.00

**Total: \$332.00**

**Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** Students should have at least one year previous experience on a string instrument and be accomplished with holding the violin, bow, producing a clear tone, and understanding note reading on two strings. **Audition required for students new to the ACA string program.**

Join the Sinfonietta Orchestra for fun group experience playing the violin, viola, cello, or bass! Students will extend their learning of fundamental string techniques of body balance, tone production, intonation, and rhythms. Music will include multiple cultures and time periods. A refinement of musical literacy will be emphasized along with artistic understanding of phrasing. The curriculum will include all first-position finger patterns and articulation styles as well as beginner-intermediate grade repertoire.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Instrument, music binder, pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to practice at home at least four times a week in 30 minute sessions.

Students will participate in two ACA showcase concerts and two additional community concerts off-campus, which occur outside of school hours. They will have additional opportunities to participate in solo competitions and school assemblies.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents will assist their child in obtaining and maintaining their instrument, supporting home practice routines, and providing transportation to concerts. Parent attendance at concerts is strongly encouraged. **Student Responsibility:** Students attend class every day prepared with instruments, music, and equipment.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

## 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

### ORCHESTRA III- CONCERT

Room 116

Anna Trobaugh/Tracey Edson

Grades 5th-8th

Course fee \$384.00

M/W 12:30-1:55

Material Fee \$50.00

Curriculum Fee \$25.00

**Total: \$459.00**

**Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** Students should have three years previous experience on a string instrument and be accomplished with playing posture, tone production, and note reading on all strings. Audition or teacher approval required for students new to the ACA string program.

Join the Concert Orchestra for an engaging and in-depth experience in playing the violin, viola, cello, or bass! Students will play in multiple types of ensembles including duets, quartets, and whole groups. The music will include a wide variety of genres and time periods. Students will learn to increase their note reading speed, and refine their facility of movement on the fingerboard. The curriculum will include all first and third position finger patterns, vibrato preparation, and intermediate grade repertoire.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Instrument, music binder, pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students attend class every day prepared with instruments, music, and equipment. Students are expected to practice at home at least four times a week in 30 minute sessions. Students will participate in two ACA showcase concerts and two additional community concerts off-campus, which occur outside of school hours. They will have additional opportunities to participate in solo competitions and school assemblies. **Parent Responsibilities:** Parents will assist their child in obtaining and maintaining their instrument, supporting home practice routines, and providing transportation to concerts. Parent attendance at concerts is strongly encouraged.

### ORCHESTRA IV- SYMPHONY

Room 116

Anna Trobaugh/Tracey Edson

Grades:8th

Course fee \$384.00

M/W 2:00-3:25

Material Fee \$50.00

Curriculum Fee \$26.00

**Total: \$460.00**

**Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** Symphony Orchestra is an advanced ensemble for string players with four years of playing experience who have achieved an advanced level of skill on their instrument. Audition or teacher approval required for students new to the ACA string program.

Symphony Orchestra is an advanced ensemble for string players with four years of playing experience who have achieved an advanced level of skill on their instrument. Audition or teacher approval required for students new to the ACA string program.

Students will study the complexities of written music while performing inspiring, dramatic, and exhilarating works from the last four centuries of varied genres and ethnicities. High school repertoire will be performed using many varying keys, times, and styles. Topics to be covered include music history, music theory, and phrasing, and style interpretation.

Technical skill-building will focus on advanced articulations, higher octave playing, phrase creation, and vibrato. Students will be exposed to the greatest music of our time and it is a course not to be missed!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Instrument, music binder, pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to practice at home at least four times a week in 45 minute sessions. They will perform in concerts that take place outside of school hours: two ACA showcase concerts, two community concerts off-campus, and graduation. They will have additional opportunities to perform in festivals, solo competitions, and school assemblies.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents will assist their child in obtaining and maintaining their instrument, supporting home practice routines, and providing transportation to concerts. Parent attendance at concerts is strongly encouraged. **Student Responsibility:** Students attend class every day prepared with instruments, music, and equipment.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

## **KINDER KEYS**

Room 116

Valerie Johnson

Grades: K-2nd

Course fee \$213.00

Tuesday Only 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$15.00

Curriculum Fee \$37.00

**Total: \$265.00**

**Comprehensive\***

We're learning how to play piano. Learn the notes, the keys, the fingers and how to put them together. Learn the skill in class, then practice it at home during the week and share it at the next class. Home practice necessary. Parents attend to help students at their own keyboard and with home practice. All leading up to our Spring Piano Recital.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Piano at home for weekly practice. Concert attendance.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Attend class. Provide weekly practice time at home.

## **PIANO EXPLORATIONS**

Room 116

Valerie Johnson

Grades 3rd-5th

Course fee \$309.00

Thursday Only 9:00-10:25

Material Fee \$15.00

Curriculum Fee \$37.00

**Total: \$361.00**

**Comprehensive\***

Learn piano from your starting point. Beginners to intermediate; everyone is learning and practicing at their level. Class begins with individual practice time, each working on skill based materials, sharing their progress and receiving teacher guidance. Students should be able to practice on their own and stay on task or have a parent join them. Then class shifts to group learning and activities in rhythm, note reading, music notation and appreciation. This is a performance class with December & April concerts.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Piano at home for weekly practice.

Concert attendance. **Parent Responsibilities:** Provide a piano, practice space and time as well as concert attendance in December and April.

## **PIANO STUDIO**

Room 116

Valerie Johnson

Grades 6th-8th

Course fee \$278.00

Tuesday Only 9:00-10:25

Material Fee \$37.00

Curriculum Fee \$32.00

**Total: \$347.00**

**Enrichment\***

Studio Time. Learn piano from your starting point. From beginners to intermediate; everyone is learning and practicing at their level. Students should be able to practice on their own and stay on task with teacher assistance. Class begins with individual practice time, each working on skill based materials, sharing their progress and receiving teacher guidance. Then class shifts to group learning and activities in theory, rhythm, note reading, sight-reading, musicality, and music appreciation. This is a performance class with December & April concerts.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Piano and 100-120 minutes of practice at home each week, concert attendance.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Provide a piano at home, as well as time and encouragement for regular practice. Ensure timely class and concert attendance in December and April.



# ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

## 2025-2026 COURSE CATALOG

Kindergarten-8th

### ROCK BAND

Room 114

Josiah Lute  
Course Fee \$398.00  
Material Fee \$45.00  
Curriculum Fee \$20.00

Grades 6th-8th

Monday Only 2:00-3:25

**Total: \$463.00**

**Comprehensive\***

**Prerequisite:** At least one year experience on instrument and audition. **Prerequisites:** Students must possess proficiency on their chosen instrument to enroll in the course. **Rock Band Ensemble is an auditioned course. Students who wish to pursue a new instrument must provide proof of concurrent private lessons and may be allowed to join on a case-by-case basis, subject to available space after auditions.**

This Performance Ensemble is designed for students who wish to sing or play standard Rock Music instruments, such as Guitar, Bass, Piano, or Drum Kit. Students will form a small group "Rock Band" and perform arrangements of Pop, Rock, and Hip-Hop songs. Participants are expected to demonstrate improvement in their individual musicianship, develop their ability to work collaboratively with others, and create projects and experiences that approximate the life of a professional musician.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:**

Instrument, musical equipment, 3-ring binder of music.

**Student Responsibility:** Strive to have a positive learning environment that is free from disruptions. Support this environment by following the Behavior Guidelines posted in Google Classroom in the Classwork tab under Resources. Practice and rehearse weekly. **Parent Responsibilities:**

Parents will support students by checking students practice logs weekly and signing them. Also listen to your child play and smile, encouraging their growing skills. Parents will support music students by attending your student's ACA Concert Showcases.

### UKULELE JR.

Room 108

Katie McNeil  
Course Fee \$213.00  
Material Fee \$53.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

Grades 3rd-5th

Thursday Only 2:30-3:25

**Total: \$266.00**

**Comprehensive\***

This class gives students an introduction to playing the ukulele and reading music. Students will learn the parts of the ukulele, the names of the strings, how to fingerpick songs, how to strum, and how to play chords. They will also learn how to read ukulele tabs as well as note and rest values. Come join us for some ukulele fun!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Music binder, pencil, eraser.

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible for bringing their ukulele and music to class, practicing at home, and taking proper care of their instrument. They are also responsible for following classroom expectations during class.

\*Ukuleles are provided with the material fee. (\$50 will be credited if a student has their own ukulele)

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents will be responsible for helping students take proper care of their instrument, encouraging students to practice, and reminding students to bring their materials to class.

### UKULELE

Room 114

Josiah Lute  
Course Fee \$278.00  
Material Fee \$70.00  
Curriculum Fee \$29.00

Grades 5th-8th

Monday Only 10:30-11:55

**Total: \$377.00**

**Comprehensive\***

This class gives students an introduction to playing the ukulele and reading music. Students will learn the parts of the ukulele, the names of the strings, how to fingerpick songs, how to strum, and how to play chords. They will also learn how to read ukulele tabs as well as note and rest values. Come join us for some ukulele fun!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** 3-ring binder, curriculum, instrument, tuner.

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be responsible for bringing their ukulele and music to class, practicing at home, and taking proper care of their instrument. \*Ukuleles are provided with the material fee. (\$50 will be credited if a student has their own ukulele)

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents will be responsible for helping students take proper care of their instrument, encouraging students to practice, and reminding students to bring their materials to class.





## OTHER DEPARTMENT

### ACA OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Darla Hall

Grades: 5th- 7th

Tuesday-Friday April 21-24 2026

Fee: To Be Determined (5th and 6th Grant Eligible One Time)

Come join us for an exciting outdoor science camp experience at Rockaway Beach in April 2026. We have exciting news! The state is providing funding for all 5th and 6th graders. (Except those who have previously been funded.) 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students (and Siblings) who are not funded by the district and who would like to attend, pay a fee.

Please have your ES add this as a class on your course request. Parents are welcome and pay a fee per person. All students and parents please sign the registration form in the ACA office. Unfunded students and parents attending please pay a \$25 non-refundable fee to the ACA office to reserve your spot and return the registration form to the ACA office by Thursday, December 4th.

Registration packets and student preparation workbooks will be available in February. Registration packets are due by Thursday, March 5th. Preparation Booklets are due April 13th. (Up to 20% of your allotment can be used toward ACA Outdoor Science Camp. Please have your ES put it in OPS and return a signed vendor form and registration packet by March 5th.)

We will be attending Twin Rocks Science Camp at Rockaway Beach. Outdoor School Science Classes taught by Science Educators. We will be studying marine biology, animal classifications, plant identification, photosynthesis, layers of soil, and the water cycle. We will visit a tide pool and dissect a shark. 10 Meals & snacks will be provided. (Vegan, vegetarian, Non-Celiac Gluten Free, Dairy Free options available. Must ask for these options in the registration packet.) ACA 5th-7th grade Outdoor School Experience—campers bunk with ACA Staff and classmates, unless family is attending. Families can bunk together. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with fundraising please email me at [darlahall@aca.k12.or.us](mailto:darlahall@aca.k12.or.us)

Looking forward to an exciting science adventure!

**Student Responsibility:** Students must complete the Outdoor School Preparation Workbook, which includes the topics Soil, Water, Plants, and Animals.

**Parent Responsibility:**

### INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Room 212

Cynthia Gillespie

Grades 6th-8th

Course fee \$45.00 Per 30 minutes

Mon-Thur 10:00-2:25

Material Fee \$0.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$Total: \$45.00 Per 30 minutes**

Independent Learning is a structured, silent study time designed to support academic focus and productivity for students in grades 6–12. This time may be used to complete assignments from ACA classes as well as homeschool coursework. A supervising teacher will be present to monitor the environment and provide academic support as needed. High school students may reserve up to **90 minutes per day**, and middle school students may reserve up to **60 minutes per day**, scheduled in **30-minute increments**.

Students are expected to arrive on time and remain for the entirety of their reserved block(s). Attendance is recorded, and punctuality is required.

To preserve a quiet, distraction-free environment, the following expectations apply:

- **Cell phones must remain in backpacks or bags at all times.**
- **Chromebooks are available for academic use only.**
- **No food is allowed. Water bottles are permitted.**

Independent Learning offers students a calm and focused setting to engage meaningfully with their academic responsibilities.





## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### BASKETBALL SEMESTER I

### GYM

Drew Holland Grades 6th-8th  
Course Fee \$99.00 Monday Only 2:30-3:25  
Material Fee \$20.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00  
**Total: \$119.00**

Enrichment\*

Let's play some ball. This class is designed to teach the fundamentals of basketball. We'll be working on individual skills as well as team offense and defensive strategy. skill based games and scrimmages will be a regular part of class.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class on-time and prepared to focus on basketball. Respect others skills and abilities in the class

**Parent Responsibilities:** None

### FOLK DANCE

### GYM

Erin Holman Grades K-8th  
Course Fee \$213.00 Tuesday Only 11:00-11:55  
Material Fee \$0.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00  
**Total: \$213.00**

Enrichment\*

Scottish Country Dance, English Country Dance, American Square Dance...if it's in a line or a circle, we're going to give it a try. For any returning students, we will learn new figures and dances, but also revisit some old favorites. Come join us for a truly joyful and enjoyable class!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Closed toe shoes that are safe for dancing.

**Student Responsibility:** Energy and enthusiasm

**Parent Responsibilities:** Closed toe shoes that are safe for dancing

### GENERAL PE

### GYM

Drew Holland Grades K-2nd  
Course Fee \$213.00 Monday Only 1:30-2:25  
Material Fee \$20.00 Wednesday Only 1:30-2:25  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$233.00**

Enrichment\*

Students will be learning and participating in a wide variety of physical activities throughout the school year that are age appropriate and structured with varying skill levels for the student. The class will teach life-long skills that students can transfer to the rest of their school and personal life. Classes will promote teamwork, individual growth, problem solving, and communication skills that are relevant, challenging and

fun. The activities will facilitate growth in the physical, social and emotional realms of the student's life. The class will provide experiences in small groups, teams, and also individual activities. Some of the lessons will include cooperative games, manipulatives, catching and throwing, jumping, kicking and trapping, rhythms, dribbling, jump rope, games, team sports, proper stretching and overall fitness.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class on time and prepared.

Be respectful of different skill levels and learning styles.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents should remain in the class on the stage while their child is participating in class.

### GENERAL PE

### GYM

Drew Holland Grades 3rd-5th  
Course Fee \$213.00 Monday Only 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$20.00 Wednesday Only 12:30-1:25  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$233.00**

Enrichment\*

Students will be learning and participating in a wide variety of physical activities throughout the school year that are age appropriate and structured with varying skill levels for the student. The class will teach life-long skills that students can transfer to the rest of their school and personal life. Classes will promote teamwork, individual growth, problem solving, and communication skills that are relevant, challenging and fun. The activities will facilitate growth in the physical, social and emotional realms of the student's life. The class will provide experiences in small groups, teams, and also individual activities. Some of the lessons will include cooperative games, manipulatives, catching and throwing, jumping, kicking and trapping, rhythms, dribbling, jump rope, games, team sports, proper stretching and overall fitness.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class on time and prepared.

Be respectful of different skill levels and learning styles

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents should be on-site but do not need to be in the class.



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## GENERAL PE

GYM

Drew Holland Grades 6th-8th  
Course Fee \$358.00 T/TH 9:00-9:55  
Material Fee \$20.00 T/TH 10:00-10:55  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$378.00**

Enrichment\*

Students will be learning and participating in a wide variety of physical activities throughout the school year that are age appropriate and structured with varying skill levels for the student. The class will teach life-long skills that students can transfer to the rest of their school and personal life. Classes will promote teamwork, individual growth, problem solving, and communication skills that are relevant, challenging and fun. The activities will facilitate growth in the physical, social and emotional realms of the student's life. The class will provide experiences in small groups, teams, and also individual activities. Some of the lessons will include cooperative games, manipulatives, catching and throwing, jumping, kicking and trapping, rhythms, dribbling, jump rope, games, team sports, proper stretching and overall fitness.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class on-time and prepared to focus on basketball. Respect others skills and abilities in the class.

**Parent Responsibilities:** None

## LITTLE GEMS Semester I Only

GYM

Renee Elting Grades K-2nd  
Course Fee \$213.00 Wednesday Only 2:30-3:25  
Material Fee \$10.00  
Curriculum Fee \$ 0.00

**Total: \$223.00**

Enrichment\*

Semester Class offered twice in the year. Repeating content but a different experience each time depending on the student dynamic. This class for kinders- 2nd graders has a dash of creative dance, a splash of drama and a hint of singing. All rolled up in one, it's a recipe for a whole lot of fun! Costumes (students can move in freely), capes and twirly skirts are encouraged!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to come to class on time and have a good attitude for fun and learning.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents are encouraged to get their students to class on time and be supportive of their accomplishments.

## SOCCER 'FUN'DAMENTAL SEMESTER I & SEMESTER II

GYM

Morgen Kelm Grades: 3rd-5th  
Course Fee \$106.00 Thursday Only 11:00-11:55  
Material Fee \$0.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$106.00 per Semester**

Enrichment\*

Students will participate in a variety of activities and games, focused on developing basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, trapping, and shooting. Teamwork, communication, and good sportsmanship will also be a focus of each class session. **\*Courses can be taken in the first and the second semester.**

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Students arrive prepared to participate, which includes wearing PE-appropriate clothing and shoes. **Parent Responsibilities:** Parents help get your child to class on time.

## VOLLEYBALL Semester II

GYM

Drew Holland Grades 6th- 8th  
Course Fee \$99.00 Monday Only 2:30-3:25  
Material Fee \$20.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$ 119.00**

Enrichment\*

Bump, set, spike! This class is designed to teach the fundamentals of volleyball. We'll be working on individual skills as team strategy. skill based games and scrimmages will be a regular part of class.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class on-time and prepared to focus on basketball. Respect others skills and abilities in the class

**Parent Responsibilities:** None



## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

### ANIMALS & PLANTS

Room 206

Margo Edinger Grades 1st-2nd  
Course Fee \$213.00 Monday Only 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$22.00 Wednesday Only 12:30-1:25  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$235.00**

Enrichment\*

Have you ever wondered what animals and plants need to survive? How do different animal parents take care of their babies? Why do plants look so different? We will be answering questions like this while we study animals and plants this year. Come join us with your questions and help us find the answers.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** None

**Student Responsibility:** Students come ready to learn and participate.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Help your child get to class on time.

### LIVING THINGS

Room 206

Katie Matthis Grades 3rd-4th  
Course Fee \$213.00 Monday Only 2:30-3:25  
Material Fee \$22.00 Wednesday Only 2:30-3:25  
Curriculum Fee \$

**Total: \$235.00**

Enrichment\*

Have you ever wondered about the difference between living and non-living? Between the different life cycles of plants and animals? What helps living things live and thrive? Come join us in exploring these questions and lots more. Bring your questions and your curiosity. Students come to class ready to learn and participate.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Parent Responsibilities:** Help your child get to class on time.

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class ready to learn and share your ideas. Lab notebooks and pencils will be provided

### SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

Room 206

Morgen Kelm Grade: 5th  
Course fee \$405.00 M/W 1:30-2:25  
Material Fee \$32.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$437.00**

Enrichment\*

Have you heard of Earth's 4 spheres, and how they interact? Do you know what changes occur to matter when it is heated, cooled or mixed? Come join us in this yearlong class to investigate these questions and many more, as we work together on labs and activities to understand how science works and how scientists think.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students come to class on time, ready to learn and participate

**Parent Responsibilities:** Parents help get your child to class on time.

### EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE

Room 206

Morgen Kelm Grades:6th-8th  
Course fee \$358.00 M/W 10:00-10:55  
Material Fee \$27.00 T/TH 10:00-10:55  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$385.00**

Comprehensive\*

Learn foundational science principles while exploring Earth's four spheres: Hydrosphere – chemical properties of water, heat exchange, and the water cycle on our planet, Geosphere – Earth's structure/composition and the rock cycle, Atmosphere – chemistry of air and physics of weather, and Biosphere – living things and how they interact in ecosystems. We will finish the year with planetary science, getting an up-close look at our solar system and how gravity works to keep it all together. A computer reliable internet is essential for completing weekly online reading and to access interactive learning tools such as instructional YouTube videos and PhET lab simulations.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students come to class on time, ready to learn and participate. They will complete weekly online reading and written assignments, take quarterly tests, present oral reports, and participate in lab experiments and projects (including a science LPAR).

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents must provide accountability and support for their student's completion of online reading assignments and written homework.



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### LIFE SCIENCE

Room 206

Drew Holland

Grades 6th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

M/W 11:00-11:55

Material Fee \$27.00

T/TH 11:00-11:55

Curriculum Fee \$68.00

**Total: \$453.00**

**Comprehensive\***

Life is awesome! In this class we'll explore classification of life, cell structure and processes, genetics, human body systems, animal behavior, the different living kingdoms, ecosystems and Earth's biotic resources. Lab activities are a large part of this course. Course completion will be based on science packets, quizzes, and participation in labs. Students taking this course will be better prepared for high school biology.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Pencil

**Student Responsibility:** Students will be expected to complete a section of reading and answer related questions as homework. This homework will help facilitate assignments and labs in our classes.

**Parent Responsibilities** Parents are encouraged to support their child with outside of class assignments.

### PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Room 206

Julie Pen

Grades 7th-8th

Course fee \$358.00

M/W 12:30-1:25

Material Fee \$80.00

Curriculum Fee \$0.00

**Total: \$438.00**

**Comprehensive\***

Lasers and magnets and orbitals, oh my! Want to know why spearfishing is so tricky? Curious about what makes batteries work or how "Elephant Toothpaste" is made? We will cover all that and more with experiments, engineering projects, and online interactive learning as we explore the foundational concepts of physics and chemistry. This fast-paced, challenging, 8th-grade level course will delve into topics such as properties of matter, motion and forces, electricity and magnetism, and wave energy. Class demonstrations and experiments will provide a foundation for understanding concepts that are strengthened at home through weekly online reading and interactive learning tools such as instructional YouTube videos and PhET lab simulations. At the end of the year, we will apply what we've learned with a trip to iFLY for a group experiment and the chance to defy gravity in a giant wind tunnel!

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Science binder and pencils

**Student Responsibility:** Students should come to every class with the necessary materials (completed homework, science binder, and pencils). You must log into Google Classroom every week to access online reading, videos, and quizzes, complete written assignments, and take quarterly tests. In class, you will listen to teacher instruction, participate in group experiments, and engage in class discussions. Expect to invest 2 to 3 hours outside of class each week.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents should make regular attendance a priority and provide the opportunity, accountability, and support your child needs to complete the weekly online reading assignments and written homework (2-3 hours/week).



## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

### HANDS ON OREGON HISTORY Room 204

Katie Matthis Grades: 3rd-4th  
Course Fee \$213.00 Monday Only 11:00-11:55  
Material Fee \$ 25.00  
Curriculum Fee \$0.00  
**Total: \$238.00** Enrichment\*

Join us as we explore the geography and history of Oregon. This hands-on, project rich class will dig into the regions and resources of our state and contributions from different stakeholders throughout its history. Specific projects will highlight Oregon regions, Indigenous peoples, Lewis and Clark, and the Oregon Trail.

**Student responsibility:** come to class ready to learn and participate.

**Parent responsibility:** Parents must be with student from K-3

### REVOLUTION TO RECONSTRUCTION III Room 109

Chad Wynne Grades 8th  
Course fee \$358.00 M/W 11:00-11:55  
Material Fee \$7.00  
Curriculum Fee \$57.00  
**Total: \$422.00** Comprehensive\*

We will explore US history from Colonial times through the Civil War, while helping you get ready to read and write at a high school level.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** A folder and a pencil.

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class ready to learn and do the work.

**Parent Responsibility:** Please support your student at home.

### US SOCIAL STUDIES 5 Room 209

Shannon Meade Grades: 4th-5th  
Course fee \$213.00 Tuesday 12:30-1:25  
Material Fee \$29.00  
Curriculum Fee \$13.00

**Total: \$255.00** Comprehensive\*

In the fifth grade, students examine the history and cultures of Indigenous' peoples and their encounters with European explorers and colonial settlers in North America during the 15th - 18th centuries. Utilizing primary sources, students interpret multiple perspectives and analyze causes and effects of the American Revolution. Successful participation relies on students reading and journaling outside of class in preparation for class discussion, interactive activities, and presentations. We will prepare a speech LPAR in this class where students create and present a poster or 3-dimensional representation of an aspect of an ethnic or tribal group from US History. We will also have 1 or 2 local field trips during the school year.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** Students should come to class prepared with assigned work, pencils, and other provided materials in their provided zipper folders.

**Student Responsibility:** Students should expect to have homework for this class in the form of reading and/or responding in their class journal. Twice during the year there will be a larger homework project for students to work on over a few weeks.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents will ensure that students attend class regularly and on time. Parents are encouraged to discuss learning with their student and help them make connections to other things they're learning. Parents will provide transportation to class field trips and are also welcome to join in during class time.



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**WRITING THE WORLD: I** Room 109

Chad Wynne Grades 6th

Course fee \$358.00 M/W 10:00-10:55

Material Fee \$7.00

Curriculum Fee \$53.00

**Total: \$418.00** Comprehensive\*

**Prerequisite:** Students should be able to read and write at a 6th grade level

We will explore the nations of the Americas - Canada, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Polynesia while working on your reading and writing skills.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** A folder and a pencil.

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class ready to learn and do the work.

**Parent Responsibility:** Please support your student at home.

**WRITING THE WORLD: II** Room 109

Chad Wynne Grades 7th

Course fee \$358.00 M/W 9:00-9:55

Material Fee \$7.00

Curriculum Fee \$70.00

**Total: \$435.00** Comprehensive\*

We will explore the nations of the Eastern Hemisphere - Asia, Europe, Africa, and Australia- while working on your reading and writing skills.

**Class Supplies students will need to bring each day:** A folder and a pencil.

**Student Responsibility:** Come to class ready to learn and do the work.

**Parent Responsibility:** Please support your student at home.