

*Seeking another option for high school?
Too overwhelmed to home-school alone?
Concerned with the morals of public school?
Seeking a Christian education?*

Spring Branch Academy is a home-school academy offering the core curriculum of the Christian liberal arts for high-school students.

A **home-school academy** is a cross between regular school and home school. Classes meet once or twice a week. *This is not a co-op of volunteers, but a private school with teachers.* Parents gain educational help, while students enjoy classroom interaction and learn personal time-management with God's blessing.

The school has been near Jonesville, Michigan since the fall of 2012. **Instructors** include:

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Spring Branch Academy is a ministry of Countryside Bible Church and is accountable in the Lord Jesus to this local church.

Christian Education

- for the visible and lasting glory of God
- the authority of Christ and the Bible
- salvation through faith alone in Christ
- extension of pastoral ministry (Luke 2)
- church history in Western civilization
- coeducational with role distinctives
- students must respect authority
- accountable to local church leadership

Parental Authority

- selecting classes, managing the transcript
- receiving graded papers before students
- open access to syllabus and to grades
- handing the diploma at graduation

Liberal Arts

- theology (philosophy, doctrines, family)
- humanities
 - history (what actually happened)
 - literature (what typically happens)
- language (Hebrew, Greek, Latin vocab)
- mathematics (algebra to pre-calculus)
- science (biology, chemistry, physics)
- logic and rhetoric
- government, economics, and medicine

Core Curriculum

- college-prep courses
- state-required civics
- grammar through Greek and composition
- all students must at least audit theology
- electives often provided by parents

Classical Methods

- primary sources more than textbooks
- historical overviews of math and science
- memorization and recitation
- writing with reading, collecting sayings
- gradual writing skills (essay to research)
- encouraging active learning

Spring Branch Academy
Jonesville, Michigan



Christian education
in the liberal arts
for high-school students

The Word, Worship, and Wisdom

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*
—Proverbs 9:10

Curriculum Schedule

	Theology – one credit	Science – one credit	Humanities - two credits (History & Literature)	Math – one credit	Language – one credit
Freshman	Theology I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation/Evolution • Bible • Work 	Nature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five-Week Units • Nature Appreciation • Exploration Exercises 	Western Civilization I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greece/Rome • Patristics/Medieval 	Courses offered at the level of each student: Pre-Algebra Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus/Trig Business Math	Greek I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Translation
Sophomore	Theology II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pluralism • God • Personal Finances 	Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Apologia Textbook • Lab 	Western Civilization II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reformation • Modern Europe 		Greek II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Translation
Junior	Theology III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Order • History of Redemption • Marriage 	Chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Apologia Textbook • Lab 	American History & Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonial • Antebellum/Civil War • Modern 		Logic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Logic • Debating • Latin Roots
Senior	Theology IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermeneutics (Postmodernism) • Salvation • Parenting 	Physics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Conceptual Textbook • Lab 	Public Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • Economics • Medicine 		Rhetoric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful Words • Speeches • Latin Phrases

Typical Weekly Schedule

Day One

Theology – 1½ hours
Math – 1 hour
Science – 1 hour
Language – 1 hour

Day Two

Humanities – 1½ hours
Math – 1 hour
Science – 1 hour
Language – 1 hour

*Junior/Senior classes meet in the afternoons for three days, allowing for morning participation in a local career center.

Yearly Schedule

Three Terms – Fall, Winter, Spring – 10 weeks each

Starts around Labor Day, ends before Memorial Day

Reading Week – a week in each term, and a week between terms

Parents Weekend – Saturday morning seminar for networking and help

Parent-Teacher Conference – around the midterm of each term

School Parties – Reformation Day (fall), St. Patrick’s Day (spring)

End-of-the-Year Field Trips – educational and enjoyable, late May

Cost – Families pay a \$100 enrollment fee and then monthly tuition; they are also responsible to obtain textbooks and other educational materials.

Monthly tuition is prayerfully set by each family at the beginning of the year. Recommended: \$40/mo. per course (\$50/mo. part-time students).

Credit – Academic credit is based either on consistent work within a purchased curriculum or on 180 hours of coursework for core courses.

Homework – The amount of school work is based on a little more than a 30-hour per week time commitment, equivalent to public school attendance.

Athletics – The academy has no sports program, but classes will often be completed by late afternoon for participation in community sports.

Elementary and Middle School – The academy offers resources and counsel to parents wishing to prepare their children for high-school enrollment.

Middle school classes may include Bible History & Literature, Hebrew, Nature, and Rhetoric classes in the Proverbs and Psalms.