

8th-9th Grade at a Glance

Granite Core	Available Through GCT Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Omnibus (history and English) ✓ Science ✓ Bible ✓ Logic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math ✓ Physical Education ✓ Music (choir) ✓ Art (various)

What does my child get from tutors on each day at Granite?

Instruction and Supervision:

- Classically trained tutors lead students in discussion and lecture based classes.
- Omnibus classes are 2 hours; all other classes are 55 minutes.

Logic Stage Teaching Methods:

- Discussion: tutors will use Socratic discussions to help students engage with one another's ideas and opinions, and with the ideas and opinions of the great thinkers of Western civilization, in order to seek truth together.
- Critical thinking: assignments and class activities will encourage your student to analyze, rather than merely memorize, all learned material.

Skills and Worldview Building:

- Notetaking: tutors encourage active engagement during classes with notetaking assignments and notebook checks.
- Independent learning: students are responsible for much active preparation outside of classtime. Tutors teach and encourage research and study notes as well as annotating readings.
- Public speaking skills: students will continue to present to peers in classes; students work on mastering formal policy debate.
- Discussion etiquette: students learn to winesomely and politely engage one another.
- Christian worldview: students trace the influence of the Christian worldview in Western culture and engage with other worldviews of the medieval and early modern West.

What does my child need from me on each day at home?

Instruction and Supervision:

- 6 hours per day for GCT core home assignments
- Instruction in health and any of the legally required subjects you choose not to fulfill through GCT

Logic Stage Teaching Methods:

- Discussion: ask your student about what they are learning in their classes! Ask if any points made by classmates were particularly thought-provoking; ask if your student's opinions were changed in any way as a result of class conversations. Help your student start to recognize how their opinions change as they learn more.
- Critical thinking: Point out and praise thoughtful questions your student raises. Encourage your student to think deeply about each assignment instead of just going through the motions.

Skills and Worldview Building:

- Notetaking: reinforce accountability for classtime engagement by occasionally asking to see your student's class notes.
- Independent learning: challenge your student to self-regulate the majority of his or her school time. When your student struggles, encourage your student to problem-solve using the skills he or she knows. Emphasize the importance of asking questions in class and taking advantage of tutors' knowledge.
- Christian worldview: initiate conversations with your student about the worldview questions they are considering in their classes. Encourage your student to not only think about his or her worldview, but to invest time in prayer and in personal study of God's word as well.