

Cornerstone Academy of Eastside Praise

Philosophy

The God-given ministry of our Christian school is to train our young people for the future through Christian teaching, experiential unit studies, and traditional core academics. We strive to provide our students with an affordable, well-rounded education utilizing a variety of educational approaches in an atmosphere of warmth, safety, respect, and encouragement.

Programs Offered

Part-Time Pre-Kindergarten (4-Year-Old Program)

- Students must turn 4 years old by August 1st

Full Day Kindergarten (5-Year-Old Program)

- Students must turn 5 years old by August 1st

Full-Time Elementary and Middle School Programs

- Grades 1st through 8th
- Students must turn 6 years old by August 1st and have successfully completed an Academic Kindergarten Program
- Transfer students will need to provide school records for grade placement. An entrance exam may be given. School references may be requested.

Full-Time High School Program

- Grades 9th through 12th
- Students must have successfully completed an Academic Elementary and Middle School Program
- Transfer students will need to provide school records/transcript for grade, credit transfers, and class placement. An entrance exam may be given. School and personal references will be requested.

Hours of Operation

Pre-Kindergarten (3 & 4-Year-Old Program)

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - Arrival 9:00am
Dismissal 2:45pm

Full-Time Program - Kindergarten 5-Year-Old through 12th Grade

Monday-Friday - Arrival 8:45am
Dismissal 3:00pm

(Carpool time and procedure varies upon grade level. Specific assignments are given at Parent Orientation.)

**“...built on a foundation with Christ Jesus Himself, as the chief Cornerstone.”
Ephesians 2:20**

Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

3, 4 & 5-Year-Old Programs

The goal of our Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten 4-Year-Old, and Kindergarten 5-Year-Old Programs is to begin to lay the groundwork for important academic skills while allowing the child to learn and to grow in a positive, fun-filled, encouraging atmosphere. Class size is small to allow the teacher to better meet the needs of the students. The daily schedule is a mix of traditional learning coupled with activities, projects, and learning centers. Physical activity, music and movement, arts and crafts, library/story time, and readiness activities help to round out their week.

Part One – “Building Blocks”

An important part of these programs is building a strong foundation in phonics, reading, numbers, and penmanship. The A Beka curriculum is a traditional, Christian program utilizing the “building block” approach. Delightful activities, songs, stories, and play engage the child as he learns the beginning tools for reading, math, and writing. Fun thematic units and learning centers are often added to help tie in phonics and numbers to every day life.

We partner with our parents in helping the students to build a strong foundation in Christ. At this age, a special emphasis is placed on character building and helping the children apply God’s word to their every day life. The goal is to “weave” God’s word in to all areas of study, work, and play.

Part Two – Unit Studies/Science and Social Studies

Our goal for Science and Social Studies is to “tap” in to the child’s natural curiosity of the world around him by allowing the child to become an active participant in the learning process. Hands on activities abound as each child learns and creates. We cover a wider variety of science and social studies topics to give the child a well-rounded groundwork of study.

In our Unit Studies, we also strive to introduce children to many great pieces of literature which can serve as a scope and sequence for a wide variety of Science/Health, Social Studies/History, and Art topics. This approach captures a child’s interest and helps to create a love of learning and reading that can last a lifetime!

“Instilling in a Child a love for learning that will last a lifetime”

Course of Study – Grades K-8

Our Full-Time Academic Program is designed to provide a variety of educational approaches throughout the week. We strive to build a strong academic foundation allowing each child to better reach his God given potential. A student's week is filled with a set of traditional core classes, as well as, several specialized classes which include an array of hands-on projects, and cooperative group activities. Each area is carefully selected to provide the student with "the best of the best" through a well-rounded week of study. This type of an academic program is unique to our school. The mixture of traditional and experiential approaches allows every child a chance to experience success.

We believe that the best way for a student to learn science, history, computers, art, and many electives is through experiencing the topics and applying them to every day life. Therefore, an experiential approach is taken throughout these classes giving the student an opportunity to be an active participant in the learning process. Teachers guide the student through an educational journey filled with memorable experiences that help to solidify the understanding of concepts. The scope and sequence for each unit of study is customized utilizing a variety of educational resources from publishers who are dedicated to excellence in education. Among them are: Answers in Genesis, Apologia, A Beka, All American History, Story of the World, Diana Waring, Mystery of History, and other various unit study resources.

A more traditional approach to learning is taken with our language arts and math "core" areas utilizing the A Beka Book curriculum. This gives a child a "road map" for success, and helps to build a strong framework of important concepts. We have found that the A Beka Book materials are grounded in practical aspects that keep learning lively, interesting, and challenging giving students a firm foundation in which to build upon year after year. Small classes also help us to better meet the needs of the students.

Overview – Unit Study Classes

Our specialized classes are full of real life application, as well as, hands-on projects and cooperative group activities to bring learning to life. Students will participate in the following classes throughout the week: (Specific schedules TBA.)

- **Science (Kindergarten & Lower Primary Grades) – Magic School Bus Science Part:** Discover the "WAHOO" in Science! This popular literature and animated series comes to life in the classroom! Join us as we embark on fantastic field trips right in our own classroom! Mrs. Frizzles' wild learning adventures with her students are the perfect springboard for a vast array of science topics. This two-year study will give the students a wonderful overview of the scientific world covering topics about plants, animals, chemistry, physics, the earth, weather, astronomy, water, and the human body. Use your imagination, ask questions, and investigate!

- **Science (Middle and Upper Grades) – God’s Design for Life:** “Since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made....Romans 1:18.” Our Creator laid the perfect framework for studying science. Key scientific concepts will be covered involving botany, zoology, and human physiology. Explore God’s elaborate design for life!
- **Special Days & Special People (Kindergarten and Lower Primary):** Come and celebrate our great country! Children will deepen their understanding and appreciation of our country by associating famous Americans with the holidays, events, and symbols which are important to our nation. Get out your calendar and see how many unique and important days we celebrate!
- **Across America 2 (Primary Grades):** Understanding American geography helps us gain a better understanding of the history of our great nation. Discover each state’s personality, learn about important landmarks, and marvel at the incredible wonders found in our own backyard. Along the way, students will also deepen their understanding and appreciation for our country by learning about some of the important national symbols and patriotic songs.
- **History (Intermediate and Middle Grades) – American History:** Near the end of the 16th Century, groups of settlers from England came to America. They set up colonies, fought for their land and their rights, and created a form of government for our new nation. Over time, America has grown and changed in remarkable ways. Come and experience the “changes through time” learn how our country impacted countries and events around the globe!
- **Computers and Technology (Middle and Upper Grades):** “Real world application” is the emphasis as students participate in a wide range of activities using Microsoft Windows, Word, Power Point, Excel, and more. A special emphasis will be placed on mastering important keyboarding skills and utilizing computers to assist with the writing process. (Activities and content varies according to grade level.)
- **Art Adventures (All Grades):** Open a diverse new world of artistic expression as our students create awe inspiring masterpieces of color, design, pattern, and texture! Art is the universal language of expression where children can springboard new ideas of their own, and create with their heart and hands. Celebrate your child’s most artistic tool.... his imagination!
- **Physical Education (All Grades):** P.E. is incorporated in to a student’s educational week to promote physical growth, development, health, and maintenance through activities that develop strength, vigor, vitality, skill, and coordination. A variety of group games and activities will be included which promote both teamwork and a healthier lifestyle.

- **Spanish (Upper Grades):** Hola Amigo! Come join us on an adventure across the globe as we learn the beginnings of this foreign language. We'll focus on practical application and every day tools of communication. Along our journey, we'll also take the time to learn more about Spanish culture, customs, and cuisine in countries across the globe.

Weekly Overview - Core Classes

The core academic areas are taught utilizing a more traditional “building block” approach to learning. Teachers incorporate the main text, as well as, a variety of other resources, when applicable, to enrich the content of each course.

- **Arithmetic** – Mathematics is the language that God used in His creation of the universe. Therefore, it is orderly, logical, and very practical in daily life. Cornerstone utilizes the A Beka curriculum to teach the “building block” area of mathematics. This traditional approach includes the basic skills that a student will need throughout his life. It lays a firm foundation of mathematical knowledge, as well as, reasoning and logic. Continual repetition, colorful text, clear explanations, and a step by step progression, help to create a firm foundation of understanding.
- **Bible and Character Building**- Our students belong to families who participate in worship and Bible training at home and at church. Cornerstone provides a context in which students can delve deeper into the foundation of their faith through character building devotions, prayer, Chapel, and Bible lessons. We strive to teach a child how to apply God’s word and to live his faith daily. God’s word is an integral part of all our studies, and is woven in to all academic areas of study throughout the week.
- **Language Arts** - God gave us our powers of thought and language, and chose to reveal His will and His ways to us in written form, the Bible. We need to pay attention to the teaching of grammar, spelling, vocabulary, composition, writing, reading, and literature as we seek to educate students from a Christian perspective. The A Beka language arts program emphasizes structure, rules, analysis, and practice. A strong emphasis is placed on phonics to lay the groundwork for other areas of study. Scripture and great literature are interwoven as we aspire to improve a child’s ability to read, write, and to communicate.

K-8th Grade School Homework, Testing, and Grading

Our goal is to have a productive school day allowing the student to go home in the afternoon to enjoy time with his family and friends. Teachers do their best to keep homework to a minimum. However, there are times when unfinished work from the day will need to be completed at home and brought back to the next class. This allows a teacher to continue with concepts making sure the student has a strong foundation

before moving on. It also allows a student to have an opportunity to practice and reinforce important skills that were covered throughout a school day. When a student comes home with an assignment, it is an important part of his learning process and is not “busy work.” Students will need to review notes at home and to study for various classes throughout the week.

Tests and quizzes are given on an as needed basis to help chart a student’s progress and mastery throughout the school year. All tests are announced giving ample time to prepare and review. Studying for various tests and quizzes will need to be completed at home. Teachers will do their best to provide review and practice opportunities in class when applicable.

Academic grades are taken primarily from tests, quizzes, class projects, and participation. Student Progress Reports are given to the parents quarterly throughout the school year. Parent-Teacher conferences to discuss a child’s progress are scheduled on an as needed basis. Teachers do their best to keep the line of communication open with parents throughout the school year regarding the progress of each student.

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High School Course of Study (Grades 9th-12th)

The addition of a college preparatory high school program has been a natural step in expanding our program to meet the needs of our families, who have come to call Cornerstone home. We strive to provide an affordable option for those wanting to continue their child’s education in a small, positive, Christian atmosphere.

The goal of the program is to focus on “Education through Formation.” As the students grow and mature, emphasis will be placed on: Character and Spiritual Formation, Intellectual Formation, Social Formation, and Physical Formation. We strive to assist the students to enter the world as young adults who can communicate well, who can critically think, and who have a strong foundation in both academics and their walk with the Lord.

Our students belong to families who participate in worship and Bible training at home and at church. Cornerstone provides a context in which students can delve deeper into the foundation of their faith through character building devotions, prayer, Chapel, and Bible lessons. We strive to teach the teen how to apply God’s word and to live his faith daily. God’s word is an integral part of all our studies, and is woven in to all academic areas of study throughout the week.

The A Beka, Apologia, and Bob Jones curricula are coupled with a variety of great teaching resources to exceed the minimum college preparatory graduation requirements necessary. Classes are offered in, but not limited to: Math/Economics,

Laboratory Sciences, Computers and Technology, History/Government, English/Grammar/Writing/Literature, Foreign Language, the Arts, Physical Education, and ACT/SAT Prep. Honors level classes and various electives are also offered.

High School Courses

A student's class schedule will be assigned according to the necessary graduation requirements needed, the scope and sequence of classes, and course availability.

- **English 9 (One Credit)** - English 9 emphasizes the fundamentals of grammar and writing to develop the students' ability to think analytically and to write clearly and effectively. Spelling, vocabulary, and poetry are interwoven. Classic literature is an important component to this program as it introduces students to stories and people of great character. An Honors Level class is available.
- **English 10 (1 Credit)** - English 10 continues to emphasize the fundamentals of grammar and writing. Spelling, vocabulary, and poetry are interwoven. World literature is an important component to this program as it continues to introduce an appreciation of good literature and writing techniques. An Honors Level class is available. (Pre-requisites: English 9)
- **English 11 (1 Credit)** – English 11 thoroughly reviews grammar and mechanics, as well as, continues to emphasize the editing and revising stages of the writing process. Spelling and vocabulary are an integral part of this program as students focus on Greek and Latin prefixes, suffixes, and roots. American Literature is an important component introducing short stories, drama, poetry, and essays from some America's great authors, preachers, and Bible Scholars. An Honors Level class is available. (Pre-requisite: English 9; English 10)
- **English 12 (1 Credit)** – English 12 continues to thoroughly review grammar and mechanics, as well as, continues to emphasize the editing and revising stages of the writing process. Spelling and vocabulary are an integral part of this program as students continue to focus on Greek and Latin prefixes, suffixes, and roots to help determine the meaning of new words. English Literature is an important component as it traces the development of English literature from the Anglo-Saxon period through the twentieth century. The study features major literary figures, hymn writers, great devotional writers, and well know preachers. An Honors Level class is available. (Pre-requisite: English 9; English 10; English 11)
- **Algebra I (1 Credit)** – Students will use their reasoning ability while working with the axioms, rules, and principles of Algebra. Mathematical concepts are developed and mastered through an abundance of worked examples, student exercises, and word problems. Reviews at the end of each unit measure student progress and special

sections challenge the mathematically talented student. An Honors Level class is available.

- **Geometry (1 Credit)** – Students will become acquainted with the fundamental tools of geometry, while stressing the necessity of a formal proof, before going into demonstrative geometry. Mathematical concepts are developed and mastered through an abundance of worked examples and student exercises. Completed proofs help to train the students to think naturally, logically, and systematically. Reviews at the end of each unit measure student progress and special sections challenge the mathematically talented student. Extras include mathematical information on famous buildings, biographical information of great mathematicians, and geometry in the world around us. An Honors Level class is available. (Pre-requisite: Algebra I)
- **Algebra II (1 Credit)** – Students continue to use their reasoning ability while working with axioms, rules, and principals of Algebra II. Mathematical concepts are developed and mastered through an abundance of worked examples, student exercises, and word problems. Reviews at the end of each unit measure student progress and special sections challenge the mathematically talented student. An Honors Level class is available. (Pre-requisite: Algebra I)
- **Pre-calculus (1 Credit)** – The study begins with a review of basic trigonometry and progresses to advanced topics including functions, identities, and trigonometric equations. Analytical geometry topics include the study of lines, conics, quadric surfaces, polar coordinates, and parametric equations. Graphs in one, two, and three dimensions illustrate concepts. Step by step solutions aid in the understanding of problem solving. An Honors Level class is available. (Pre-requisites: Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra II)
- **Consumer Mathematics (1 Credit)** – Topics such as budgeting, banking, investing, keeping tax records, and more are taught from a scriptural standpoint. This practical course will give students the opportunity to master arithmetic skills and to participate in real-world application.
- **Business Mathematics (1 Credit)** – Introduces secondary students to the math needed to operate a business and successfully manage family finances, while teaching Godly attitudes towards finances and work responsibilities. Each unit begins with basic skills and concepts and builds gradually to more independent thinking.
- **United States History: Heritage of Freedom (1 Credit)** - Our study will help to bring to life events, personalities, and ideas that have shaped America. Emphasis will be placed on America's Christian past from the discovery of our nation to more recent events in the new millennium.

- **World Geography (1 Credit)** – In our study, we will highlight the different lands and people in Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and the Americas. Important geography skills will be reinforced through a variety of map coursework.
- **World History and Cultures (1 Credit)** – This study will help to build a solid foundation of ancient history that traces man, his lands, and cultures from the Garden of Eden through current history. This history of ideas is emphasized in Christian perspective on language, chronology, “Prehistoric times,” art, music, revolutionism, evolutionism, socialism, communism, humanism, liberalism, and more.
- **American Government (1/2 Credit)** – We will explore the Constitution, federalism, state and local government, and the responsibilities of American citizens in the political system.
- **Economics (1/2 Credit)** – This study emphasizes free enterprise capitalism in a free market economy. Biblical views of work, wealth, and stewardship teach proper economic roles of individual producers, consumers, and government.
- **Science of the Physical Creation (1 Credit)** - Dive deep inside the planet to discover the complexity of God’s amazing design, the wonder of His ecological plan, and the array of natural resources He has provided. Topics include: the atmosphere and weather, oceanography, earthquakes and volcanoes, rocks and fossils, and geology. A variety of chemistry and physics topics are also included.
- **Biology (1 Credit)** - Our Creator laid the perfect framework for studying science through His elaborate design for life. Key scientific concepts will be covered involving botany, zoology, ecology, microbiology, cytology, and human physiology.
- **Chemistry (1 Credit)** – We will continue our scientific study of God’s creation by shifting our focus to the intricate precision and design of our world. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals of chemistry, molecular models, and a balanced perspective of environment issues. (Pre-requisites: Science of the Physical Creation; Biology; Algebra I)
- **Physics (1 Credit)** – We will continue our scientific study of God’s creation by focusing on this foundational science. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals of physics as we study wave phenomena, motion, electricity, magnetism, and thermodynamics. An Honors Level class is available. (Pre-requisites: Science of the Physical Creation; Biology; Chemistry, Algebra I; Algebra II)
- **Health & Human Anatomy (1 Credit)** – God’s ultimate creation will be investigated as the students focus on the anatomy and physiology of the human body. (Pre-requisites: Science of the Physical Creation; Biology)

- **Foreign Language/Spanish I (1 Credit)** - Students will work to master the skill to speak, to understand, to read, and to write basic Spanish in most everyday situations. Emphasis will be placed on conversational Spanish and grammar.
- **Foreign Language/Spanish II (1 Credit)** - Students will continue the study of this foreign language through additional vocabulary and grammar. (Pre-requisite: Spanish I)
- **Computers and Technology (1/2 -1 Credit)**: Through step by step lessons, and information brought in from across the curriculum, students will utilize our computer lab to become acquainted with the tools and features of various software. “Real world application” is the emphasis as students participate in a wide range of activities using Microsoft Windows, Word, Power Point, Excel, and more. A special emphasis will be placed on mastering important keyboarding skills.
- **Desk Top Publishing I and II (1 Credit)**: “Real world application” is the emphasis as students participate in a wide range of activities with a special emphasis on Microsoft Publisher. Students will have the opportunity to work on website design, newsletter layouts, project designs, yearbook, etc. (Classes I and II do not have to be taken in order.)
- **Exploring the Arts/History and Appreciation of Visual and Performing Arts I & II (1 Credit)** – This course takes a media approach to art while focusing on the elements and principals. Students will learn about various media and techniques, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpting. The study interweaves lessons on art, art history and appreciation, art criticism, and performing arts and theater. (Classes I and II do not have to be taken in order.)
- **Health and Physical Education/Theory of Wellness I & II (½ Credit)** - P.E./Health is incorporated in to a student’s educational week to promote physical growth, development, health awareness, and maintenance through activities that develop strength, vigor, vitality, skill, and coordination.
- **ACT Test Preparation (1/2 -1 Credit)** – Important test taking strategies and skills will be covered to assist the students in preparing to take the ACT and/or SAT standardized tests.
- **Applied Finances & the Bible (1 Credit)** – The Lord gave us a framework in which to take care of the resources in which He entrust us. Utilizing Dave Ramsey’s well-known approach, students will become acquainted with the Biblical principles regarding personal finances.
- **The Spoken and Written Word (1 Credit)** – Focus will be placed on helping to develop the communication. The Students practice speaking exercises, group projects, and selections for interpretation, as well as, a variety of writing projects.

- **Skills for Success (1/2 Credit)** – Utilizing the well respected Junior Achievement Program, students will engage in practical, “work-readiness” education and career perspective. Emphasis will be placed on communication skills, teamwork, conflict resolution, career choice and preparation, strategies in business, deductive reasoning, self-assessment, resumes, job interviews, etc.
- Life Management (1/2 Credit) – Relationships, job success, responsibilities, and other important issues are dealt with from a Christian perspective throughout this “real world” study.
- Additional electives may be offered according to the student interest, etc. These will be announced as they come available and may vary from year to year.

High School Honors Level Classes

Students will be recommended by an instructor for an Honors Level Class. If a student is not recommended to an Honors Level class, a parent may request admission. Admission will be at the discretion of the principal. Admission Criteria: previous academic grades in a subject area, class work, attitude, and effort. Honors classes are given a 5-point weight on a 4-point grading scale. Each Honors Level Class will contain a set of assignments that are above and beyond the normal daily class work. Work must be completed independently by the student. To receive proper credit, assignments must be successfully completed and turned in by deadline. A student must receive the equivalent of a “C” or above in the class to receive proper weighted credit for the class.

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Enrollment Information

The Full-Time Program at Cornerstone Academy of Eastside Praise is currently open to students in Pre-Kindergarten (K4) through the 12th grade who are at least 4 years old as of August 1st. All students must fill out an application and be accepted in to the program. Acceptance is based on the decision that the child is a suitable candidate for the program in which he or she is registering.

Students will be accepted on a case-by-case basis. It is our desire to reach every student. However, we recognize that some children's educational needs may go beyond the scope of our expertise. Therefore, we often cannot accept children with moderate or extreme ADHD/ADD, Dyslexia, or extreme learning or behavior difficulties. Any child who has been asked to leave another school situation for reasons of misbehavior will not be accepted in to our program.

Steps for Enrollment

- 1) Obtain a Registration Packet
- 2) Fill out the forms completely and turn in necessary registration fees
- 3) Interview with the principal if requested
- 4) Full-time students may be asked to complete an entrance exam or to provide school references.

Fee and Payment Schedule

Student Application/Registration/Insurance Fee

Due with the application at the time of enrollment. This fee is non-refundable unless your child is not accepted in to the program.

Book/Material/Supply Fee

Due no later than May 1, 2020 (If you are registering after this date, this fee is due at the time of application.)

Deposit

Due no later than May 1, 2020 (If you are registering after this date, this fee is due at the time of application.) The non-refundable, non-transferable deposit holds your child's place for the school year. It is equal to 1/2 of one month's tuition for your family and is applied to the family account for May 2020 tuition.

Tuition

Payable in 10 monthly installments August through May

Send Payments to:

Cornerstone Academy of Eastside Praise
6300 Billtown Rd.
Louisville, KY 40229
Attn: Family Accounts

*** Please see the Refund Policy and Parent Handbook for additional information.**