

"From what I have learned at the Academy, I see the classical education model like this – when we are in the lower grades, we learn the starting points for everything such as memorizing math facts, learning how to spell longer words, memorizing poetry, and so on. When we reach the upper grades, we start to move deeper into more serious topics while focusing on what we will need for high school such as algebra, how to write well-structured essays, and memorizing great works of literature such as Shakespeare.

These advancements in our education bring challenges to the students – challenges we all need as students. These academic endeavors, ranging from projects to homework, teach us how to understand, persevere, and master the topics we learn about, and it is during these times that our teachers give us the love and support we need to succeed. Our teachers do this all the time with the same direction of someone like a good friend – the idea of helping someone who is struggling with a bit of a nudge, in the friendly way, to the right direction. Because of this, I am able to find not only purpose in the work I do, but also joy and contentment, which is an important part of a classical education.

The way classical education is structured, integrating subjects throughout the day, helps me and everyone here at the Academy to grow spiritually and academically." -*Andrew H.*