



Individual Stand-Alone Flex Courses - Frequently Asked Questions

Optima Classical Academy will offer a Stand-Alone Flexible course option for families in the state of Florida. Starting this Fall 2022, families will be able to enroll their scholars into one of our *Opti Courses*. [Click here](#) to learn more about our Virtual Instruction Provider (VIP). Optima Classical Academy is affiliated with OptimaEd, LLC. OptimaEd, LLC is a company dedicated to bringing classical, accessible, quality education to all families.

- **What are *Opti Courses*?**
 - *Opti Courses* is our flexible instruction program. Individual stand-alone courses that can be added to or supplement a scholar's current school curriculum.
- **What *Opti Courses* will be available?**
 - 3-5th grade: Asynchronous Latin
 - *Future additions will be PE and Art*
 - 6-8th grade: ELA, Math, History, Science, Latin, and Art
- **What grades are *Opti Courses* offered?**
 - Grades 3rd through 8th grade. Course offerings will vary by grade and time of year.
 - 3-5th grade: Asynchronous Latin
 - 6-8th grade: ELA, Math, History, Science, Latin, and Art
- **How do I enroll my child?**
 - At this time, please fill out the interest [Opti Course interest form](#). Once we have an active link for enrollment, we will email you to start your enrollment.
- **Are the stand-alone flex courses part of the lottery enrollment?**
 - Stand-alone flexible courses are first-come, first-serve.
 - We only use the lottery system for our full-time OCA curriculum tuition-free public charter school.
- **What is the difference between the full-time OCA curriculum and the *Opti Course*?**
 - *Full-time scholars* can enroll in Optima Classical Academy for grades 3rd through 8th; click [here](#) to enroll. To view the full-time schedule, [click here](#).
 - *Opti Courses* will be offered for 3rd through 8th grade while attending their current school or homeschool program. Fill out the interest [Opti Course interest form](#).



- **Are the Opti Courses accredited?**
 - Yes, we are an accredited [Virtual Instructor Provider \(VIP\)](#) for Florida State.
- **What are the attendance requirements for the Opti Courses?**
 - Attending live lessons for which the scholar is registered to attend and submit assignments.
- **How much is it for one Opti Course?**
 - *Opti Courses* are free for all Florida state residents.
 - If you are out of Florida state, these courses will be available through our Independent School. You can learn more at www.optimaindependent.com.
- **Does my child need a headset?**
 - Yes, families can rent a headset for a small fee—more information to come about this.
- **How much are the headsets?**
 - For full-time scholars, headsets are provided.
 - For part-time scholars, headsets will be rented for a small fee.
- **Can I use my own headset?**
 - No, for security and safety reasons, we manage our headsets with software that eliminates access to non-academic activities. We own all headsets and ship them to our enrolled families for use.
- **What other technology does my child need?**
 - Your child will need a laptop to access their stand-alone flex *Opti Courses* work on our learning management system, Canvas.
 - Please take note of the tech requirements [here](#).
- **Can my child take a course while enrolled in their current school?**
 - Yes, if your child's current school does not provide the courses you are interested in, they may take the stand-alone flexible *Opti Courses*.
- **Will the lessons be live or recorded?**
 - Yes, for all virtual courses, scholars will attend live lessons, which are recorded.
- **What are the start and end dates for enrolling my child in a course?**
 - Stand-alone flexible *Opti Course* scholars are enrolled in cohorts. The first cohort will start on August 10th.
 - On the first of each month, a new cohort will begin September through December.
 - Depending on the number of enrollments: Cohorts will continue from January through May.

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- **How many courses can my child enroll in at one time?**
 - Homeschool scholars may take up to six courses at a time
 - Public and private school scholars may take up to three.
- **My child is homeschooled; what do I need to provide?**
 - More information to come.
- **How will my child submit their work?**
 - All full-time OCA and *Opti Course* scholars will access our learning management system, Canvas. Scholars will submit their assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests in Canvas. The teachers will grade, communicate, and provide office hours through the Canvas platform.
- **Are *Opti Courses* available to scholars outside the State of FL?**
 - Yes, these courses will be available at our Independent School. You can learn more at www.optimaindependent.com.
- **Can my child keep the *Step Up for Students* scholarship while taking *Opti Courses*?**
 - We are working on that process right now. Our plan is for scholars to be able to keep their scholarships and enroll as homeschool students.
- **Are Music & Art going to be offered in the future as single courses?**
 - Yes, we will be offering those courses and other elective courses in the future.
- **Are the *Opti Courses* available for IEP/504 scholars?**
 - Scholars with an IEP/504 are eligible for stand-alone flex courses.
- **Are the teachers available to interact with the scholars during the stand-alone flex course?**
 - Yes, we will offer live coursework for our stand-alone flexible courses along with the Canvas courses.
- **Are the *Opti Course* scholars in the same VR classroom with the full-time students?**
 - Yes, part-time scholars will join Optima Classical Academy scholars taking courses in the state of Florida and can be scheduled to attend live classes. They do not need to be full-time scholars to access live coursework.

We are excited to have this flexible option for families. If you have any other questions, please contact our Family Success Team at info@optimaclassical.org or call/text 239-963-8699.