



### Axios Frequently Asked Questions:

- Will Axios offer any Advanced Placement, or AP Classes?
  - Yes, initially we will offer the following AP Classes\*:

History:

(AP) Ancient Western History

(AP) Modern European History

English:

(AP) Ancient/Medieval Literature

(AP) Modern European Literature

Science:

(AP) Chemistry

(AP) Physics

Foreign Language

(AP) Latin III

(AP) Latin IV

Axios AP classes are weighted on a 5.0 scale — in an Axios AP class, an A is equivalent to 5.0 instead of 4.0, and a B is equal to 4.0 instead of 3.0. This means students who take our AP courses can end up with a GPA higher than 4.0, which can set them apart when applying to colleges.

\*We will add two AP Mathematics classes at a future date.

- Will there be a four or five day school week?
  - Axios will have a four (4) calendar day week, Monday thru Thursday and the campus will be open from 7:00am - 3:30pm. (Student prayer from 7:00am - 8:00am)
- Will Axios coordinate their calendar with public school calendars?
  - We will as much as possible, our start date is in alignment with many of our local schools as well as most observed holidays. However, we have many local schools and each has their own calendar, so coordination is not always possible.
- What is the student/teacher ratio
  - Our target goal by school are as follows:
    - Lower School - 1/8

Middle School - 1/12

Upper School - 1/16

- Will Axios participate in Jr High and High School sports activities?
  - As a start up school, team sports are difficult to predict. With that being said, we plan to participate in Basketball, Track, and Volleyball. We will also participate in individual sports of Archery and Golf.
  
- Does Axios offer any tuition assistance from the Learns Act?
  - In order to participate in the LEARNS Act a school must be in operation for more than one year. We will offer tuition assistance from the Learns Act beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.
  
- Does Axios offer multi student discounts?
  - Yes we do and all the details can be found on our Axios INVESTMENTS & FEES information sheet.
  
- What is Axios philosophy and vision and how do these fit with Axios' school statement?
  - **Ministry Application** is the primary goal and key function at Axios. Every weekly chapel service is geared towards developing active Christians, serving in God's Kingdom with all their mind and strength, and with a servant's heart.
  - **Academic excellence** is a signature strength of Axios. In every discipline and at every level within our curriculum we inspire students to develop critical thinking skills and seek complex truths. Intellectual exploration through rigorous inquiry and thoughtful discourse. Our process nurtures inquisitiveness, creativity, insight, empathy, independent thought and mastery in our students.
  
- What curriculum will Axios use?
  - Axios will use Abeka for its core subjects and also has an instructor-developed curriculum for AP and Specials / Classical subjects.
  
- How does Axios curricular approach integrate into the classroom at different levels of education?
  - **Lower School (K-5)** - Elementary grades build on foundational habits to enable students to master skills such as reading, math, being a friend, working as a team, asking questions that lead them to discover and understand their world. At Axios our gifted kindergarten through fifth grade teachers encourage a sense of wonder that leads students to confidently

embrace the unique individual God has created them to be.

**Middle School (6-8)** - Middle school is the convergence of several obstacles for both parents and students: academic expectations, distressing hormones, and social challenges. Our gifted teachers partner with parents to nurture students so they excel academically, demonstrate empathy, and face personal challenges with confidence in who God has created them to be.

**Upper School (9-12)** - Axios graduates can advance to top-tier colleges, but this is not our focus—it is a result of the type of individual we develop. Our upper school students excel both academically and in life. Deep integration of all subjects in High School results in a “real world” view that prepares students for college and to fulfill their God-given purpose.

- How much is tuition and what does it include?
  - All the details can be found on our Axios INVESTMENTS & FEES information sheet.
  
- Are there any essentials not included in the tuition?
  - Yes there are and all the details can be found on our Axios INVESTMENTS & FEES information sheet.
  
- What educational qualifications and training do Axios teachers have?
  - Axios teachers will have access to Abeka teacher training, Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS) Teacher Training and Teacher Certification programs as well as continuing education credits through Arkansas State University. Our goal is for all of our teachers to have a bachelor's degree with an advanced degree preferred.
  
- What kinds of technological resources do you have and in what and do students have access to these?
  - The Middle and Upper school students may purchase their choice of a tablet or laptop that meet school requirements. (This is optional.)
  
- What kind of technological skills, if any, do you teach?
  - We live in a world filled with technology, and Axios offers Computer Science and Basic Coding classes along with advanced coding classes of .NET and Java.
  
- Do you grade work, such as assignments and tests?
  - Yes, work from 1st thru 12th grades are graded on a 4 point grading scale:

**1st - 12th Grade Grading Scale:**

Axios does not use a curve or sliding scale.					
<b>% Score</b>	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	0-59
<b>GPA Points</b>	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0
<b>Letter Grade</b>	A	B	C	D	F

All of our Advanced Placement (AP) Classes are graded on the following 5 point scale:

Axios AP Grading Scale		
AP GPA Points	College Prep Rating	Grade Equivalent
5	Extremely well qualified	A+ or A
4	Very well qualified	A-, B+, or B
3	Qualified	B-, C+, or C
2	Possibly qualified	- - -
1	No recommendation	- - -

### Kindergarten Grading Scale:

Kindergarten student progress is reported on a four-point scale as follows:

- E – Excellent
  - S – Satisfactory
  - N – Needs Improvement
  - U – Unsatisfactory – represents the equivalent of a failing grade
- How and how often are parents updated on their children’s progress?
    - Parents receive report cards each semester, and parent / teacher conferences are scheduled every 9 weeks. In addition, teachers communicate to parents any time a student is not performing at the expected level, or when a significant change in performance occurs.
  - Will Axios use report cards and how will they be distributed?
    - Report cards are distributed each semester via electronic distribution.
  - What opportunities are there at Axios for parents to get involved?
    - At Axios we believe education is a family driven activity. Parental involvement is key to the success of our classical education model, as well as the success of our students.
      - i. PVO is the Parent Volunteer Organization of Axios. We consider all families to be General Members of the PVO. We do not typically hold in-person meetings but have myriad ways to volunteer throughout the school year. Details are on the Axios website.

- ii. Moms, Dads, and grandparents are invited to sign up to serve lunch to the students at Axios. This is a fantastic chance to get to know our school community better by serving alongside fellow parents and meeting administrative staff. It is a great opportunity to see your student(s) with their friends and show your student(s) the importance of serving others.
  - iii. Parents are invited to assist in practice and rehearsals for our State and National convention competitions.
  - iv. Our library is operated by volunteer parents.
  - v. Both at home games and road games, parents are always invited to participate in our sports activities.
- How do educators communicate with parents?
  - Any significant communication from teachers to parents, and from parents to teachers happens in our FACTS Family Portal.
- Are you a for-profit, not-for-profit, or non-profit school?
  - Axios is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- What are your safety policies and regulations and who is over that?
  - We follow a comprehensive list of policies such as inclement weather, active shooter, and campus security to name a few. All of our policies can be found in the policy section of our website, [www.axiosjca.com/policies](http://www.axiosjca.com/policies). Ultimately our school administrator has responsibility for policy related functions.
- What is your approach to dealing with discipline? How do you deal with behavior issues, such as troubled teen behavior?
  - While our teachers do not administer any kind of physical discipline there are times when privileges might be removed. It is key to remember that teachers and parents are partners in a child's development and as such, our teachers are in close contact with parents when motivation or behavior issues arise.
- Does Axios have a homework policy?
  - Homework is encouraged within the broad goals of a well-rounded life. We desire students to have a reasonable amount of homework that allows for other worthy pursuits, including family time, extra-curricular activities such as athletics and drama, church activities, hobbies, and appropriate sleep.
- What does a typical school day look like?

- Please see the sample, [Axios Daily Schedule](#) found in the Parent Information packet.
- Does Axios provide school lunches?
  - Yes, two days a week we order food from outside vendors, and two days a week we prepare food in our cafeteria. All food purchases are made through the FACTS Family Portal.
- Does Axios have before and after school care?
  - Before and after school care is offered by Wonderland Daycare on our campus.
- Is Axios accredited?
  - As a new school we are in the process of seeking accreditation with two accrediting organizations, the *Association of Classical Christian Schools* and *The American Association of Christian Schools*. Both of these accrediting organizations have rigorous standards and both require a multi-year process to gain accreditation.
- Does Axios offer physical education classes?
  - Yes, we offer a wide range of extracurricular activities and a blended Health / PE class for students that do not participate in our athletic programs.
- How does Axios promote community?
  - We promote a Christian community! Axios is a community of parents and teachers who share a commitment for teaching children to love learning and grow in godliness. Smaller class sizes ensure that teachers know their students and are better able to serve them individually. Students know they are loved and not just another face in the crowd. The schools acknowledge that God has given parents the responsibility for the education of their children and that the schools instruct those students under the parents' delegated authority. Structure and beauty characterize the environment with great art, uniforms, and organized, structured learning.
- How do you support students who are advanced academically?
  - Our classical model of education is equipped to engage the most advanced students as they are taught logic and reasoning skills at Axios. The first two factors to consider are parents that are involved in their child's education and teachers that are passionate about what they do. We

also have rigorous Advanced Placement courses and tutoring in partnership with Arkansas State University as outlined below.

- What is expected of parents in regards to fundraising and development for the school?
  - The key word in this answer is participation. We do not replace the parental role in a child's life, we partner with parents for the success of a child's education. From homework to lunch, field trips to sporting events, partnership is the key. While we do have two fundraisers annually, the expectation for Axios parents is total involvement.
  
- Is there an entrance exam, and how much emphasis is placed on the results?
  - Our entrance exam is given using Abeka resources and the exam is used to place students in classes where they can succeed. In addition to the exam, an interview with our admissions director is also a factor in class placement.
  
- What is the school's policy on bullying?
  - We have a comprehensive 10 point policy that can be found in the policy section of our website, [www.axiosjca.com/policies](http://www.axiosjca.com/policies). "Our policy is to teach students to deal with conflict in a positive way, and thereby build confident and capable leaders of tomorrow."
  
- How does the school allow children to develop leadership roles inside and outside of the classroom?
  - At Axios we operate by a specific model of education, a Christian classical model. One of the basic principles by which we operate, is that we believe that giving students responsibility, at all ages, develops in them a level of maturity. So, whether in kindergarten - sharpening pencils, or as we move into the middle and upper school - taking on significant leadership responsibilities we know that by giving our children responsibility, they will become more mature.
  
- How does the school make sure that children are engaged with the real world?
  - The real world is not subjective, culture does not conform to God's Word - so sometimes there is confusion about how Christians thrive in today's culture. To gain a clear understanding about where our culture in education is, what Classical Christian education is, and how we develop students for the real world, parents and potential parents are strongly encouraged to read, "Battle for the American Mind: Uprooting a Century of

## Miseducation” by Pete Hegseth.

- How do you promote critical thinking and problem solving skills?
  - At Axios we adhere to a Christian classical model of education and as a result there are some fundamental principles that we adhere to that other schools don't. We teach three specific courses that you wouldn't find in other educational opportunities.
    1. We teach Latin beginning in the third grade,
    2. We teach formal logic beginning in the eighth grade and
    3. We teach formal rhetoric beginning of the 9thWe teach Latin because it teaches attention to detail, it reinforces reasoning skills.
  
- Are there opportunities for students to participate in competitions and events outside of the school?
  - Axios gives students opportunities to develop leadership skills through Student Conventions. The journey to the premier event of the year, International Student Convention (ISC), begins at Regional Student Convention (RSC). Students learn dedication, preparation, time management, and how to compete. These Christian competitions train students to develop skills and attitudes that will prepare them for life! Student Convention includes events in Academics, Athletics, Exhibits, Music, and Platform.
  
- How does Axios prepare students for higher education and future career opportunities?
  - Axios is focused on helping students develop confidence for the future. Deep integration of all subjects in High School results in a “real world” view that prepares students for college and to fulfill their God-given purpose.
  
- What is the school’s vision for the next 5 years?
  - Over the next 5 years the focus of Axios will remain the same, the focus will be on our students, not programs or buildings, but on producing quality students prepared for life in the world and in the Kingdom of God.