

Please review the following before signing your child up for courses in WISDOM's Socratic Dialogue Online Program.

PURPOSE

The WISDOM Socratic Dialogue Online Program was created to help families engage in a classical approach to learning. Its goal is to provide a setting in which youth are exposed to excellent literature and great ideas in an interactive peer environment. This program serves students by providing an opportunity for them to challenge assumptions, develop logical capacity, and refine thoughts.

Our Online Program is intended to be a supportive addendum to a student's home education program, not a stand-alone online curriculum. WISDOM's aim is to offer classical education enrichment.

CONTENT

The content of the Online Program contains works inspired by Mortimer Adler's compilation, *The Great Books of the Western World*. These volumes of literature, philosophy, theology, mathematics, and science were selected from among works that have been profoundly influential throughout the development of Western Culture. Studying the *Great Books* provides insight into where we have come from and where we are going as a society.

As much as possible, the original texts are used rather than interpretations of these texts. For the Junior courses, some of the works are age-appropriate adaptations of the originals, eg. *The Wanderings of Odysseus* by Rosemary Sutcliff is based on Homer's *Odyssey*.

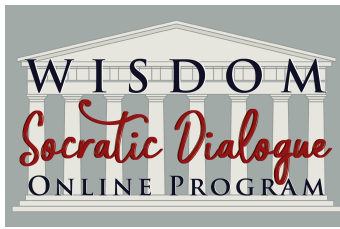
PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

As the primary educators of their children, parents play the most important role in determining which courses will be the best fit for their child and educational program. Parents should examine the reading lists for each course and preview the works that their child will study.

Not all courses may be a good fit for each family. We rely on parent discretion to determine whether or not a course will serve their child well.

Junior Courses: Parents are required to attend these courses with their children to guide them in discussion, encourage and aid them in forming and articulating ideas, to clarify ongoing discussion, and to help them follow appropriate etiquette in the online classroom. We expect that parents and children will both complete the readings in advance of each class, and we encourage parents to discuss readings and ideas with their child prior to class. This leads to a beautifully fruitful and more comfortable discussion experience for young students, and it better forms them in the habit of productive critique and conversation.

There is no exception to the requirement that parents take junior courses with their children.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Upon registering for each course, parents will need to agree to the Terms & Conditions for these courses. These are important details; please read them thoroughly as they can affect course expectations and future decisions, such as withdrawals and funding.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Students have the option to try up to 2 weeks of a course and cancel at no penalty. **After that point, students who withdraw for any reason forfeit their course fee.** The final date for refunded withdrawal is the last weekday of the second week of classes.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is the prerogative of the student and their parents. However, since the Online Program is a discussion-based model, we rely on our students to be active participants in the discussion, preparing for class with their assignments, and committing to the course schedule by expecting to attend all classes. This model can only be successful with present, intentional students.

If a student has missed no more than 3 classes, they are eligible to request a certificate of completion, which is a document stating that the student has completed a specific course. These documents can be useful when compiling a high school portfolio. (Note: this is not a transcript.)

If a student misses 5 or more classes, they forfeit the opportunity to learn a significant portion of the course content. In such a case, the student will be viewed as not having taken a course and will not be eligible for either a certificate of completion or an end of term evaluation.