

AoE ONLINE BLUEPRINT

A Guide to the AoE Program Requirements

What's Required—Grade By Grade

Welcome to the AoE Blueprint! This academic guide walks you through what your child needs to complete for each grade level while enrolled at AoE, updated for the 2026-27 school year.

NEW THIS YEAR! Learning activities beyond core classes are now called “AA&E” (which stands for Arts, Athletics, and Enrichment) not “extracurriculars.”

THE BLUEPRINT HANDBOOK

A Full Guide to the AoE Program

This complete Blueprint Handbook breaks down program requirements by grade level, including core subjects, required AA&E activities, and electives.

Get quick answers to frequently asked questions, learn the details of how reimbursement works for eligible AA&E activities, and explore a list of ideas for your student's AA&E learning for this year!

GRADES K4-5			
	Required	Graded	\$
Core English Language Arts Math Science/Health ^{1,2} Social Studies ² Bible	✓	✓	Cost covered as part of curriculum
AA&E (Arts, Athletics, & Enrichment) Fine Arts Physical Education Enrichment	One activity is required each semester. Students may choose up to three activities per semester, but only one per category.	Pass/Fail	AoE will reimburse up to \$1,000 per semester per student for costs invoiced by providers for approved AA&E activities.

¹Health instruction remains integrated as a specific module within the science curriculum for students in grades 1-8, consistent with the established AoE scope and sequence.

²Does not apply to K4 or K5 students

GRADES 6–8			
	Required	Graded	\$
Core English Language Arts Math Science/Health ¹ Social Studies Bible	✓	✓	Cost covered as part of curriculum
AA&E (Arts, Athletics, & Enrichment) Fine Arts Physical Education Enrichment	One activity is required each semester. Students may choose up to three activities per semester, but only one per category.	Pass/Fail	AoE will reimburse up to \$1,000 per semester per student for costs invoiced by providers for approved AA&E activities.

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GRADES 9-12			
(Credits)	Required	Graded	\$
Core English Language Arts (4) Math (3) Science (3) Social Studies (3) Health (0.5) Personal Finance (0.5) Foreign Language (2) Bible ² (1/year enrolled)	✓	✓	Cost covered as part of curriculum
PE Physical Education (1.5)	✓	✓	AoE will reimburse up to \$1,000 per semester per student for costs invoiced by providers for approved athletics activities.
Electives (6.5) Bible ² (1/year enrolled) Traditional Electives (e.g., driver's ed, typing, music, etc.)	✓	✓ Up to 6.5 credits	Some are reimbursable ³
AA&E (Arts, Athletics, & Enrichment) Fine Arts Physical Education Enrichment	One activity is required each semester. Students may choose up to three activities per semester, but only one per category.	Pass/Fail	AoE will reimburse up to \$1,000 per semester per student for costs invoiced by providers for approved AA&E activities.

²Bible is taught as Core content every semester but counts toward Elective credit on the student's high school transcript. Any opt-out Bible credit alternative requires AoE administrative approval.

³Electives reimbursement applies only to AA&E activities, not traditional electives which are included/covered in AoE curriculum.

⁴AA&E activities can be used to meet electives credit requirements.

FAQs

Is Health the same as PE?

- No, health is a Core requirement, beginning in first grade and continuing through high school.
- For grades 1-8, health is completed within the core science class, but PE is an AA&E activity.
- For grades 9-12, the first 1.5 credits of graded PE are required. Beyond 1.5 credits students may select additional PE activities as electives.

Are Foreign Language and Personal Finance required in middle school?

- No, these classes become Core requirements in grades 9-12 only.

Are AA&E learning activities required before high school?

- Yes, AoE K4-8 students **must choose at least one and may choose up to three** AA&E activities every semester from the three provided categories.
- Only one activity may be selected from each category.

Are AA&E activities graded?

- K4-8 students receive a pass/fail completion mark for AA&E activities.
- Grades 9-12 students receive a pass/fail completion mark for PE when taken to complete 1.5 credits required for graduation.
- Electives for grades 9-12 students and AA&E activities that are not taken in completion of graduation credit requirements receive a pass/fail completion mark only.

What are the criteria for a pass/fail AA&E activity?

- Pass/fail is based on student participation.
- Students/parents must keep a participation log, noting each session of the activity.
- The log must be signed by the parent or by the activity provider, using the form provided by AoE. *(Form coming soon!)*
- The completed log must be submitted by the end of the semester to AoE via Google Classroom.
- AoE will determine whether the student has passed or failed the activity based on this completed/submitted participation log.

How do I submit my student's AA&E activities and inform AoE about my student's activities for the semester?

- ***Information will be sent in August via email with instructions about submitting information for your students' selected AA&E activities.***

Do we have to commit to AA&E activities for the whole semester?

- Students are encouraged to stick with their chosen activities for the semester.
- If a change is needed due to unusual circumstances, AoE must approve the change. Only one emergency change per semester will be allowed.

Does a “free”/no-charge AA&E activity count for the AoE program requirement?

- Required AA&E activities may be completed without cost. Spending money to meet AA&E program requirements is not an obligation. A free activity (lessons provided by a relative, church recreational league, etc.), approved by AoE, still satisfies AoE AA&E requirements.
- No reimbursement will be issued if there was no charge from the provider for the activity.

How does reimbursement work?

- Reimbursement is paid **up to a maximum of \$1,000 per semester per student**. The total cost for all selected AA&E activities (up to 3) may not exceed \$1000 per student, per semester.
- Reimbursement is paid to parents, not activity providers.
- Two terms are important in the AoE reimbursement context.
 - Invoice: An invoice is a bill from the activity provider, issued before or at the start of the activity, stating the amount owed for the service. An invoice must be submitted to AoE to request reimbursement.
 - Receipt: A receipt is proof from the provider that the invoiced amount has been paid in full, issued after reimbursement is given to parents. A receipt (scan, photo, or digital file) must be submitted to AoE to confirm the entire reimbursement was used to pay the invoice as intended.
 - In short, the invoice says, “This is what is owed,” and the receipt says, “This is what was paid.”
- Reimbursement can be paid in advance of the parent incurring the expense. For advance reimbursement, an invoice from the provider must first be submitted to AoE, showing the amount due for that activity.
- Reimbursement is paid one activity at a time: e.g., if a family has received advance reimbursement for one semester of AA&E activities, no advance reimbursement will be paid for the next semester’s activity for that student until a receipt for full invoice payment has been received by AoE for the *first* semester’s activity.



AA&E

Examples of Activities That Meet AoE Arts, Athletics, and Enrichment Requirements

Arts

General Music Class
Choir or Vocal Lessons
Band or Orchestra
Church Choir
Piano Lessons
Guitar or Instrument Lessons
Speech Lessons
Drama/Theater Class or Production
Art Lessons
Drawing or Painting Class
Calligraphy Class
Pottery/Ceramics Class
Photography Class
Graphic Design Class
Dance Class
Digital Art or Animation Class
Sewing or Textile Arts Instruction
Woodworking Class

Athletics

Archery Class
Bowling League
Cheerleading
Church volleyball league
Cross Country Running
Cycling
Dance Fitness
Golf Lessons
Gymnastics
Hiking Club
Horseback Riding
Ice Skating Lessons
Individual Running/Walking Program
Martial Arts Class
Pickleball
Rock Climbing
Swim Lessons
Team Sports
Tennis Lessons
Track and Field
YMCA Fitness/Exercise
Yoga or Pilates

Enrichment

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Bible Study
Bird Watching
Book Club
Chess Club
Civil Air Patrol
Cooking or Baking Class
Creative Writing
Debate Class or Team
Drone Club
Entrepreneurship
First Aid/CPR Training
Foreign Language Studies
Gardening Class
Home Economics
Journalism Course
Leadership Program
Maker Space/Inventor Activities
Nature Studies
Outdoor Survival Skills
Photography
Public Speaking
Puzzle Challenges
Robotics Club
Science Club
Scouting (Trail Life, American Heritage Girls)
Scripture Memory Group
Sewing or Quilting
STEM Class
Subscription Boxes
Technology or Coding Class