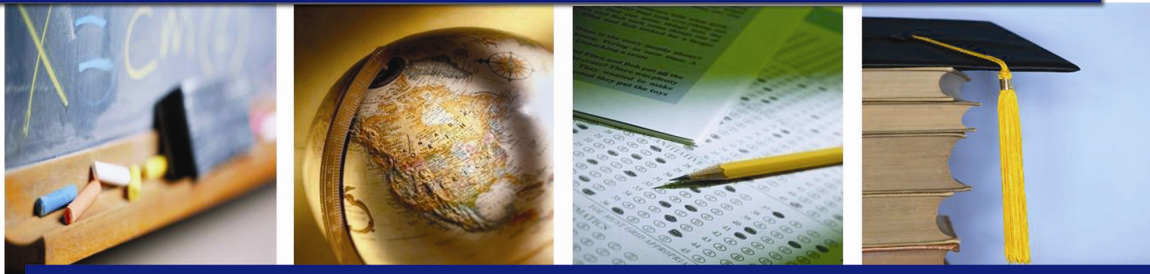


VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY



MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH - 8TH GRADE
HIGH SCHOOL 9TH - 12TH GRADE
2008-2009

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INTRODUCTION

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahamtu Allah wa Barakatuh! Welcome to the 2008-2009 inaugural school year at Vanguard International Academy (VIA). By the grace of Allah SWT we are pleased to open our doors to Middle and High School students from grades 7-12, offering:

- Academic Core Courses (English/Language Arts, Math, Science, History)
- College Preparatory High School Program
- Quran, Arabic and Islamic Studies courses
- Extracurricular Activities (Physical Education/Health and Electives)

VIA CURRICULA

Academic Core Courses

VIA has chosen top leading accredited curricula for our Middle School and High School, developed by certified and experienced teachers.

Quran, Arabic, Islamic Studies Courses

VIA will be using a carefully designed curriculum, designed by Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Dremali.

VIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Curriculum - TTUISD

- VIA Middle School students will use the curriculum from **Texas Tech University Independent School District (TTUISD)**, specifically developed for distance learning students.
- TTUISD is a division of Texas Tech University, Department of Outreach and Distance Education (ODE).
- TTUISD has an average of 25,000 students enrolled in their distance education courses each year.

- TTUISD is accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
- All courses are written to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).
- All courses are designed by experienced and Texas certified teachers.

TTUISD Memberships and Affiliations

- [National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges \(NASULGC\)](#)
- [University Continuing Education Association \(UCEA\)](#)
- [American Association for Collegiate Independent Study \(AACIS\)](#)
- [Inter-American Distance Education Consortium \(CREAD\)](#)
- [Texas Association for Community Service and Continuing Education \(TACSCE\)](#)
- [Texas Distance Learning Association \(TxDLA\)](#)

TTUISD Support Services

- TTUISD website <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ode/ttuisd/index.php>
- The ODE Course Portal is a 24/7 online support center that allows the student and parents to access important course materials, course grades, and other important information.
<https://www.courseportal.ode.ttu.edu/login.php>
- Advising and technical support (8am – 5pm)
 - *Toll-free 800.692.6877*
 - *Locally 806.742.7200*

Middle School Course Structure

- Middle school courses consist of an average of nine lessons and one final examination.
- Students complete the lessons and return them to TTUISD to be graded (75% of grade).

- Students take a final exam under a TTU approved proctor (25% of grade).
- Courses are self paced with a maximum completion time of six months.
- All courses are designed to be semi-self guided. VIA teachers will offer instruction and guidance in each subject, ensuring each student successfully completes each course.
- Optional internet activities are included in many lessons.
- Students may also test out of certain courses, by taking a CBE (Credit by Examination) administered by TTUISD.

VIA Middle School Requirements

- VIA students are required to take 2 semesters each of 4 core courses (English, Math, Science and History), earning a total of 4 credits.
- VIA students must also take 2 semesters each of Quran, Arabic and Islamic Studies, as well as Physical Education/Health, and Electives.

7th Grade Course Schedule

	SEMESTER 1	CREDITS	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
TTUISD COURSES	English 7A	½ credit	English 7A	½ credit
	Math 7A	½ credit	Math 7A	½ credit
	Science 7A	½ credit	Science 7A	½ credit
	History 7A	½ credit	History 7A	½ credit
VIA COURSES	Quran		Quran	
	Arabic		Arabic	
	Islamic Studies		Islamic Studies	
	P.E./Health		P.E./Health	
	Electives		Electives	
	Total Credits	2	Total Credits	2

7th Grade Course Descriptions

ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS

English/Language Arts 7, First Semester

Course Code: MID ENG 7A-P

Credits: ½

This course teaches literature, writing, grammar, and vocabulary. Students learn to identify basic literary devices, understand and analyze readings, write for a variety of audiences and purposes, use appropriate grammar and usage in writing, improve speaking and listening skills, and expand vocabulary.

Textbook and Materials

(New) The Outsiders	ISBN: 0-14-038572-X	\$7.70
(Used) Discoveries in Literature	ISBN: 0-673-29377-7	\$39.27
(Used) Language Arts Today (7th Grade)	ISBN: 0-02-243737-1	\$21.50

English/Language Arts 7, Second Semester

Course Code: MID ENG 7B-P

Credits: ½

This course is a continuation of ENG 7A.

Textbook and Materials

(Used) Discoveries in Literature	ISBN: 0-673-29377-7	\$39.27
(Used) Language Arts Today (7th Grade)	ISBN: 0-02-243737-1	\$21.50

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics 7, First Semester

Course Code: MID MATH 7A-P

Credits: ½

This course teaches mathematics as a step-by-step process, including adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals and fractions. Also covers pre-algebraic expressions and equations, number theory, and geometry.

Textbook and Materials

(Used) Mathematics: Exploring Your World ISBN: 0-382-11848-0 \$9.64

Mathematics 7, Second Semester

Course Code: MID MATH 7B-P

Credits: ½

This course builds upon the skills learned in sixth-grade math and MATH 7A. Teaches students to find measures of central tendency and plot and graph data; write ratios, rates, and proportions; relate ratios, decimals, and percents; and use percents in math problems and real-life applications. Also teaches many other mathematical concepts.

Textbook and Materials

(Used) Mathematics: Exploring Your World ISBN: 0-382-11848-0 \$9.64

SCIENCE

Science 7, First Semester

Course Code: MID SCI 7A-P

Credits: ½

This course teaches the interactions between the Earth, sun, and moon, and instructs students how to identify and locate features of planet Earth. Emphasizes how we interact with our surroundings through sight and sound. Students learn to describe the physical world by describing matter, physical and chemical changes, and solutions. Covers how to classify and describe living things, from the simplest organisms to the most complex plants and animals. **Students must have access to common household items for lab experiments.**

Textbook and Materials

(New) Texas Science, Grade 7 ISBN: 0-07-825485-X \$85.63

Science 7, Second Semester

Course Code: MID SCI 7B-P

Credits: ½

This course teaches two basic units of study. The unit on motion involves studies of geology, shaping the Earth, and water. The unit on waves includes studies of earthquakes, volcanoes, and the effects of the Earth/moon system. Lessons are interactive; the student responds as he/she reads through each lesson. Lab experiments reinforce learning concepts. **Students must have access to common household items for lab experiments.**

Textbook and Materials
(New) Texas Science, Grade 7

ISBN: 0-07-825485-X

\$85.63

HISTORY

History 7, First Semester

Course Code: MID HIS 7A-P

Credits: ½

Students learn to see history through the eyes of the people who lived it because, when we understand how people shared the past, we better understand how we can shape the future. Emphasizes European exploration and colonization; Anglo-American settlement, annexation, and statehood; causes and results of the Mexican War; and the involvement of Texas in the Civil War.

Textbook and Materials

(New) Texas & Texans

ISBN: 0-07-823967-2

\$93.66

(Used) Texas & Texans

ISBN: 0-07-823967-2

\$70.25

History 7, Second Semester

Course Code: MID HIS 7B-P

Credits: ½

This course is a continuation of HIST 7A.

Textbook and Materials

(New) Texas & Texans

ISBN: 0-07-823967-2

\$93.66

(Used) Texas & Texans

ISBN: 0-07-823967-2

\$70.25

8th Grade Course Schedule

	SEMESTER 1	CREDITS	SEMESTER 2	CREDITS
TTUISD COURSES	English 8A	½ credit	English 8A	½ credit
	Math 8A *	½ credit	Math 8A *	½ credit
	Science 8A	½ credit	Science 8A	½ credit
	History 8A	½ credit	History 8A	½ credit
VIA COURSES	Quran		Quran	
	Arabic		Arabic	
	Islamic Studies		Islamic Studies	
	P.E./Health		P.E./Health	
	Electives		Electives	
	Total Credits	2	Total Credits	2

**Academically strong eighth grade students may enroll in Algebra 1 instead of eighth grade math and receive high school credit.*

8th Grade Course Descriptions

ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE ARTS

English/Language Arts 8, First Semester

Course Code: MID ENG 8A-P

Credits: ½

This course covers reading strategies, literature studies, vocabulary development, spelling review, writing for a variety of purposes and modes, speaking and listening skills, and principles of grammar and punctuation as they relate to writing.

Textbook and Materials

(New) The Light in the Forest	ISBN: 0-449-70437-8	\$6.47
(Used) Explorations in Literature, Grade 8	ISBN: 0-673-29378-5	\$38.37
(Used) Language Arts Today (8th Grade)	ISBN: 0-02-243738-X	\$23.70

English/Language Arts 8, Second Semester

Course Code: MID ENG 8B

Credits: ½

This course is a continuation of ENG 8A.

Textbook and Materials

(New) The Witch of Blackbird Pond	ISBN: 0-440-49596-2	\$6.43
(Used) Explorations in Literature, Grade 8	ISBN: 0-673-29378-5	\$38.37
(Used) Language Arts Today (8 th Grade)	ISBN: 0-02-243738-X	\$23.70
(Used) The Witch of Blackbird Pond	ISBN: 0-440-49596-2	\$4.85

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics 8, First Semester

Course Code: MID MATH 8A-P

Credits: ½

This is an introductory course covering basic concepts in preparation for Algebra I. Includes adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing whole numbers, decimals, fractions, mixed numbers, and integers. Also, manipulating place value and powers of 10; estimating sums, differences, products, and quotients. Teaches identification of angles and triangles, and use of scientific notation.

Textbook and Materials

(New) Pre-Algebra: Integrated Transition to Algebra & Geo., Tx.Ed.	ISBN: 0-02-833242-3	\$63.02
(Used) Pre-Algebra: Integrated Transition to Algebra & Geo., Tx.Ed.	ISBN: 0-02-833242-3	\$47.27

Mathematics 8, Second Semester

Course Code: MID MATH 8B-P

Credits: ½

This course is a continuation of MATH 8A. Includes solving expressions and equations; graphing points on a coordinate plane; identifying translations, rotations, reflections, and dilations of a graph; and using ratios, proportions, percents, and decimals. Also explores problem-solving strategies and the basic fundamentals of geometry, including angles, triangles, prisms, and cylinders.

Textbook and Materials

(New) Pre-Algebra: Integrated Transition to Algebra & Geo., Tx.Ed.	ISBN: 0-02-833242-3	\$63.02
(Used) Pre-Algebra: Integrated Transition to Algebra & Geo., Tx.Ed.	ISBN: 0-02-833242-3	\$47.27

SCIENCE

Science 8, First Semester

Course Code: MID SCI 8A-P

Credits: ½

Science II is a combined introductory course in Earth science, physical science, and life science. Emphasizes forces, energy, and energy materials and resources.

Textbook and Materials

(New) Texas Science Grade 8	ISBN: 0-07-825504-X	\$85.88
(Old) Texas Science Grade 8	ISBN: 0-07-825504-X	\$64.41

Science 8, Second Semester

Course Code: MID SCI 8B-P

Credits: ½

This course is a continuation of SCI 8A. Emphasizes Earth materials and resources, air, molecules in motion, and life at the cellular level.

Textbook and Materials

(New) Texas Science Grade 8	ISBN: 0-07-825504-X	\$85.88
(Old) Texas Science Grade 8	ISBN: 0-07-825504-X	\$64.41

HISTORY

History 8, First Semester

Course Code: MID HIS 8A-P

Credits: ½

Provides an in-depth study of American history from 1530 to 1816, beginning with the Colonial Period and continuing through the American Revolution, the

creation of the Republic through the writing and ratification of the Constitution, and the Jefferson era. Also covers colonization, relationships between ethnic and cultural groups, cause and effect, significant individuals and events, Supreme Court decisions, and geographical factors.

Textbook and Materials

(Used) American Journey: The Quest for Liberty to1877

ISBN: 0-13-390568-3\$40.00 \$40.00

History 8, Second Semester

Course Code: MID HIS 8B-P

Credits: ½

This course is a continuation of HIST 8A.

Textbook and Materials

(Used) American Journey: The Quest for Liberty to1877

ISBN: 0-13-390568-3\$40.00 \$40.00

VIA HIGH SCHOOL

High School Curriculum – American School of Correspondence

- VIA High School students will follow a College Preparatory High School Program developed by **American School of Correspondence**.
- American School is located in Illinois and has been offering distance education programs exclusively for High School students for over 100 years.
- American School has an average of 35,000 U.S. and international students enrolled each year.
- American School is regionally accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NACS).
- American School is accredited by The Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA).
- American School is recognized as a non-public secondary school by the Illinois State Board of Education.

High School Course Structure

- High school students have a maximum of 4 years to satisfactorily complete all required courses to earn their High School Diploma.
- VIA teachers will offer instruction and guidance in each subject, ensuring each student successfully completes each course.
- There are several exams students must take for each course. Students will take a self examination before each exam.
- After completion of each exam, they are mailed to American School for grading.
- Exams are graded and critiqued by certified teachers of American School.
- Once the exam is graded, they are mailed back to the student. Any exams with unsatisfactory grades must be retaken again.
- Transcripts are sent to each student close to completion of the program, however all grades are available to students and parents online.

Program Benefits

- Students can make up failed credits/graduate on time.
- Students can graduate early.
- Customizable courses.
- Drop-out prevention.

Website Links

- American School of Correspondence
<http://www.americanschoolofcorr.com>
- Complete List of High School Subjects and Course Descriptions
<http://www.americanschoolofcorr.com/programs.asp>

VIA High School Requirements

- For the College Preparatory Program, students must satisfactorily complete 18 credits with a grade of C or better; 15 required courses and 3 electives.
- Elective choices can be catered toward specific entrance requirements of the college to which they plan to apply.
** Once all requirements are met, students may also take up to 3 additional elective courses of their choice, if they wish.*
- In addition to the College Preparatory Program, all VIA High School students must satisfactorily complete courses in Quran, Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Community Service and Outreach.

High School Program

COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM		
AMERICAN	Algebra I	Essential Mathematics I
	Biology	Essential Mathematics II
	Social Civics, Government	Physiology and Health
	Building Your Writing Skills I	American Literature
	Understanding English II	British Literature
	Geometry	Planning Your Career
	United States History	Science Elective + 3 other electives
Total Credits = 18		
VIA	Quran	Arabic
	Islamic Studies	Community Service and Outreach

For a complete list of courses and course descriptions, please visit
<http://www.americanschoolofcorr.com/programs.asp>

QURAN, ARABIC AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

Quran Curriculum

- Selected Surahs for appropriate grade or level.
- Focus on memorization, fluency and rules of recitation (Tajweed).
- Tafseer (Analysis, explanation, interpretation).
- Study of reasons of revelation.
- Study of respective themes for each Surah.
- Reading and living with Surat al-Kahf every Friday.
- Quran competitions.

Arabic Curriculum

- Vocabulary and spelling.
- Grammar and sentence structure.
- Writing, speaking, reading and comprehension skills.
- Classroom and interactive activities.
- Games, contests.
- Arabic Spelling Bee.

Islamic Studies Curriculum

- Grade appropriate lessons in Aqeedah, Fiqh, Hadith, Quranic Sciences, Seerah, stories of the Prophets, Names and Attributes of Allah, Islamic History.
- Study of several books by classical scholars.
- Emphasis on perfecting acts of Ibadah and strengthening our relationship with Allah SWT.
- Emphasis on character building, unity, community service and public speaking.
- Khutbah training for boys.

BENEFITS OF VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

- Accredited and comprehensive academic curricula.
- Flexibility of a distance education program in a controlled and structured environment, under qualified VIA teachers who will ensure successful completion of each course.
- Individualized courses catered for student needs.
- College Preparatory High School Program.

- Quality academic education in an Islamic environment, safe from gangs, drugs, and immoral acts.
- Quran, Arabic and Islamic Studies curriculum developed by Sheikh Dr. Ibrahim Dremali.
- Quran, Arabic and Islamic Studies courses taught by qualified and experienced Shuyookh and teachers.
- Separate facilities for girls and boys.
- Students stay connected with the Masjid and Muslim community.
- Morning Assembly with Quran recitation and Dhikr.
- Students participate in daily Dhuhr prayer and weekly Jumuah prayers.
- Preservation and honor of Muslim identity is instilled.
- Students pursue their academic education, while also pursuing their education in Islam, with a focus on CHARACTER BUILDING.

Public School	Vanguard International Academy
Quality Education	Quality Education
Immoral Environment	Islamic Environment
Promotes Indecent Acts	Promotes Hayaa
Gangs	Morning Assembly and Jumuah
Drugs	Quran and Dhikr
Lack of Respect	“Your mother, your mother, your mother”
No Remembrance of Allah	Daily Dhuhr prayers and Morning Adhkar
“It’s all about ME...”	“ALLAH and His Messenger said...”
“MY reputation, MY friends!”	“MY Muslim identity, MY path to Jannah!”

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