Lakeview Institute For Teens
A Christ-Centered Academic Ministry to River Region Church School Families
LIFT is a Ministry of Lakeview Baptist Church Montgomery, AL

2026-2027 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Classes will be limited to no more than 16 students and to those who have a desire to learn and a willingness to engage in a classroom setting. Once enrollment reaches 16 students, classes will close. As well, parents are expected to be pro-active in their students' LIFT experience. Failure to do so could result in the students' dismissal from LIFT.

*****While we strive to provide a learning environment where all students can reach their potential, NOT all classes can be tailored to accommodate students with learning disabilities. Please contact the individual instructor before enrolling to see if accommodations can be made. To best meet the student's needs, assessment and evaluation documentation may be requested by the instructor.**

REQUIRED STUDY SKILLS CLASS

ALL LIFT STUDENTS:
Realizing the need for our LIFT students to have better study skills, the LIFT instructors have developed a FREE Study Skills Course. ALL LIFT students are required to complete the course between August 3rd and August 10th. Since it is a one-week course only, it offers no credit; yet every student MUST successfully complete the course. Initially, your student will be invited to a Google Classroom class. Instructions concerning expectations and the directive for joining the class will be given to parents at the PI Orientation (August 3rd). Students will have homework and will be expected to apply the skills learned throughout the year in their LIFT courses. We look forward to the opportunity to offer your students a better chance of success in their academic school year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Terri Edmonds.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
Instructor: Terri Edmonds
Phone: 334.315.3762
Email: tedmonds@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

COMPOSITION FOUNDATIONS (8:30 – 10:00) CLOSED

Generally Grades 8-9
Composition Foundations is a skills-based class for students entering the LIFT English program. This grammar intensive class equips students with the strong foundation they will need for success in all other LIFT English classes. We will also cover writing concepts in preparation for Comp 1. By the end of the year, students should be able to identify all parts of speech and types of sentences.
No assessment is necessary to enroll in this class.

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REQUIRED TEXT:
- *Well-Ordered Language* 4A & 4B to be purchased from the instructor- cost TBA once discount is established

- Composition Foundations Notebook to be purchased from the instructor- cost TBA

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee)
CLASS FEE: $392 yearly or $98 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: Payments can be made in cash or check (address shared once enrollment is approved).

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION – 1

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**
I first became a part of LIFT when my husband and I enrolled our two children in the program. Not long after, I offered to teach an entry level class for students to learn punctuation rules. I became an instructor for the 2002-03 school year and have been a LIFT English instructor ever since. My goal for my students is to prepare them thoroughly for any type of writing that will be required of them post high school. While not everyone will attend a college, we all must communicate in writing in some form or the other. I hope to provide the tools necessary to equip my students to be great communicators through the written word.
I earned a BS degree in 1980 from Middle Tennessee State University.

COMPOSITION 1 (12:15-1:45) (AN ADDITIONAL CLASS MAY BE OFFERED AT 10:15-11:45 IF THIS CLASS CLOSES)

Generally Grades 9-11
Composition 1 is a skills-based class offering students experience in a variety of essay writing styles as well as literature analysis. The students will begin the year with review of quality sentence writing including punctuation. *Students are expected to have mastered grammar before entering this class.* Essay writing will follow with a focus on the organizational process of writing, developing an idea, outlining, and organizing the essay. Thesis statements and paragraph organization will be developed to enable proficiency in writing quality essays. Most of the year will be spent focusing on understanding and practicing various types of essays. Proofreading skills will be taught as students correct their own essays. Through use of active reading journals and class discussion, students will practice the ability to read and analyze the content of various types of literature and poetry.
PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of Composition Foundations or taking the assessment.
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Phone: 334-315-3762
Email: tedmonds@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT:
- Composition 1 Notebook to be purchased from the instructor- cost $20.00. Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class.
- *Composition Punctuation and Mechanics Guide* to be purchased from the instructor- $5.00. Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class.
- Literature Books: TBA. Once the selection is finalized, you will receive the list and brief descriptions. Please review the books once you receive the list.

Some of the books read in this class deal with mature subject matter. Each book choice has been made after much prayer and for a specific reason. Parents are encouraged to read the books first to discuss problematic areas with your students. The books list is firm, but I will happily explain my decisions and discuss any concerns you may have.
NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee) Please include above books fees with the deposit.
CLASS FEE: $392 yearly or $98 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: (Payments can be made in cash or check (address shared once enrollment is approved).

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COMPOSITION 2/ AMERICAN LITERATURE. (2:00-3:30)

Generally Grades 10-12

Composition 2/American Literature is a skills-based class offering students experience in higher-level writing exercises. Each essay will be an evaluation of an American literary work. Students will learn MLA citations for the literature books as well as a limited number of web sources and AVL sources. Through use of active reading journals and class discussion, students will practice the ability to read and analyze the content of various types of literature and poetry for use in their essays.

This is not an entry-level course. The reading volume required in Comp 2 is very demanding.

PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of Composition 1

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Terri Edmonds
Phone: 334-315-3762
Email: tedmonds@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT:

- Composition 2 Notebook to be purchased from the instructor- cost $20.00. Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class.
- *Composition Punctuation and Mechanics Guide* to be purchased from the instructor- $5.00. Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class.
- *Comp 2 MLA Guide* to be purchased from the instructor-$5.00. Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class.
- Literature books: TBA. Once the selection is finalized, you will receive the list and brief descriptions. Please review the books once you receive the list.

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NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
CLASS FEE: $392 yearly or $98 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: Payments can be made in cash or check (address shared once enrollment is approved).

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: 1
****NOTE to parents – students may earn credit for a 2nd year of Composition 2 due to the different literary focus.**

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CRITICAL THINKING AND CREATIVE WRITING (10:15-11:45) CLOSED

Generally Grades 10-12

Critical Thinking and Creative Writing is a class born from the realization that modern students have not had the opportunity to develop the critical thinking skills necessary for life. In this age, any answer to any question is a simple click of a button away. Problem solving is relegated to electronic solutions. This class **will count as an English credit;** however, that work will be accomplished through in-class writing that will allow students to practice the critical thinking skills they need to function in the world. Punctuation and grammar will be reinforced through in-class writing.

Students will also have the opportunity to compose original stories, essays, and poems. Assigned texts will seek to expose students to various writing styles and provide examples of the strategies of other writers. In addition to learning various aspects of authoring, students will learn how to write in different genres.

A capstone project, collaborated on by all students (with parental/guardian permission), will result in an actual published compilation book of all approved assigned works.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Jason Nelson
Phone: 334.235.1668
Email: jnelson@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT:

- Notebook for class notes
- *Curriculum:* TBA. I am still developing the structure and material for this class.

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee)
TEXT FEES: Please include the $5 text fee listed above with your $20 deposit ($25 total)
CLASS FEE: $360 yearly or $90 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: Payments can be made in cash or check (address shared once enrollment is approved).

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: 1

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**

I am an Instructional Systems Developer / Educational Training Specialist, military veteran with 20+ years of proven experience interacting/collaborating with multiple levels of management and diverse teams. I've been blessed to accomplish measurable results while leading teams in a dynamic, fast-paced environment. I possess a comprehensive background in business development, operations management, and strategic planning derived from conducting domestic and global operations in the Middle East. I also managed risks upon multiple lines, to protect government equipment, resources, and budgets valued in excess of $180M annually. While in the Air Force, I gained an extensive knowledge in talent acquisition, recruiting, and on-boarding procedures. Doing so afforded me the opportunity to utilize critical thinking, while driving organizational efficiency and effectiveness. I've been fortunate to receive multiple awards for outstanding performance and professionalism. To share a "boots on the ground" point of view, I authored a book about my deployment to Iraq and maintained a personal site using analytics tools to measure/track sales statistics. I have a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources and successfully completed a plethora of other military as well as professional developmental courses, to include an instructor certification. I am a believer, husband, father, son, brother, veteran, poet, publisher, leader, educator, speaker, follower, mentor, artist, musician and author. In the end though, it all boils down to my ability to channel the raw creativity that lies within others to overcome binding conformities of dissimilar external minds. I look forward to have the chance to teach the students that decide to attend this course, as well as learn their perspectives from them, through our shared stories.

THE MATH DEPARTMENT

ALL MATH CLASSES MEET TWICE A WEEK ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS. EXCEPTION: BASIC MATH CLASS MEETS ON WEDNESDAYS ONLY. SEE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR LOCATION OF EACH WEDNESDAY CLASS.

MATH BASICS (8:30-10:00) *WEDNESDAY CLASS ONLY

Grades (*6) 7-8

Math Basics is a one-day math course designed for the younger student needing additional instruction with basic math skills before entering Pre-Algebra. In this math course ,we will solidify the four basic math skills – addition, subtraction, multiplication, and long division which can be very challenging to younger students. Fractions, conversions, the metric system, Roman numerals, divisibility rules, percentages, decimals, and solving basic word problems will also be covered in this class. Knowledge of these basic skills are needed in Pre-Algebra but are only reviewed due to time restraints. This class bridges that gap. Obtaining a firm foundation as well as mathematical reasoning and test taking skills gives the younger learner added confidence and sets the students up for success in Pre-Algebra.

PREREQUISITE: *All students must complete a non-graded math assessment to show which skills need more emphasis. Depending on the math assessment results, a 6th grader may be accepted for Math Basics. Eigth graders who do not score well on the Pre-Algebra Assessment may be advised to take Math Basics. It is also highly recommended that all students know their multiplication tables from 1 – 12.

NOTE: This class meets on Wednesdays from 8:30 – 10:00am at Lakeview Baptist Church, 9225 Atlanta Hwy., Montgomery. To be successful in this class, faithful weekly attendance is essential.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Mrs. Robin Harrison
Phone: 334.315.1004
Email: rharrison@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT AND BOOK FEE: ***All Things Algebra Basic Math*** purchased from the instructor for $50 book fee.

SUPPLIES: 1.5-inch binder, notebook paper, pencils and an eraser.

CLASS FEE: $392 yearly or $98 quarterly per student. A $20 Nonrefundable deposit is required at time of registration and will be deducted from the first quarter fees.

PAYMENT METHOD: Fees can be paid by check or by PayPal using paypal.me/rharrisonLIFT. To avoid additional fees, please select "friends and family" when submitting payments.

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**

I am a native of Dayton, Ohio and have a Bachelors Degree of Arts from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. I have 25 years of teaching experience and have been blessed to teach a variety of classes. My favorites are math and science. Most of my career, I taught at The Rock School where I was the Administrator, Athletics Director, and teacher. I always believed that God would place me where I was needed. After teaching jr. high classes for many years, I was blessed with the opportunity of teaching high school math which I did until the closing of our school. Although a challenge, I loved every minute of it. Teaching math is not just something that I enjoy doing; it's also a calling on my life. Society says that most children have a hard time with math, but I have proven that anyone can learn it with patience, diligence, and God's help!!! For the last three years, I have been blessed to teach Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1 at LIFT. I am also a National BETA Sponsor with our LIFT BETA Club.

PRE-ALGEBRA (12:15-1:45)

Generally Grades (7 & 8)

Pre -Algebra is a comprehensive course designed to review important Basic Math Concepts as well as learning Basic Algebra concepts. This class covers Integer rules, square and cubed roots, Order of Operations, geometry basics, solving equations and inequalities, basic graphing, and basic statistics. A strong foundation

of basic math skills is required. All students must know their multiplication tables from 1 – 12. Please note, students will not be allowed the usage of calculators except for the ratios & proportions chapter. I do have a class set of calculators for usage in those lessons. Students must learn to properly analyze and solve problems based on concepts learned. Pre-Algebra is a must in order to have success in Algebra 1. Please note, math builds from year to year. Students who do not grasp their basic math and Pre-Algebra skills may struggle in Algebra 1. This class bridges that gap.

PREREQUISITE: All students must complete a non-graded math assessment. This helps shows me what concepts my students need to review. Depending on the math assessment results, advanced *7th graders may be accepted for Pre-Algebra.

*Pre-Algebra is a two-day class. Mondays we will meet at Vaughn Forrest and Wednesday at Lakeview Baptist Church, 9225 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Mrs. Robin Harrison
Phone: 334-315-1004
Email: rharrrison@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT: *All Things Algebra* purchased from the instructor for $50 book fee.
SUPPLIES: 2-inch binder, notebook paper, pencils, red pens and highlighter.
NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 which will be applied to the first quarter fees.
CLASS FEE: $744 yearly/$186 quarterly for Monday and Wednesday classes.
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ALGEBRA 1 (10:15-11:45)

Generally Grades 8-9

Algebra 1 is a comprehensive Algebra course which meets twice per week and gives students a clear foundation of solving equations, linear functions, graphing, polynomials, and quadratic equations. Algebra 1 is the root of high school math and science. First Semester, we will learn to solve problems using Critical Thinking and application of concepts; therefore, calculators will not be allowed. Second Semester many of the concepts are in more depth; therefore, calculators are needed and help in preparation for Geometry and Algebra 2.

PREREQUISITE: Pre-Algebra is highly recommended to ensure that all students have a clear understanding of basic math which is necessary for success in this course. All new students are required to take a non-graded math assessment for proper placement.

*Wednesday class will meet from 10:15-11:45 at Lakeview Baptist Church, 9225 Atlanta Hwy., Montgomery.

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Instructor: Mrs. Robin Harrison
Phone: 334.315.1004

Email: rharrison@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXTS:
- *All Things Algebra* purchased from the instructor - $50.00

SUPPLIES: TI-30X IIS Scientific Calculator, 1.5" binder, loose-leaf paper, pencils, red pen, highlighter, and a ruler.

DESIRED: A good attitude with a desire to work hard and a commitment to completing all assigned homework.

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).

TEXT FEES: Please include the $50 text fee with your $20 deposit.

CLASS FEE: $744 yearly/$186 quarterly for Monday and Wednesday classes.

PAYMENT METHOD: Fees can be paid by check or by PayPal using paypal.me/rharrisonLIFT. To avoid additional fees, select "friends and family" when submitting payments.

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ALGEBRA 2 (10:15-11:45)

Generally Grades 9-12

This comprehensive Algebra 2 course meets twice weekly. This course expounds upon all functions introduced in Algebra 1 and Geometry, such as linear, absolute value, and quadratic functions. We will additionally cover exponential & logarithmic functions, matrices, sequences & series, and trigonometry to prepare students for Pre-Calculus and beyond.

PREREQUISITE: Students should have a thorough understanding of Algebra I (Completed Geometry is **Strongly Recommended** but not necessary). A non-graded math skills assessment may be required if the student had a C or below in their previous math class.

***Wednesday class** will meet from 10:15am-11:45am at Lakeview Baptist Church located at 9225 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Mr. Robert Stewart
Phone: 334.354.8244
Email: rstewart@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT:
- *All Things Algebra* curriculum notes purchased from instructor - $50

SUPPLIES: Scientific Calculator, 1.5-inch binder, pencils, highlighters, red pens

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).

TEXT FEES: Please include the $50 text fee with your $20 deposit for the class.

CLASS FEE: $744 yearly or $186 quarterly per student for Monday and Wednesday classes

PAYMENT METHOD: PayPal using paypal.me/rbbstewart or you may pay by cash or check at the Parent Instructor Orientation. **To avoid additional fees, select "friends and family" when submitting payments via PayPal.**

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: 1

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**
Robert Stewart has been teaching math, science, and physical education since 2010. He has a Master's Degree Education from Auburn Montgomery. He currently serves as Associate Pastor at Redland Baptist Church in Wetumpka, Alabama. Mr. Stewart enjoys a variety of activities including using trigonometry and quadratics to write formulas for projectiles in motion. A former teacher at Trinity Presbyterian School, Mr. Stewart has been an instructor with LIFT since 2021.

GEOMETRY (8:30-10:00)

Generally Grades 9-11
This class meets twice a week and is a comprehensive geometry course using logic and theorems for problem solving. The course covers parallel lines, triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, circles, and solid figures, and is designed to assist students in preparation for the ACT. Geometry may be taken before or after Algebra 2.
PREREQUISITE: A solid foundation in Algebra I. A non-graded math skills assessment may be required if the student had a C or below in their previous math class.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
Instructor: Mr. Robert Stewart
Phone: 334.354.8244
Email: rstewart@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXTS:
- *All Things Algebra* curriculum notes purchased from instructor - $50

SUPPLIES: Scientific calculator, 1.5in notebook, scratch paper, pencils, red/colored pen, compass, protractor.
NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
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PRE-CALCULUS (12:15-1:45) CLOSED

Generally Grades 10-12
This is a comprehensive pre-calculus course that meets twice weekly. This course expounds upon all functions introduced in Algebra 2, such as piecewise, power, root, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions. This course also lays a foundation for Calculus by introducing vectors, sequences and series, matrices, and limits.
PREREQUISITE: A solid foundation in Algebra 2. A non-graded math skills assessment may be required if the student had a C or below in their previous math class.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
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Phone: 334.354.8244
Email: rstewart@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- *All Things Algebra* curriculum notes purchased from instructor - $50.

SUPPLIES: Graphing Calculator (SAT accepted calculators are linked here: https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/what-to-bring-do/calculator-policy), notebook, scratch paper, pencils, red/colored pen.
NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
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THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

SCIENCE LABS MEET AT FAULKNER UNIVERSITY WHEN NECESSITATED BY MODULES STUDIED. SEE INDIVIDUAL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FOR DAY AND TIME.

BIOLOGY WITH LAB (10:15-11:45)

Generally Grades 9-12
Class: This course covers a variety of topics such as the chemistry of life, ecology, cells, genetics, and the diversity of all organisms. God created a beautiful, intricate world that students will explore from a Christian worldview. The goal of this course is to give students an understanding of basic biological principles and an appreciation for the interactions and relationships that occur in the world around them.

Lab: The lab component of this course is designed for student engagement through hands-on experiences and demonstrations to solidify conceptual understanding, reinforce ideas, and provide opportunities for enrichment. Students will exercise the use of the scientific method for investigation and discovery and be expected to abide by all lab safety guidelines.
Students are required to complete several dissections including: fungi, flower, earthworm, crayfish, perch, and frog in order to receive credit for this course.

Lab classes will meet on **specified Fridays** at Faulkner University in Montgomery. Lab will not meet each week; only when necessitated by the module we are studying and the dates will be given in advance on the syllabus. There will be approximately 12 lab meetings.
PREREQUISITE/COREQUISITE: Successful completion of Earth & Space Science, General Science, and/or Physical Science. Students who take the course must also be enrolled in the Biology Lab.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
Instructor: Mrs. Cody Shaffer
Phone: 334-303-4707
Email: cjshaffer@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT:

- Apologia's *Exploring Creation with Biology,* **3rd edition** by Vicki Dincher
  ISBN: 13:978-1-946506-45-0 (Hardcover) or 978-1946506-45-0 (Softcover)
  Note: Students will need a hard copy (NOT e-book) of the text to bring to each class and lab.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Laptop/computer with reliable Internet access since assignments are assigned, completed, and submitted online
- Printer, ink, and printer paper
- Access to a smartphone camera or computer camera for submitting assignments
- Notebook paper and writing instruments
- Colored pencils and several sheets of white unlined copy paper for drawings and lab
- General school and household supplies for completing projects throughout the year

COURSE FEES

- **Copy Fee:** $35 This covers paper materials provided for class and is paid with your deposit.
- **Lab Fee:** $176 This covers approximately 12 labs for the year ($11 each) and includes a supply fee of $44. Due to the fluctuating cost of specimens, there may be a small addition to the supply fee 2nd semester.
- **Class Fee:** $392 yearly; $196 per semester; or $98 per quarter (This covers instructional time for all classes).

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee). This is due at time of enrollment to hold your child's spot in the class. The course copy fee of $35 is also due upon enrollment for a total of $55.
PAYMENT OF CLASS AND LAB FEE: $568 yearly or $142 quarterly per student. You may use my Venmo @Cody-Shaffer-30 or make checks payable to Cody Shaffer. Deposits paid by check can be mailed to Lakeview Institute for Teens, (c/o) Cody Shaffer, P. O. Box 241738, Montgomery, Al 36124. Quarterly payments should be turned in to instructor by deadline dates reflected in the LIFT calendar.

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: 1.5 (1 credit for class and 0.5 credit for lab)

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**

I am a Certified Alabama Educator with a B.S. in General Science Secondary Education from Auburn University Montgomery. As a teacher, I have classroom, online, and home education experience. I have also worked as a curriculum reviewer, writer, and course developer for a virtual learning platform in Alabama.
I have been married to my husband, Lee, for 24 years and have 4 children. We began our homeschooling journey with our first child and continued that blessing with all of them. Besides spending time with my family, I love enjoying great books, studying the Bible, listening to music, learning interesting facts, finding a good deal, cooking/baking new recipes, and serving at my local church

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PHYSICAL SCIENCE (8:30-10:00)

Generally Grades 8-9

Class: This course covers a variety of introductory topics in both chemistry and physics from a Christian Worldview. Investigating these concepts will provide students with a foundation for understanding the physical world through exploring God's creation. In the chemistry portion of this course, students will study matter – its forms, its elemental components, and how they react with one another. In the physics portion of the course, students will study the physical laws of the universe, with topics including motion, forces, energy, sound, and light. The over-arching goals of the course will be to prepare students for future study and to equip them with practical knowledge of the world around them.

Lab: The lab component of this course is designed for student engagement through hands-on experiences and demonstrations to solidify conceptual understanding, reinforce ideas, and provide opportunities for enrichment. Students will exercise the use of the scientific method for investigation and discovery and be expected to abide by all lab safety guidelines.

Lab classes will meet on **specified Fridays** at Faulkner University Montgomery. Lab will not meet each week; only when necessitated by the module we are studying, and the dates will be given in advance on the syllabus. There will be approximately 12 lab meetings.
PREREQUISITE/COREQUISITE: Successful completion (final grade of A or B) of Pre-Algebra and taking Algebra 1 concurrently or demonstrate course readiness on the Course Assessment test. Students who take the course must also be enrolled in the Physical Science Lab.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
Instructor: Mrs. Cody Shaffer
Phone: 334.303.4707
Email: cjshaffer@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXT:
- We may move to the 4th edition of our current book. This update will be decided by July 1st.
  Current book: *Apologia's Exploring Creation and Physical Science,* 3rd edition by Vicki Dincher
  ISBN: 978-1-946506-51-1
  Note: Students will need a hard copy (NOT e-book) of the text to bring to each class and lab.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:
- Laptop/Computer with reliable Internet access since assignments are completed & submitted online
- Printer, ink, printer paper
- Access to a smartphone camera or computer camera for submitting assignments
- Scientific calculator
- Notebook paper and writing instruments
- General school and household supplies for completing projects throughout the year.

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee). This is due at the time of enrollment to hold your student's spot in the class. The copy fee of $35 is also due at the time of enrollment for a total of $55.
COPY FEE: $35 This covers paper materials provided for class and is paid with your $20 deposit.
LAB FEE: $176 This covers approximately 12 labs for the year ($11 each) and includes a supple fee of $44.
CLASS FEE: $392 This covers instructional time for all classes.
PAYMENT OF CLASS AND LAB FEE: $568 yearly or $142 quarterly per student. You may use my Venmo @Cody-Shaffer-30 or make checks payable to Cody Shaffer. Deposits can be mailed to Lakeview Institute for Teens, (c/o) Cody Shaffer, P. O. Box 241738. Montgomery, Al 36124. Quarterly payments should be turned into instructor by deadline dates reflected in the student calendar.

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: 1.5 (1 credit for class and 0.5 credit for lab)

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**
I am a Certified Alabama Educator with a B.S. in General Science Secondary Education from Auburn University Montgomery. As a teacher, I have classroom, online, and home education experience. I have also worked as a curriculum reviewer, writer, and course developer for a virtual learning platform in Alabama.
I have been married to my husband, Lee, for 24 years and have 4 children. We began our homeschooling journey with our first child and continued that blessing with all of them. Besides spending time with my family, I love enjoying great books, studying the Bible, listening to music, learning interesting facts, finding a good deal, cooking/baking new recipes, and serving at my local church.

SOCIAL STUDIES/BIBLE DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL STUDIES

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS (10:15-11:45)

Grades 10–12 (10th grade by exception. Parental interview requested.)

SUGGESTED PREREQUISITES: American History, English Composition I. The objective for each student is to better comprehend our history as Americans, and the constitutionally prescribed functions of government (federal, state & local) and as a result, become effective citizens who actively participate in their respective communities.

Fall Semester: The American Government portion covers the influences of the Founding Fathers, the uniqueness of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, the three branches of our government, the failed, first attempt at federal government, the two theories of our Constitution, federal vs. states' rights, importance of free and fair elections, and how to participate in government as a responsible citizen. Students will accomplish weekly course objectives through a combination of activities including videos, in-class discussions, in & out of class projects, in & out of class quizzes and tests. Mostly facilitated by a free Hillsdale College Online Course. Each student must enroll in Hillsdale's *Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution* course [https://online.hillsdale.edu/landing/constitution-101]. Hillsdale's free online courses are available to any and all via their continuing education department.

Spring Semester: The Economics portion defines/discusses the concept of free markets, monetary theory, the stock market and its cycles, The Great Depression, The Great Recession (federal debt, inflation, deflation), Hayek and Keynes, IRS (flat tax, fair tax), compares and contrasts Communism, Socialism, Capitalism and the freedoms expressed via ownership of private property. We will view the film series Milton Freeman's *Free to Choose*. Students will accomplish weekly course objectives through a combination of activities including videos, in-class discussions, in & out of class projects, in & out of class quizzes and tests. Mostly facilitated by a Hillsdale College Free Online Course. Each student must enroll in Hillsdale's *Economics 101: The Principles of Free Market Economics* course.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Colonel Doug Harrison
Phone: 256.344.1026
Email: doug_harrison@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXTS (3 items):

- *The Holy Bible*
- The Constitution of the United States (provided)
- *Whatever Happened to Penny Candy? by R. Maybury*
- TBD

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
COPY FEE: $15 per semester (Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class).
CLASS FEES: $392 yearly/$98 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: Make checks payable to Douglas L. Harrison.
Deposits can be mailed to Lakeview Institute for Teens, (c/o) Col. Harrison, P. O. Box 241738, Montgomery, AL 36124. Quarterly payments should be hand-delivered by deadline dates. (see 2025-2026 Parent Student Calendar).

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: American Government (1/2), and Economics (1/2)

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**

I earned a M.S., Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and a B.S., Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. I am a retired Air Force Veteran having served our great nation for 28 years. In one related capacity, I was a Master Instructor, specializing in National Security Strategy and Warplanning. As well, I am currently an Associate Pastor at The Rock Church, serving in ministry for over 24 years. I have a great interest in our Constitutional Republic, and how we compare to others throughout history diplomatically, informationally, militarily and economically. While also having interests in entrepreneurship by leading for profit, and not-for-profit entities. I've served as a L.I.F.T. instructor since 2021.

WORLD HISTORY (8:30-10:00)

Generally Grades 10-12

This course offers a comprehensive survey of world events, cultures, and ideas from ancient times to the modern era. Through a blend of engaging readings, primary source documents, and interactive projects, students will develop a deeper understanding of global history and its impact on today's world. This course emphasizes critical thinking, discussion, and analysis, encouraging students to make connections between historical events and contemporary issues**.**

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Instructor: Maisha Wester
Phone: 334-782-1213
Email: Maishatwester@gmail.com (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXTS (3 items):

- *History Notebook to be purchased from instructor ($30)*
- TBD

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
COPY FEE: $15 per semester **(Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class).**
CLASS FEES: $392 yearly/$98 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: Make checks payable to Maisha Wester. Deposits can be mailed to Lakeview Institute for Teens, (c/o) Maisha Wester, P. O. Box 241738, Montgomery, Al 36124. Quarterly payments should be hand-delivered or sent electronically through Venmo or PayPal by deadline dates. (see 2026-2027 Parent Student Calendar).

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: World History - 1 credit

INSTRUCTOR BIO:

I am a Christian wife and homeschooling mama, grateful to share life with my husband, Mike, and our four children. For the past 19 years, homeschooling has been a central part of our family and has strongly shaped my calling and passion for teaching. I am currently completing my Bachelor's degree in Counseling Psychology, finishing in August 2026, with plans to begin Graduate studies in education and/or history in January 2027. I have taught history and drama in homeschool cooperative settings, bringing my deep love for those subjects into the classroom. My drama experience includes producing and/or directing short skit productions, *Hamlet*, and *Little Women*. I have a heart for teaching and believe that when educators love what they teach, that enthusiasm naturally spills over to their students. My goal is to make learning come alive through engaging, imaginative, and God-honoring instruction. Outside the classroom, I enjoy listening to music, traveling and researching history topics. I am honored and excited to not just academically teach young minds, but partner with parents to plant the seeds of the Creator in their hearts.

BIBLE

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW (8:30–10:00) CLOSED

Grades 8-12

Now more than ever, students need the firm foundation provided by a clear Christian (Biblical) Worldview. This course will seek to provide students the tools they need to solidify their Christian stance. The Bible will be the foundational text for this course along with supplemental materials available on the Internet or provided by the instructor. Various methods such as class discussion and presentations will allow students the opportunity to engage in the process of assimilating and personalizing their Christian Worldview. First semester will focus on the essentials of a Biblical Worldview. The second semester is designed for application through Apologetics.

NOTE: Per Ezekiel Academy, this course does not count as the required Bible credit.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
Instructor: Mr. Daniel Edmonds
Phone: 334.201.7232
Email: dedmonds@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXTS:
- *The CSB Apologetics Study Bible for Students.* To be purchased from the instructor at a bulk discount

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
BOOK FEE: $25 (Please include this fee with your $20 deposit).
CLASS FEE: $392 yearly or $98 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: Payments can be made in cash or check (address shared once enrollment is approved).

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: 1- Christian Worldview

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**
I began teaching Christian Worldview at LIFT in the 2013-14 school year. My goal for students is to teach them to think biblically about cultural changes and the world in general. I have a Master's Degree in Religious Education from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I am a State Missionary for Alabama Baptist as well as a Pastor.

ELECTIVES

BEGINNING DRAMA (2:00-3:30)

Grades: 8-12

Class Description
This course introduces students to foundational acting techniques and theatre appreciation/history while building confidence, creativity, and leadership skills through self-led projects and group performance. During the first semester, students explore the basics of theatre performance, including monologues, two-person scenes, and large-group scenes. Improvisation games are used regularly as warm-ups and confidence builders, with a strong emphasis on helping students feel comfortable performing in front of others and feeling comfortable with themselves. The second semester focuses on casting, rehearsing, and producing a one-act play to be performed before the end of the school year. Students take an active role in the production process and apply the skills developed throughout the course. The final weeks emphasize reflection, performance review, and continued improvisation to reinforce growth and ensemble skills. (*This class meets one day per week; however, additional meetings will be required for performance practice in the second semester.*

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
Instructor : Maisha Wester
Phone: 334-782-1213
Email: maishatwester@gmail.com (Please include a contact phone number)

REQUIRED TEXTS:
- *No Text Required for this class*

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
COPY FEE: $15 per semester Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class.
CLASS FEES: $392 yearly/$98 quarterly per student. (Some additional items, costumes, props, etc.,may be required; any costs will be minimal and communicated in advance.)
PAYMENT METHOD: Make checks payable to Maisha Wester. Deposits can be mailed to Lakeview Institute for Teens, (c/o) Maisha Wester, P. O. Box 241738, Montgomery, Al 36124. Quarterly payments should be hand-delivered or sent electronically through Venmo or PayPal by deadline dates. (see 2026-2027 Parent Student Calendar).

RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: Beginning Acting – Elective (1)

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**
I am a Christian wife and homeschool mama. I have been blessed to share life with my husband, Mike, and our four children. Homeschooling for the past 19 years has shaped both my family life and my passion for teaching. I am currently completing my Bachelor's degree in Counseling Psychology, finishing in August 2026, with plans to begin Master's studies in education and/or history in January 2027. I have taught drama in homeschool cooperative settings, bringing my love for the subject into the classroom. I believe that when teachers love what they teach, that passion comes alive for students through engaging, imaginative, and God-honoring instruction. The dramatic arts have been a passion of mine since I was a child watching my grandmother perform in the theater. As a psychology major, I love that drama can help students grow in confidence, self-awareness as well as help them to feel comfortable in their own skin. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy listening to music, traveling and researching history topics.

FOUNDATIONS IN PERSONAL FINANCE (12:15-1:45)

Grades 10-12
PREREQUISITES: None
This course is based on Dave Ramsey's Foundations of Personal Finance courses. The areas covered are savings, budgeting, investing (partaking in The Stock Market Game), wealth building, car and college savings, dangers of debt, consumer awareness, the credit bureaus and collection practices, bargain shopping, money and relationships, career choices, taxes, insurance, giving, real estate and mortgages. Students who take this course will learn that living by Biblical economic principles empowers them to live faithfully as Christians, to flourish, and to contribute to their families, communities and nation.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:
Instructor: Colonel Doug Harrison
Phone: 256.344.1026
Email: doug_harrison@liftmontgomery.oeg (Please include a contact phone number).

REQUIRED TEXTS:
1. The Holy Bible
2. Foundations in Personal Finance (High School Edition) [Approximately $30]
SUPPLIES NEEDED: 1½" binder including 8 dividers with pockets
NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 (applied to the first quarter's fee).
COPY FEE: $15 per semester (Please include this fee with your $20 deposit for the class).
CLASS FEES: $392 yearly/$98 quarterly per student.
PAYMENT METHOD: Make checks payable to Douglas L. Harrison.
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RECOMMENDED CREDIT EARNED UPON COMPLETION: Math (1) or Elective (1)

***INSTRUCTOR BIO:**
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STUDY HALL

STUDY HALL (8:30-10:00, 10:15-11:45, 12:15-1:45) CLOSED

Study Hall is available the first three class periods and is treated as any other class. Its purpose is to give students taking two or three non-consecutive classes an area to quietly study or read.

ENROLLMENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Administrator: Sharon Hubbard
Phone: 334.224.2503
Email: administrator@liftmontgomery.org (Please include a contact phone number)

NON-REFUNDABLE CLASS DEPOSIT: $20 **(applied to the first quarter's payment)**
STUDY HALL FEE: MONDAYS ONLY: $180 yearly/$45.00 quarterly per student for one study hall period; $140 yearly/$35.00 quarterly per student per each additional study hall period.
WEDNESDAY ONLY: $140 yearly/$35 quarterly per student for one study hall period. $120 yearly/$30 quarterly for each additional study hall period.
PAYMENT METHOD: Make checks payable to Lakeview Institute for Teens. Mail to: Sharon Hubbard, c/o Lakeview Institute for Teens, P. O. Box 241738, Montgomery, Al 36124.

**IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY NOTICE FOR 2026-2027

We will be using Google Classroom as our learning platform for the 2026-2027 school year. Classroom will provide better communication without the need for personal emails. It will also allow students to view assignments for all their classes in one place, set reminders, and mark assignments complete in order to better manage their classwork. Students and parents will be issued a single LIFT email to use for platform login and **ALL** communication. The LIFT email and Classroom platform are protected under the LIFT domain to prevent outside access and to ensure student privacy and provide online security for students. **If you have contacted instructors in the past using their personal email, please note that all contacts regarding class enrollment must be directed to the LIFT email provided in the class descriptions.**
GoogleClassroom is available by cellphone application. Please be sure that you have reliable online access for the coming year.