



## PRIME COURSE FAQ's

Interested in registering your high school student for Prime courses?! Please read and consider the following FAQs before making your final decision. (The answers to these questions serve as official policy concerning V&B Prime Courses.)

### **How are Prime Courses different from other co-op classes?**

- The semester length is 3 weeks longer per semester than regular classes (15 weeks vs. 12 weeks); for Biology the semester is 32 weeks total (two, 16 week semesters); attendance is not optional.
- Students are expected to follow the syllabus and keep up with assignments
- Completion of assignments are not optional; students' work will be graded to document their progress.
- Students are expected to come to class prepared and ready to engage in class activities and discussion
- Grade reports will be given to parents at the end of each semester; these grades are suggestions for parents to use when developing their student's high school transcript.
- In addition to the full-membership family registration fee, Prime Courses require payment of an admin fee of \$25, possible class fee (which varies by course).

### **Are Prime courses a fit for my student?** They are if:

- Your student is a hardworking, self-disciplined learner who has strong reading and writing skills.
- Your student wants to enhance their high school experience with quality classes that are both challenging and interesting and that are taught with a clear Christian worldview.
- Your student is looking for a classroom experience where they can learn interactively through discussion and positive interaction with both peers and teachers.
- Your student is willing to take ownership of their studies, meet assignment deadlines, come prepared to class, actively participate in classroom discussion, and seek instructor guidance when necessary.
- Your student will to commit about 5-7 hours weekly for each course to complete homework and assignments. (NOTE: actual time needed will depend on their learning style and study habits.)

### **Are Prime courses a fit for the parent?** They are if:

- You want trustworthy instruction from teachers who share your values and biblical worldview.
- You would appreciate having another teacher provide feedback on your student's work.
- You like the convenience and benefits of a live, weekly, and interactive co-op class.
- You want your high schooler to get a strong start in foundational subjects and develop skills for continued success throughout high school and college.
- You are willing to stay engaged and supportive of your student's class progress at home.
- You understand our teachers are volunteers who are both dedicated to share their God-given skills, knowledge, and experience with your student and who are willing work in partnership with you for your student's best.

**What students are eligible to take Prime courses?**

Prime courses are exclusively for high school students of full-member families. It is an added benefit to full-members who actively participate in the functioning of the co-op.

**Can my student take a combination of Prime courses along with traditional V&B classes?**

Yes! Your student may take a combination of both Prime and traditional V&B classes.

**Why are there so many different fees?**

It is our intent to be good and faithful stewards of co-op funds. Each fee is established to ensure that our costs are covered while giving you the best value for your money.

- The co-op registration fee covers registration for the whole family to attend
- The Prime Course admin fee helps defray the extra costs for the following: additional room rental, teacher curriculum, and teacher incentives
- Prime Course fees varies to each class needs (ie. Biology class fees cover specific class costs for specimens and lab items)

**Can my student take only one semester of a full-year class?**

No. If you register your student for a full-year class, your student is committing to attend both semesters.

**Will Vine and Branches provide documentation to colleges for the classes my student completes?**

Vine and Branches is not a school and will not correspond directly with colleges or with other high schools concerning your student's participation in any of our classes. However, you will receive feedback from your student's teachers as to your student's progress as well as documentation of mid-term and final grades that you can use to document your student's academic experience. The courses we offer will provide complete documentation of your student's work but that documentation is for you to use as your student's school verification authority only.