



An Overview of the Middle School Grades at the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University

What are some of the features of the new 7th and 8th grades?

- Emphasis on analytical reasoning, argumentation, and writing in the Humanities and in the Sciences
- Inquiry-based Physics course providing students with a hands-on introduction to science
- Foundational course in expository writing and English grammar and style
- Interdisciplinary Eighth Grade English and Social Science courses
- Prevalence of science content throughout the curriculum
- Chinese and Latin courses starting in 7th grade
- Residential summer program for students to meet their peers and teachers face-to-face on Stanford campus

What are the advantages of starting with the EPGY OHS in the 7th and 8th grades?

- Courses give students the foundation for success in the EPGY OHS high school courses
- Courses develop skills, strategies, and techniques required of self-directed learners
- Small classes taught by subject matter experts with advanced degrees
- Enhanced academic counseling
- Personalized learning environment ideal for gifted students
- Flexible enrollment options: full-time, part-time, or single course

History

In 2006, with a generous gift from the Malone Family Foundation, the Education Program for Gifted Youth Online High School at Stanford University was launched. We initially offered a rigorous program at the high school level that attracted gifted students from a wide range of ages. To better serve our younger students, we are deepening our curriculum to provide a stronger foundation for our advanced courses. The development of these new courses is being made possible by an additional gift from the Malone Family Foundation.

Highlights from our first three years of operation include:

- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in 2006
- Approved as an online provider for the University of California and the AP College Board in 2008
- EPGY OHS graduates attend competitive four-year colleges and universities around the world

In the Spring of 2010 we will complete our second WASC accreditation cycle with the anticipation of receiving accreditation for all grades 7-12. For additional background information, please see the “Overview of the EPGY Online High School” document posted on our website.