



Oftentimes, families feel unsure about forming relationships with schools because they do not have the necessary information about curriculum and learning that is happening. The Classical Academy works to provide their families with this information through their Parent Academy. This initiative not only forms new family-school partnerships, but also strengthens the relationships that already exist.

The Educational Department Leads at The Classical Academy offer courses at the beginning of the year, which are free of charge to families. They are advertised through parent meetings, the newsletter, emails, and posters. These courses help families to connect with the instruction and curriculum that is happening at the school. There are five courses offered: Excellence in Writing (an overview of the writing program), Partnership in Growth (supporting children’s maturity development), Parent Spalding Class (for new elementary parents), Working Together in Language Arts (how to support learning in language arts), and Working Together in Math (how to support learning in math).

All of these courses help families to understand the school’s unique curriculum, and offers them the tools to be able to help their children with that curriculum. The Classical Academy’s mission statement is focused on assisting parents in their mission to develop students’ academics and character, and providing these courses is a strong way to do so.

After the Parent Academy, the school solicits feedback from participants and adjusts their courses accordingly. They also look at what types of questions are asked repeatedly by the families, and use the Parent Academy as a way to answer these questions.

Helping families to understand the philosophy and practice of their school can support families at the Classical Academy to more fully become partners in their students’ education.