

# Yenovkian Academy



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## YENOVKIAN ACADEMY (HOMESCHOOL) SCHOOL PROFILE CEEB CODE: 970000

### **Mission Statement**

Yenovkian Academy serves our intentions of forming strong family bonds while encouraging lifelong learning and fearless exploration, instilling empathy, developing character, and opening minds by offering our students a Christian-based home education expedition, focused on Liberal Arts and Classical Education with an emphasis on communications, law, and policy by means of rigorous academic study, extensive educational travel, and extracurricular activities including: athletics, choir, employment, internships, mock trial, newspaper, service opportunities, and student government.

### **Philosophy**

STRUCTURED COURSE STUDY: Structured course study comprises the first pillar of Yenovkian Academy academic studies. State Standards of Learning are exceeded at Yenovkian Academy, where students are provided with a challenging, rigorous, and enriching variety of college preparatory coursework. Incorporating a multitude of activities, coursework ignites the student's passion for life-long learning. From an early age, students at Yenovkian Academy are encouraged to work independently, observe independently, ask questions, and think critically.

Yenovkian Academy selects curricula from multiple sources and enlists the assistance of diverse secondary instructors, including a homeschool co-operative, in order to give the student the benefit of multiple voices as well as academic and extracurricular opportunities. Notwithstanding, Yenovkian Academy ensures students are given individual instruction in each subject, and students master each course subject before receiving a final grade and moving to the next level of study. Students exceed all state minimums for graduation. The Yenovkian Academy education prepares students to excel in college and beyond. Yenovkian Academy grade books, full course descriptions/syllabi, and secondary instructor credentials are available upon request.

TRAVEL FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT: Travel for academic credit, Yenovkian Academy's second pillar, completes the student's academic studies. Yenovkian Academy does not seek to replicate the school environment. We believe that learning is continuous and best accomplished when the student engages all five senses. To that end, Yenovkian Academy travels extensively and frequently with the intent of exposing the student to myriad experiences, topographies, languages, ethnicities, cultures, regions, foods, music, and people. Students benefit from traveling with their primary instructor, which allows for frequent references to structured course concepts the student has learned or will study (usually in the context of a museum, historical site, a national park or monument excursion, or driving throughout America's vast highway network) resulting in enhanced understanding and retention of course concepts.

However, as students traverse the United States, they principally focus on travel for academic credit. Yenovkian Academy esteems travel as an academic pursuit, in and of itself, worthy of evaluation and credit. It requires learning, planning, observation, hypotheses and testing, analysis, effective communication, introspection, fortitude, and resilience. Yenovkian Academy students have explored all 50 states and western Canada via car and foot and have gained invaluable and unsurpassed quantities of knowledge and experience.

## Faculty

<p><b><u>Melanie McCulley Yenovkian:</u></b> Administrator and Primary Instructor</p>	<p><b><u>Donald M. Yenovkian II:</u></b> Principal and Primary Instructor</p>
<p><i>B.S., Economics, conc. in Marketing, <b>Clemson University</b> (1989)</i> <i>Juris Doctor, <b>University of South Carolina School of Law</b> (1995)</i> <i>MBA, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, <b>Clemson University</b> (2013)</i> Admission by Bar Exam: MA (1995), SC (1995), VA (1995) Author: <i>Drug Litigation in South Carolina</i> (4th edition) <i>The Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure</i> <i>Jurisprudence in South Carolina</i> (2nd edition)</p>	<p><i>B.A., Economics, <b>University of Massachusetts</b> (1990)</i> <i>Juris Doctor, <b>Howard University School of Law</b> (1994)</i> Admission by Bar Exam: MA (1995) <i>Senior Counsel, <b>Fluor Corporation</b></i></p>

Mrs. Yenovkian serves as the principal instructor for all Yenovkian Academy Structured Course Study. Students have a 3:1 student to teacher ratio with each student having a secondary instructor in most courses. The secondary instructors Yenovkian Academy hires work in partnership with Yenovkian Academy to provide the student with comprehensive course instruction. Secondary instructors include online providers such as *Power Homeschool*, *Veritas Press Scholars Academy*, and *Memoria Press*, and *Upstate Homeschool Cooperative*, which meets on campus two days per week. Secondary instructors aid Yenovkian Academy by providing lesson instruction for at least one-half of the course, conducting labs, and grading secondary instructor assignments, with Mrs. Yenovkian overseeing all coursework for quality assurance and providing the remaining instruction and assignments to ensure students master the subject matter. Mr. and Mrs. Yenovkian work together to provide oversight, instruction, and evaluation for Travel for Academic Credit.

## AP/Honors Courses

Yenovkian Academy students engage in rigorous study through Honors and Advanced Placement level coursework. Very few Yenovkian Academy courses are offered at the College Preparatory level. Through *Apex Learning Virtual School*, *Memoria Press Online Academy*, and *Power Homeschool*, Yenovkian Academy has been able to open its AP offerings to include 18 courses. As with all Yenovkian Academy Secondary Instructor Structured Course Study classes, Mrs. Yenovkian supplements AP and Honors courses with additional instruction and assignments for comprehensive and complete classes per Yenovkian Academy academic standards.

## Grading Scale/GPA/Class Rank

Yenovkian Academy GPAs are calculated using 2 scales. Academic work is evaluated using a 100 point scale. Using the numeric grade, the student's final grade point is calculated in accordance with South Carolina Department of Education's weighted ten-point scale. The highest GPA attainable is a 6.0. Yenovkian Academy does not calculate class rank.

## Graduation Requirements

	English	Social Studies*	Foreign Language	Fine Arts	Physical Education	Computer Science	Science (Lab)	Math	Community Service	Travel for Academic Credit
Yenovkian Academy	6	4	4	1	1	1	3	4	200+ hours	3.5
State of South Carolina	4	3	1	1	1	1	3	4	0 Hours	0

\*U.S. Government (.5), Economics (.5), U.S. History & Constitution (1), Other Social Studies (1)

## Student Body

Ranging from ninth to twelfth grades, six sisters, including two sets of monozygotic twins and two singles, make up Yenovkian Academy's student body. Students share the experiences of living, learning, studying, and traveling together, as well as undergoing and recovering from multiple surgeries for Multiple Hereditary Osteochondromas (MHO) while maintaining their coursework.

## Extracurricular Activities

In addition to Fine Arts academic courses, Yenovkian Academy provides extracurricular activity opportunities to its students. Students work at local small businesses beginning their ninth grade year and spend at least one semester involved with an internship related to their expected course of college study. At Upstate Homeschool Co-op, students may participate in newspaper, National Beta Club, mock trial, and/or student government, while competing with athletic teams through Greenville Hurricanes Athletics. While active in youth ministry and singing in the youth choir at Taylors First Baptist Church, students volunteer to serve in the children's ministry and with foster care families. Students participate in a choir service mission trip to a U.S. city during summers and are required to volunteer 50 service hours per year.

## Academic Awards

Yenovkian Academy does not distribute academic awards.

## Website and Password

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