

Eighth Grade Curriculum

Experience a warm, friendly classroom where students grow in spiritual, academic and social integrity. Students experience a variety of activities including the science fair, various field trips, and an eighth grade outing. In History students learn about God's hand in American history, the Civil War and beyond. In Algebra students Study rational expressions, quadratic equations, and functions. In Science students learn about God's world by studying topics such as astronomy, geology, and weather. In Language Arts students fine tune their language skills by enjoying quality literature from a Christian Perspective. Our whole year is centered on Christ and how we should live our lives in response to His great gift.

Bible: Answers Academy—Biblical Apologetics for Real Life by Answers in Genesis

A study of how we can stand confidently in the truth of God's Word even when looking at the sciences of Geology, Astronomy, and Biology.

Language Arts

Writing

Students will polish their essay writing skills by writing multi-paragraphed expository, persuasive, and narrative essays complete with thesis statements, effective introductions, non-repetitive conclusions, and parenthetical citations. In addition, students will broaden their skills by using more sensory vocabulary in their essay and creative writing and by learning how to sentence combine. Students will also complete a Research Paper.

Literature

The Old Testament book of Daniel

The Hiding Place *Corrie Ten Boom*

A Tale of Two Cities *Charles Dickens*

The Courtship of Miles Standish *H. W. Longfellow*

Grammar

English 8 Student Text (Houghton-Mifflin)

Focus on grammar, writing skills, vocabulary, and spelling.

Mathematics: Algebra (Addison-Wesley)

Freshman level course work that gives students an excellent foundation for future math studies. With successful completion, students transfer in to Geometry in high school.

Science: Glencoe Science: Level Blue

Topical studies include: humans and heredity, chemistry of matter, physical interactions, motion, forces and energy, earth's changes over time, earth's place in the universe. Students also participate in the "Meet the Element" project and Science Fair.

Social Studies: American Republic, Part 2 *BJU Press*

Traces the path of American history from the discovery of the New World to the present day. Demonstrates the distinctiveness of American values and government, and emphasizes the importance of understanding and appreciating United States history.

The Constitution (Text, Quizzes & Final Test) *Scott Foresman*

Spanish: Avencemos 1 (Holt McDougal)

Students study Spanish 1 during their 7th & 8th grade years.

Computer: Keyboarding, Word Processing, Educational Programs, Internet Research, Web Design

Physical Education, Music, Art