

Middle School Education: 6th – 8th Grade

The Middle School operates on a seven-period schedule. Students are allowed to select from a variety of electives to complete two class periods. The grading scale and procedures for granting credit prepares students for high school.

Sixth Grade

- Bible - BJU Press - Students learn that Bible accounts are facts. Students learn the chronology of Bible events and characters. As students learn the Word of God through weekly scripture memorization, they are taught to apply God's Word in their everyday lives. Students learn how to use Bible reference tools such as concordances, Bible dictionaries, and Bible commentaries. Students learn the plan of Salvation and ways to present the Gospel to others.
- History - BJU Press- Sixth graders learn about Ancient History. They learn about Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Israel, Ancient India, Ancient China, Ancient Persia, Ancient Rome, The Byzantine Empire, Mesoamerica, and Ancient Africa. Geography and map skills are taught in each chapter.
- Science - BJU Press-The Science curriculum incorporates a Christian worldview by showing God's nature and man's responsibility as revealed through Creation. Biblical truth is woven throughout the text. The units focus on Earth Science (earth's surface, earthquakes, and volcanoes), Life Science (cells, classification), Physical Science (chemistry, electricity and magnetism, physics), Astronomy, Genetics, and The Human Body. Students participate in 3-5 experiments per unit.
- English - BJU Press - Our sixth grade curriculum engages students with a variety of character-building stories as well as classical literature selections from which biblical principles are drawn. The student text includes samples from classic authors such as Charles Dickens, Kenneth Grahame, Emily Dickinson, and Robert Browning. Students also learn vocabulary words with definitions, roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Poems are also included to foster an appreciation for poetry within each student. Grammar practice is also a part of the English curriculum providing a step-by-step introduction to the Writing Process for eight different types of writing assignments such as personal narratives, newspaper editorials, historical fiction, and limericks.
- Math – A Beka – Students will review decimals, fractions, measures, and more while enhancing understanding of basic geometry, percentages, graphs, algebra, and practical mathematics. Students will broaden their understanding of problem solving through analyzing and checking answers to ensure accuracy. Supplemental problems and home learning assignments provide for added review and added implementation.

Seventh Grade

- Bible – Positive Action - This study provides a basic introduction to the structure and themes to the Word of God. As students journey through this survey, they will discover truths and applications that God placed in each book of the Bible. God's gracious work is clear – from creation to the cross to the consummation of time.
- History - BJU Press – This curriculum focuses on World Studies and provides a fresh look at the civilizations of the world through the lens of a Christian worldview. The curriculum begins with a brief review of history from Creation to the coming of Christ and progresses in a chronological journey around the world studying the ebb and flow of empires, cultures, Christianity, and world religions, concluding with an examination of the trends of the emerging 21st century.
- Science - BJU Press- Students will study cell biology, genetics, the history of life, microbiology, botany, zoology, ecology, and human anatomy and physiology, all within a biblical framework. This science course material includes colorful images to reinforce content, fun facts and helpful explanations, thought-provoking questions, and extra material to prepare students for high school science.
- English - BJU Press – Literature goes beyond learning facts and literary terms to studying literary elements and interpretation. Included literary selections are from different cultures, genres, and time periods. This English program presents clear instruction and offers plenty of practice in writing and grammar, including an overview of the Writing Process and many focused writing activities. It teaches all eight parts of speech, the five basic sentence patterns, usage concepts such as subject-verb agreement and clear pronoun reference, and mechanics. Writing projects include a biographical sketch, an in-class essay, a letter to the editor, a book report, and poetry. Vocabulary instruction is also included along with practice in applying spelling rules, using words in the correct context, and recognizing synonyms and antonyms.
- Math (Pre-Algebra) – A Beka – Algebraic expressions and linear equations are applied throughout a thorough review of operations on integers, fractions, decimals, percents, and radicals. Students explore relations and functions using equations, tables, and graphs. Chapters on statistics and geometry extend foundational concepts in preparation for high school courses. Problem solving and real life uses of math are also featured and discussed in each chapter.

Eighth Grade

- Bible – Positive Action – This study gives students the tools to begin their journey toward spiritual maturity. They will gain understanding of introductory Christian doctrine, including salvation, the study of the Bible, and the power of prayer. Students will learn how to live out their love for God and share Him with others.
- History - BJU Press- This history program leads students on a tour of our nation’s history starting with the first interactions between Native Americans and European explorers and ending with present day America. Students are encouraged to interpret the present based on knowledge of our nation’s past, using text, illustrations, and photographs.
- Science (Physical Science) - BJU Press- This *high school science course* is an exciting and engaging introduction to the world of physics and chemistry. It provides an essential foundation for subsequent science courses, including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Through practical Bible integration, students learn that a Christian worldview permeates true science. It builds a foundation of basic information regarding matter and measurements; then furnishes the student with the key principles and scientific laws of classical physics, thermodynamics, electricity, magnetism, sound, light, and optics.
- English - BJU Press – Students will read literature in light of biblical truth and will gain an appreciation for literary techniques as they study a variety of genres from a range of cultures. Class lessons and discussions help to develop critical thinking skills. Students evaluate each selection with questions and analysis. Students will understand and apply spelling rules, use words in context, and recognize homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms. The curriculum also reviews the eight parts of speech, five basic sentence patterns, usage, and mechanics, and discusses grammar elements such as participles, gerunds, and infinitives. Dictionary skills, library skills, study skills, and the writing process are also part of the year’s work. Writing projects include a news report, a character profile, a short fable, an informal debate script, and an in-class essay.
- Math (Algebra I) – A Beka – This *high school math course* focuses on the integration of algebraic concepts in real-life applications, presenting topics in logical order with detailed examples that promote student comprehension and retention. Students explore the simplification, solving, graphing and interpretation of linear, radical exponential, quadratic and rational functions.

Middle School Electives

- Art – This course introduces the beginning artist to various techniques of creating artworks in the three main areas of drawing, painting, and sculpture. Time is also devoted to the famous artists who developed those mediums.
- Computers – In this course, students are given the opportunity to strengthen their typing skills and expand their knowledge of the computer's hardware and software. Middle School students showcase their creativity and knowledge by completing projects using Microsoft Word, Excel, Paint, and PowerPoint. All students are also taught basic research skills along with Internet safety. Students also participate in various coding activities as they learn foundational 21st-century technology skills.
- Music – The focus of the music program is to help students improve and enhance their own skills, and to be active contributors to the performance ensemble. Ensemble skills such as focusing on and following the conductor are fundamental to understanding the musical elements and expressive qualities within the music. This course fosters skills in sight-reading, ear training, and the ability to read and understand the written musical page. Emphasis is placed on vocal technique and breath control and expressive musicianship with technical accuracy. Students also participate in the Christmas and Spring musical performances.
- Physical Education – Students are introduced to various sports and sports rules, health-related fitness activities, games, and receive a foundation for knowledge, skills, and motivation to develop a healthy and active lifestyle.
- Spanish - This course introduces students to beginner Spanish. It provides basic grammatical structures and conjugation of common verbs in the present, past, and imperfect tenses. Students will learn how to ask and answer questions in Spanish, give and follow directions, purchase items, and make small talk. Students at a more advanced level learn to communicate comfortably at an intermediate level with Spanish-speaking people in various settings. Grammar, pronunciation, writing, listening, verb tenses, and moods are emphasized in a variety of exercises and Spanish dialogues.
- Yearbook - Students will be responsible for documenting all of the school events in the corresponding year. They must learn to be efficient, organized, creative, and consistent. This course presents students with an opportunity to develop skills including research, interviewing, reporting, writing, photography, layout design, computer graphics, advertising, and sales.