

SEVENTH GRADE CURRICULUM

Our goal is for students to think critically, work independently, and confidently apply their knowledge across subjects.

READING AND LITERATURE

- Analyze literature for theme, characterization, plot, conflict, setting, tone, and author's purpose.
- Interpret figurative language, literary devices, and vocabulary in context.
- Make inferences, draw conclusions, and support interpretations with evidence from the text.
- Compare and evaluate ideas, themes, and perspectives across texts.
- Summarize, analyze, and respond thoughtfully to increasingly complex reading.
- Develop stronger independent reading, comprehension, and critical-analysis skills.

Goal: Analyze complex texts thoughtfully and support interpretations with clear reasoning and textual evidence.

LANGUAGE AND WRITING

- Write organized essays, reports, narratives, and persuasive compositions.
- Develop clear introductions, focused ideas, supporting evidence, and effective conclusions.
- Apply advanced grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and sentence structure.
- Identify and correctly use parts of speech, phrases, clauses, and various sentence structures.
- Conduct research, evaluate information, and organize material from multiple sources.
- Revise, edit, and strengthen writing for clarity, organization, and effectiveness.
- Adjust writing style and tone for different purposes and audiences.

Goal: Communicate ideas effectively through organized, purposeful, and well-supported writing.

MATH

- Work confidently with rational numbers, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, and proportions.
- Apply operations with positive and negative numbers.
- Simplify and evaluate numerical and algebraic expressions.
- Solve equations and inequalities using appropriate strategies.
- Apply algebraic reasoning to real-world and multi-step problems.
- Work with geometry, measurement, probability, statistics, and data.
- Interpret graphs, tables, and other mathematical representations.
- Explain mathematical reasoning and justify solutions.

Goal: Develop strong algebraic reasoning and apply mathematical skills to increasingly complex problems.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

- Examine major civilizations, cultures, people, and events throughout world history.
- Analyze the causes and effects of historical events and developments.
- Explore how geography, resources, economics, and government influence civilizations.
- Develop and apply geographic, map, research, and timeline skills.
- Compare societies, governments, cultures, and historical perspectives.
- Evaluate historical information and support conclusions with evidence.
- Examine history through a biblical worldview.

Goal: Analyze historical events and civilizations while understanding the connections between geography, government, culture, and society.

Science

- Explore physical, life, earth, and environmental science concepts.
- Study matter, energy, forces, motion, and physical and chemical changes.
- Examine cells, organisms, genetics, ecosystems, and relationships among living things.
- Investigate Earth's structure, atmosphere, weather, climate, and natural processes.
- Explore space and the relationship between Earth and the universe.
- Conduct investigations, analyze data, evaluate evidence, and communicate scientific conclusions.
- Recognize God's design and order throughout creation.

Goal: Apply scientific knowledge and evidence-based reasoning to understand the natural world.

BIBLE

- Study Scripture and develop a deeper understanding of biblical teachings and doctrine.
- Examine biblical principles related to character, relationships, leadership, and decision-making.
- Memorize and apply Scripture to real-life situations.
- Connect biblical truth to academic subjects, culture, and everyday life.
- Evaluate ideas and decisions through a biblical worldview.
- Develop the ability to explain and defend biblical beliefs respectfully.

Goal: Develop a mature biblical worldview and learn to thoughtfully apply Scripture to academics, decisions, and daily life.

Class, Homework, and Grading Expectations



CLASSWORK & PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to arrive prepared, participate appropriately, complete assigned work, and demonstrate consistent effort. Students should take responsibility for their learning and contribute positively to the classroom environment.



HOMEWORK

Homework is a GCS standard and will be assigned every night. Homework is intended to reinforce instruction, provide opportunities for additional practice, and develop students' independence, responsibility, and time-management skills.



GRADING

GCS requires at least one test or quiz each week in every subject.

- **Tests: 35%**
- **Quizzes: 25%**
- **Classwork: 20%**
- **Homework: 10%**
- **Participation: 10%**

Our goal: To prepare students to think critically, communicate effectively, take ownership of their learning, and apply a strong biblical worldview to their academic and personal lives.