



### Middle School Curriculum Summary 2020-2021 School Year

	6	7	8
Language Arts	Students attend two language arts periods per day, one is dedicated to reading instruction, the second to writing and grammar. The <b>Shurley Grammar</b> program is used to develop writing skills along with a strong emphasis on vocabulary development. Short stories and full novels are used to teach reading comprehension skills.	Students attend two language arts periods per day, one is dedicated to reading instruction, the second to writing and grammar. Book reports and other formal and informal writing assignments are used. A variety of short stories and full novels are used to teach key reading comprehension strategies.	Students will continue to develop an appreciation of the written and spoken word. Using oral language, written language, and technology, students will learn to communicate for expressive, argumentative, critical and literary purposes. The curriculum includes short stories, plays, poetry, essays and novels. Writing assignments will include journals, essays, critiques, and creative works. Vocabulary, spelling and grammar will be vital elements of instruction.
Math	<b>Holt Mathematics Course 1</b> , Holt, 2010	<b>Mathematics Course 3</b> , Holt, 2010 (Pre-Algebra)	<b>Holt Mathematics Course 3</b> , Holt, 2010 (Pre-Algebra) Or  <b>Algebra I</b> , Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt, 2020
Science	<b>Science 6</b> Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science  <b>Text: Science 6, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition</b> BJU Press, 2013	<b>Life Science</b> Microbiology, Plant Biology Cell Activities, Genetics  <b>Text: Life Science Purposeful Design</b> , 2016	<b>Space and Earth Science</b> Stars, Sun, Moon, Planet, Space Exploration, Meteorology, Geology  <b>Text: Space &amp; Earth Science, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition</b> , BJU Press, 2005
Social Studies	<b>Ancient History</b> Students learn the history and cultures of eleven ancient civilizations and trace their accomplishments and contributions to modern man as well as the terms of archeology and the effects of climate and geography on cultures. <b>Text: To Know the Past</b> , BJU Press, 2008	<b>Middle Ages - 20<sup>th</sup> Century</b> Students study people who helped shape history and the ideas that influenced people and shape our modern world.  <b>Text: World Studies for Christian Schools, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition</b> . BJU Press, 2000	<b>Civics</b> The fundamentals of American government and the basis of our economy are taught. The Constitution is studied as well as three levels of government: Federal, State, and Local. <b>Text: Civics – Government and Economics in Action</b> , Prentice Hall, 2005
Bible	6 <sup>th</sup> graders study specific individuals from the Bible to learn their character traits and biblical principles. Ten different Scripture passages are memorized. <b>Text: Winning the Race: Positive Action for Christ</b> , BJU Press	Using the <b>Bible</b> as the text, this class studies the books of John and Acts.  <b>Text: The Bible</b>	Using the <b>Bible</b> and the book, “Wise-Up,” the class studies God’s wisdom verses man’s wisdom.  <b>Text: Wise-Up, Positive Action for Christ</b> , BJU Press, <b>Christian Manhood, Plain Path Pub.</b>
Additional Required Courses	Physical Education Art Technology	Physical Education Art Technology	Physical Education Art Technology
Elective Choices	Drama Band Music The remaining electives are already built into their schedule	Current Events Leadership Band Drama Journalism	Music Current Events Leadership Band Drama Journalism