

# TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Fourth Grade Curriculum

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Trinity Christian School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where children receive a quality education from a biblical worldview, while developing thinking and articulate students. We are devoted to fusing faith and learning in such a way that each student is practically equipped to face their future and become a life-long learner.

At the core of academic excellence is the role of the classroom teacher. Trinity Christian School seeks the most qualified teachers, who have a love for their students and a passion for teaching. All of our teachers are state certified and are devoted followers of Christ, who teach truth from a biblical perspective.

### **Mathematics: Purposeful Design**

- Advanced skills in addition, subtraction, multi-digit multiplication, and division
- Place value
- Time
- Graphing
- Data
- Addition and subtraction of fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Decimals

### **Reading: Bob Jones**

- Oral and silent reading skills
- Research and literacy skills
- Comprehension and vocabulary studies
- Vocabulary taught in text
- Evaluate text through biblical worldview
- Participate in role-play and skits
- Novel study: *Charlotte's Web*
- Read Theory

### **Bible: Positive Action for Christ**

- The life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- Holy Spirit
- Fruits of the Spirit
- God's work in the life of the believer
- How to live like a Christian
- Saul's transformation to Paul
- Paul's ministry

### **English: BJU Press**

- Students gain an appreciation of language as a gift from God
- Develop the correct use of English grammar in written and oral communication with focus on sentences, nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, phrases and clauses
- Learn various types of compositions, including personal narrative, friendly letter with instructions, compare-contrast essay, book review, tall tale, business letter and poetry
- Adapt clear and effective writing while honing important skills such as study and reference skills, and listening and speaking skills

### **Handwriting: A Reason For Writing**

Integrates faith and learning by featuring lessons based on Scripture verses and built-in opportunities for sharing God's Word with others. Focus on alignment, slant, size, shape, and spacing

### **Spelling Plus: Purposeful Design**

- Effective spelling instruction strengthens reading
- Strategies match the age and ability of the learner and resources incorporate comprehensive tested strategies that match a variety of learners
- Students learn via strategies such as word sorting by phonetic pattern, developing vocabulary through word study, and using the writing process to compose original stories

### **History: BJU Press**

Presented information about the cultural geography of the 50 states and five territories according to their regions. Examine the history of each state and territory as well as an overview of American history. Students analyze individual actions, pivotal decision, and cultural movements from a biblical worldview. This course teaches students to assess the impact of the Christian faith on state and territorial culture, citizenship, environment, and economy.



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**Science: Bob Jones**

- Insects • Living Things • Plants • Forces and Machines • Electricity and Magnetism • Light • Moon • Water and Oceans
- Weather and Erosion • The Earth's Resources • Digestion • Bones • Muscles

**Art: Deep Space Sparkle**

Art includes lessons from a combination of the EASE and EPIC curriculum, as well as additional seasonal projects. Exploring Art Supplies through Environments (EASE) – technique-rich exploration of different mediums and their potential, with colorful projects reflecting a variety of habitats. Elements and Principles Integration Curriculum (EPIC) – units that focus on each of the 14 elements and principles of art, with scaffolded lessons to meet student abilities at each grade level.

**Spanish**

Review basic vocabulary such as weather, the body, family, holidays, and commands/expressions. Introduce important grammar skills such as gender of nouns, possessive adjectives, and definite articles.

**Computers**

Students in grades K-8 learn about the working parts of computers, the internet and internet safety, research, coding, and how to use Microsoft Office Suite; all in order to further the Gospel and share the love of Jesus with others.

**Music: Ukulele**

Continue learning rhythms, tempos, melodies, dynamics, performance, and composition. Advance in reading music and begin to play ukulele. Focus on Musical Theatre through an in-depth study of a musical.

**Library**

Students learn about different book genres through book talks and book reviews. Fourth and fifth grade students also focus on the Dewey Decimal System and how books are organized throughout the library. In addition, they are given time to read in order to work towards the Accelerated Reader goals given to them by their classroom teachers.

**Physical Education**

- Develop team-building skills by working with others through physical activity
- Understand principles of health promotion and the prevention and treatment of illness and injury
- Students perform loco motor, non-loco motor and manipulative skills at a utilization level, show fundamental components of healthy living, and use appropriate skills in team, group and individual activities
- Introduced to basic fundamental skills of various team sports and other health-enhancing activities
- During all activities, recreational play versus competitive play and good sportsmanship are continually fostered and encouraged.

**2024-2025 Fourth Grade Test Scores**  
Iowa Assessment

Please contact our Director of Education  
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**NP of Mean NCE**

This means, a student whose NP is 72, scored higher than 72 percent of the fourth grade students nationally who also took the test. NP scores are useful for comparing local student achievement to student achievement at the national level.

Reading	Math	Language
62	59	64