

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Seventh Grade Curriculum

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: Holt Pre-Algebra (Accelerated Track)

• Algebra terminology • Integers and exponents • Rational and real numbers • Coordinate geometry • Analyzing data • Plane geometry • Perimeter, area, and volume • Ratios and similarity • Percents • Equations and inequalities • Graphing lines • Sequence and function • Polynomials

Mathematics: Holt 7th Grade Math

• Algebraic Reasoning • Integers and rational numbers • Applying rational numbers • Proportional relationships • Graphs • Percents • Collecting, displaying, and analyzing data • Geometric figures, geometry, and measurement • Probability

Year In School:	Course Option 1: <i>Math Course Sequence</i>	Course Option 2: <i>Accelerated Math Course Sequence</i>
6th Grade	6th Grade Math	Accelerated 6th Grade Math
7th Grade	7th Grade Math	Pre-Algebra
8th Grade	8th Grade Math	Algebra 1

Bible: Positive Action for Christ

• Route 66 is a fast-moving Bible survey with personal application • Students visit all 66 books from Genesis to Revelation, from creation, to the cross, to the consummation of time.

Science: Christian View of Science/BJU

• Embedded Inquiry • Life: plant and animal cells, viruses, bacteria, diseases, flow of matter and energy • Cell Activities: order among cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis • Support and Movement: the integumentary system, the skeletal system, the muscular system • Internal Balance: homeostasis, blood, blood vessels and heart, the immune system, excretory system • Energy: the respiratory system and the digestive system • Control: the nervous system, the sense organs, the endocrine system • Health: a biblical approach to health, nutrition, disease • Genetics and Heredity: heredity traits, reproduction and inheritance, variations, DNA, genes, mutations, mitosis and meiosis, karyotyping, genetics, applications of genetics

History: BJU Press, American Republic

American Republic traces American history from the discovery of the New World up to the Civil War, with a focus on values and government. Students complete the US Constitution Test.

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.



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English Language Arts (ELA)

Grammar: BJU Press

- Strengthen knowledge of parts of speech (common and proper nouns, verb tenses, infinitive phrases, gerunds, and participles)
- Students work on sentence order, complete and compound subjects, predicate nominatives, and clauses
- Enhance abilities using the mechanics of grammar
- Expand vocabulary repertoire to maximize figurative language writing skills

Spelling:

- Study 20 new words a week and succeed in tested on those words
- Spell listed words and write sentences using each word correctly to assess understanding
- Lists focus on different Greek and Latin roots as well as different prefixes and suffixes

Writing: BJU Press

- Expanded writing techniques
- Practice proper paragraph and essay construction, working through the four main types of writing
- Introduced to and practice proper MLA documentation
- Develop proofreading and editing skills
- Complete an expository vs. persuasive writing project
- Write a descriptive essay utilizing figurative language
- Learn elements of creative writing including poetry, song writing, and short stories; culminating in a poetry slam and short story reading at the end of the quarter

Literature

- Review of Active Reading Model
- Review of literary terminology
- Elements of genre and fairy tales using the Grimm's fairy tale, "Cinderella"
- Study the difference between facts and inferences
- Figurative language
- Study irony and identify ways an author uses language structure, word choice and style to convey the author's viewpoint using the works of O. Henry
- Understand how literary elements and techniques are used to convey meaning with the traditional story structure, character development and vocabulary, using short stories
- Understand how literary elements and techniques are used to convey meaning through Literature Circles using the novel *The Giver* and the play *Hamlet*
- Deliver planned oral presentations using on-line tools
- Write literary analysis essays
- Analyze the meaning of words and phrases in their context, using all of the activities already listed
- Create interactive notebooks for all literary elements

Spanish

Fifth through eighth grades focus more on grammar. gender of nouns, possessive adjectives, definite articles, adjustive agreement, regular -ar, -er, -ir verbs and irregular -ser, estar, tener verbs. Students also apply lessons previously learned, like telling time, using numbers 1-1,000, and traveling.

Physical Education/Health

- 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 will 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 verses competitive play and good sportsmanship are continually fostered and encouraged.

2024-2025 Seventh Grade Test Scores

Iowa Assessment

Please contact our Director of Education if you have any questions.

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NP of Mean NCE

This means, a student whose NP is 72, scored higher than 72 percent of the seventh 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
50	70	61