



2024-2025 Middle School Course Catalog



Dear middle school students and parents,

The following course description guide is to help you better understand the classes your Middle School student will be taking.

If you are entering 6th grade next year, here are a few things to keep in mind.

- All 6th graders will take Social Studies, Science, Bible, PE, Math, and English.
- The following are the electives for 6th grade: Keyboarding, Art and Music.
- Students will need to complete 6 hours of PCM (Practical Christian Ministry) hours.

If you are entering 7th or 8th grade, here are a few things to keep in mind.

- All 7th and 8th graders will take Social Studies, Bible, Science, Math, and English.
- The following are electives for 7th and 8th Grade: Art, Computer, Music, Young Emcees
- Students will need to complete 6 hours of PCM (Practical Christian Ministry) hours.

Middle School Courses

All courses at QCCS are considered college prep - students learn the content and skills that are required for progressing toward college. College prep classes provide a rigorous curriculum that meets the needs of the majority of students.

College prep classes have the following attributes:

- Follow a rigorous curriculum.
- Require students to work toward mastery of QCCS Standards.
- Prepare students for the next grade level.
- Develop critical thinking skills.
- Utilize technology to help improve reading and writing skills.

General Expectations for Students

- Works diligently and is self-motivated.
- Learn best with thorough instruction and practice of new concepts.
- Appreciates challenges, but also benefits from scaffolded assistance and practice with complex, critical-thinking and non-routine strategies.
- Thrives with structured guidance when learning, applying, and extending new concepts.
- Actively participates in the learning process.
- Independently reads various genres.

*If your child does not exhibit many of the qualities above, don't worry. The goal of College Prep is to get all students to these levels.

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ENGLISH

English 6

Grade Level: 6

English Language Arts 6 encompasses the study of literature, writing, vocabulary, and basic grammar. Students will read a variety of texts including short stories, non fiction articles, poetry, essays, and novels. Reading comprehension and critical thinking skills are developed through reading analysis. These essential skills are further developed through class discussions and evidence-based written responses that demonstrate and deepen student understanding. Vocabulary and grammar lessons are embedded alongside the literature being learned and are practiced through skill exercises, context clues, and direct instruction. The writing process is celebrated as students learn how to develop their own voice, proofread, and revise their own writing. Students will write essays, personal narratives, speeches, poems, and will be guided through the process of writing a research paper. Students will learn to see redemptive themes in literature, specifically connecting to God’s forgiveness, kindness, and the enduring triumph of good over evil.

English 7

Grade Level: 7

Students in English 7 will read, study, and develop an appreciation for a variety of literature genres. Short stories, poetry, nonfiction articles, and novels are used throughout the year to meet this goal. While reading, students will be encouraged to think critically about the text and identify various literary elements. Ultimately, students will learn to identify Biblical themes about the consequences of humanity’s sin nature, God’s redemptive power, and His desire for us to live in community. Vocabulary and grammar lessons are embedded into the literature curriculum and are practiced through the use of context clues, whole-class instruction, and independent learning. Students will learn not only to comprehend what they are reading, but to think critically as well. Secondly, writing skills are refined as students learn to produce a wide variety of written expressions including essays, personal narratives, journal entries, and other short writing tasks. Students are expected to strengthen their research skills in the spring by producing a research paper on a global issue of their choice. They will learn to conduct research, validate the credibility of sources, and seek to understand God’s design for His creation.

English 8

Grade Level: 8

The first goal of English 8 is to broaden student strategies for increasing reading comprehension and reinforcing literary skills. Short stories, plays, poetry, and novels are used throughout the year to meet the goal of critical thinking and analysis. Secondly, writing and grammar skills are refined as students learn to produce a wide variety of written expressions including expository, narrative, descriptive, persuasive and personal forms of writing. Vocabulary is expanded through the study of words found in the literature text. Biblical themes of standing up for what is right as well as “who does God say I am?” will be explored. Novel study includes mini projects that practice the skills taught in class. Critical reading and thinking skills are further developed through class discussions and written responses of these works. The students will complete a research paper using the internet. Students will learn to think critically and craft analytical essays.

MATH

We believe that the character of God is revealed through the lens of mathematics and with this, it is our goal that as students explore the concepts of the finite world created by the infinite God they will discover (1) God's dependability, orderly design, and wisdom are seen in the study of mathematical patterns and consistent rules of measurement, calculations, and relationships. In addition, (2) Students will expand their understanding of the character of God through the study of mathematical relationships that are free from contradiction and demonstrate the existence of absolute truth.

General Math 6

Grade Level: 6

This course is designed to prepare students for future success in algebra and geometry. Through a carefully planned sequence of topics, students practice and extend their knowledge of mathematics to promote confidence and mastery. Topics for study include number patterns, decimals, fractions, percentages, solving one-step algebraic equations, integers, statistics, probability, measurement, and geometry. Students will be expected to demonstrate competency in these computations without the aid of a calculator. Applications and problem solving are emphasized using hands-on labs and activities.

General Math 7

Grade Level: 7

This course is designed to prepare students for future success in algebra and geometry through a carefully planned sequence of topics. Students practice and extend their knowledge of mathematics to develop confidence and mastery of the concepts. Topics for study include fractions, statistics, linear equations and functions, proportional reasoning, algebra, operations with integers, geometry, and measurement. Students will be expected to demonstrate competency in these computations without the aid of a calculator. Problem solving and critical thinking are emphasized in daily assignments and activities.

Pre-Algebra

Grade Level: 8

This course prepares students for algebra and geometry through a sequence of topics designed to extend their knowledge of mathematics. Topics for study include algebraic language, integer operations, rational numbers, simplifying algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing and interpreting linear functions, systems of linear functions, applying algebra to geometry, statistics, and probability. Application, problem solving, and critical thinking are emphasized throughout all required learning standards.

SCIENCE

Grade Level: 6

Science: Observing God's World

Sixth grade science develops the student's knowledge of God as the creator and sustainer of the universe. This course investigates various topics using texts, discussions, hands-on investigations, and projects. *Observing God's World* teaches students important science concepts across a range of interesting topics, including how creation refutes the idea of evolution. Students also explore plants, invertebrates, earth, the universe (galaxies, constellations, moon), space (light, astronomy, space stations, planets), and matter & chemistry. Observing God's World gives an overview of plants, invertebrates, space, chemistry, and the earth's structure. Your child will also learn about famous scientists and enjoy 37 hands-on science demonstrations and observations. Students will build an appreciation for God's Creation as they develop a better understanding of their environment.

Grade Level: 6

Life Science: Order & Design

Grade Level: 7

This curriculum focuses on introducing students to and diving deeper into the diversity of life that God created and help them move forward into college prep science during their 8th grade year. The course includes an overview of scientific principles and procedures, and leads students toward a clearer understanding of how God created the smallest piece of life, His majesty in the diversity of heredity, and His power through His creation (plants, animals, microscopic organisms, and humans). As students refine and expand their understanding of these topics, they will apply their knowledge in investigations that require them to ask questions, solve problems and explore the world around them. By the end of this course, each student should be able to see how all of this world, and everything in it, proclaims His overwhelming glory and majesty.

Science: Earth and Space

Grade Level: 8

Science: Earth and Space is written from the Christian perspective with the conviction that God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe. Students will investigate fields such as geology, oceanography, meteorology, astronomy and environmental science with the goal of discovering the thought of the Creator through the ingenious structure and orderly function of His creation.

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History

Grade Level: 6

This survey class explores the amazing way God has used normal people for His greater purpose. We dive into our world's amazing past to investigate the beginnings of civilizations around rivers and in valleys. We begin to compare how drastically different civilizations developed similarly in many parts of the World. Students' excitement toward history will be ignited by this course and they will be able to synthesize information through real-life simulations of historical people. There will be integration of Primary sources World History sets down the historical foundations of critical thinking that will be built upon as students grow and mature as young historians.

Geography

Grade Level: 7

The focus of this course is to inspire students to enact positive change as they explore how geography influences population, culture, the environment, and economies with nearly 200 primary and secondary sources that highlight a range of perspectives while modeling the capacity of students to improve the world around them. *Exploring Geography & Global Issues* help unlock how students learn to effectively communicate, respect other cultures, and honor different ways of looking at the world.

US History

Grade Level: 8

United States History is a survey course of our nation's history from the exploration of our country to today. Throughout the course, we will study the political, economic, social and religious trends that have emerged in the development of the United States. We will cover such topics as Colonization, the American Revolution, the Constitution, Manifest Destiny, the Civil War, Industrialism, and the Cold War. Students will be able to synthesize information through hands-on projects, analysis of primary sources, and class discussions. As we integrate United States history into our knowledge base, we will tie in how God has shown His sovereignty, grace and master plan throughout America's short existence.

BIBLE

Winning the Race

Grade Level: 6

In this study, students will discover how various Bible characters strove to win the race that God set for them. This study also presents an overview of New Testament doctrine, including the past, present, and future work of Christ. In this curriculum, students will review doctrines and character attributes from the Gospels and New Testament epistles.

New and Old Testament Survey

Grade Level: 7

Route 66: Takes your middle-school students on a journey through all 66 books of the Bible. This one-year, 70-lesson survey introduces middle-schoolers to the structure and themes of the Word of God. Students will briefly examine each book in Scripture, learning how God uses imperfect men and women to reflect His grace. We prepared this survey to help your students pursue the following objectives:

- Understand the primary themes of Scripture.
- Identify and locate key biblical events and figures.
- Note doctrines and passages for further study in context.
- Apply basic godly principles to thought, speech, and action.
- Respond personally to the gospel of grace in Jesus Christ.

Practical Christianity

Grade Level: 8

Dynamic Christian Living Introduces your middle-schoolers to basic Christian doctrines and spiritual disciplines. This one-year, 35-lesson study presents the tools needed to build spiritual maturity. In these lessons, students will find an introduction to Christian doctrine, including basic approaches to salvation, prayer, and Bible study. Students can learn to live out their love for God and share Him with others.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education

Grade Level: 6,7,8

The purpose of this year-long course is to present and inspire students to pursue a variety of physical activities and a healthier lifestyle. Through various sports and games, students will work together or individually to apply concepts of fairness and social responsibility through competitive, creative and challenging situations. They will be expected to go above and beyond sportsmanship, and to glorify Christ in their leadership, communication, and interaction with others.

ELECTIVES

Art

Grade Level: 6, 7, 8

This course will allow students the opportunity to experiment with several media including graphite, paint, pastels, clay and sculpture. Students will learn the fundamentals of shading and proportion in relation to the human figure. They will also be introduced to perspective and techniques for creating depth and realism in 2-D art. We will also be introducing the Elements of Art and learning about several master artists through hands-on activities.

Computers

Grade Level: 7

During this 9-week course, students will learn Google applications (drive, docs, sheets, draw, sites, slides & forms), the fundamentals of computers and the internet, typing proficiency, and digital story creation. The objective is to equip students with more proficient technology skills needed throughout middle and high school.

Career and Life Choices

Grade Level: 8

This is a required middle school elective. This semester-long class will examine a multitude of life choices teens must face in our current culture related to identity, careers, the future, and everyday face-to-face and digital interactions. Students will engage in discovery through discussion, guest speakers, professional engagement, and a variety of exploration activities. They will grow in self-awareness through spiritual gifts and personality inventories and examine how their results are linked to communication skills, relational interactions, and career selection. Students will create a brand statement, a personal commercial, a resume, and a budget, study financial responsibility, learn about digital citizenship and cybersafety, and differentiate between a job, career, and a calling. As they embrace their identity in Christ and understand that with the great power they have through Christ comes great responsibility, students will realize their roles as ministers and leaders in our culture who have hope and help to offer to so many who are consumed by this world.

Keyboarding

Grade Level: 6

In keyboarding emphasis is placed on development of accuracy and speed, proper techniques, and correct finger positions. Students will further develop and enhance touch skills for entering information using a keyboard to compose and produce personal, educational, and professional documents.

Music

Grade Level: 6,7,8

Music is a course and all students are accepted as beginners into this vocal performance group. Students will be exposed to a variety of music styles and will learn to harmonize, read music and sing together as a group and individuals. There is a mandatory performance at the end of each semester.

Podcasting

Grade Level: 8

In this course students will learn the basics of every aspect of narrative podcasting: from audio interviewing techniques, workflow and organization, construction and structuring episodes, script writing, and post production mixing, scoring, and critical review.

Study Skills**Grade Level 6**

This 9- week course is designed to help 6th grade students develop effective study habits to help them excel academically. The course will cover goal setting, time management, note-taking strategies, active reading, test-taking skills, memory techniques, and organization. By the end of the course, students will have the knowledge and skills necessary to excel academically in middle school and achieve their academic potential.

Young Emcees**Grade Level 7**

The main objective of Young Emcees is to fuse the creative power of hip-hop with the timeless teachings of the Bible to provide a dynamic and engaging learning experience that deepens your understanding of culture, spirituality, and self-expression. We hope to empower students to connect with your identity, history, and dreams through interactive activities and exploration of the intersections between hip-hop and biblical hermeneutics.



2024-2025 Middle School Curriculum Plan

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Language Arts:

English 6

English 7

English 8

Credits Completed:

Mathematics:

General Math 6

General Math 7

Pre-Algebra

Credits Completed:

Science:

General Science

Life Science

Physical Science

Credits Completed:

Social Studies:

World History

Geography

US History

Credits Completed:

Bible:

Bible 6

Bible 7

Bible 8

Credits Completed:

Physical Education:

Physical Education

Physical Education

Physical Education

Credits Completed:

Fine Arts Electives:

Art
Chorus

Art
Chorus

Art
Chorus

Credits Completed:

Electives:

Keyboarding
Study Skills

Computer
Young Emcees

Career and Life Choices
Podcasting

Credits Completed:
