

## SEVENTH GRADE CLASS OVERVIEW

Since we will be adding 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2022-23 school year, we are currently still investigating which curriculum we will select for some subject areas. Our commitment is to invest in what we consider to be the best, most effective curriculum available that is consistent with our philosophy of education that is also either biblically-based or does not conflict with our biblical values. Even at 7<sup>th</sup> grade we look for curriculum that provides for multi-sensory, engaging, and active lessons and activities wherever possible.

### Bible:

We are still investigating which Bible curriculum we will be using for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Once we have selected the curriculum, we will update this document.



### Literature:

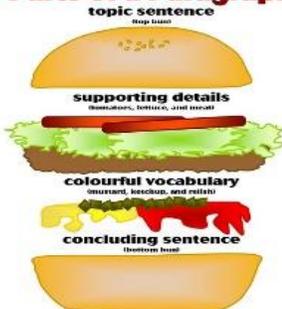
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### Writing & Grammar:

The Institute for Excellence in Writing curriculum entitled, Teaching Writing: Structure and Style, is a highly structured and powerful methodology of teaching writing, and has students writing daily.

#### **Parts of a Paragraph**



Structure refers to organizational models for writing, which are explored and reinforced each year at ever-increasing levels of sophistication firmly internalized by students. The sequence of structural units teaches students a consistent method for composing clear and cohesive paragraphs as well as a reliable system for organizing narrative and expository writing. Style is a collection of tools that students use to achieve variety and competence in expression. It is through the employing of the stylistic techniques that students become competent in using interesting vocabulary, employ a variety of sentence structures, and gain an

understanding of grammar. It is through this methodology that the writing process is broken down into clear, easy to understand steps, and students of any ability are able to gain confidence and competence in writing in an organized manner, using strong imagery and examples with cohesive paragraphs. Grammar is taught within the context of good writing and embedded in the writing curriculum.



### Spelling & Vocabulary:

Seventh grade spelling and vocabulary focuses on learning to spell and define a variety of key words found within the context of other subject matter, rather than a specific curriculum for spelling and vocabulary. This will be teacher directed and communicated to both students and parents throughout the course of the year.

## Math:



Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life 7<sup>th</sup> grade text is used in an effort to prepare students for the common core math terminology, concepts, and processes they will most likely face if they move into a public high school math program. The

curriculum provides a rigorous program that is balanced in three key areas: Conceptual Understanding, or discovering the “why”; Procedural Fluency, or learning the “how”, and Application, or knowing the “when” to apply. The curriculum encourages the development of mathematical mindsets. Students learn to ask why, and to reason and communicate with others as they learn. By developing proficiency in eight imbedded Mathematical Practices, students learn to become mathematical thinkers.

This program provides different types of learning opportunities to help motivate and engage students, apply and transfer what they’ve learned, differentiate learning as needed for those who need either additional instruction or challenge, and regular self-assessment. It also incorporates a STEAM approach to teaching and learning that combines Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math through the use of videos and other activities to make further connections to the mathematical content.

The topics taught in 7<sup>th</sup> grade extend the concepts taught in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and are as follows: The Number System-performing operations with rational numbers; Ratios and Proportional Relationships-using proportional relationships to solve problems; Expressions and Equations-writing equivalent expressions, using numerical and algebraic expressions, equations, and inequalities to solve problems; Geometry-drawing, constructing, and describing geometrical figures and describing the relationships between them, as well as solving problems involving angle measure, area, surface area, and volume; Statistics and Probability- making inferences about a population, comparing two populations, and using probability models.



## Science:



We are still investigating which Science curriculum we will be using for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Once we have selected the curriculum, we will update this document.



## History & Geography:

Bob Jones University Press’ World Studies looks at the civilizations of the world through the lens of a Christian worldview. God has planned all of human history. There is no historical happening that is out of God’s control or that does not help to accomplish God’s great purposes in the world. Throughout this course, students will be consistently challenged to ask the question, “What was God doing in this event?”. While the answer to this question is often harder to answer than one might think,



and often there will be no hard and fast answer based on historical or biblical fact, the question is an important one for Christians to ponder as they study history.

The study of world history begins with a brief review of history from Creation to the coming of Christ and progresses in a chronological journey around the world studying the ebb and flow of empires, cultures, Christianity, and world religions, concluding with an examination of the trends of the emerging 21st century. A number of historical fiction novels may also be used either in conjunction with or in place of the textbook for some periods of history. The influence of geography on the development of civilizations is also included in their study of world history. We will be utilizing additional resources and tools to provide a general study as well.

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