



ROSSVILLE

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

LOVING ♦ NURTURING ♦ CHALLENGING

2018-2019
PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Middle School

GRADES 7-8

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Strong academics are a major emphasis at RCA. We desire that all of our students reach their full potential. Our Administration, Faculty, and Staff are committed to maintaining academic excellence through quality teaching, as well as setting high standards and holding students accountable.

Grading Scale

The following grading system is used for student's grades:

Score	Letter Grade	Point Average
93-100	A	4.0
85-92	B	3.0
75-84	C	2.0
70-74	D	1.0
69 and below	F	0.0

Exam Exemption Policy

Any student who has a final numerical average of 93 or above at the end of the second semester, a conduct grade of "E" or "S" average and no more than ten absences from the class, may be exempt from the final exam. School related absences only will not count toward the ten. The student has the right to take the exam if he/she so desires. There will be no exemptions at the end of the first semester or for a one semester course.

Conduct Grades

Teachers evaluate the conduct of students each 9 weeks. These grades are indicated on the report card by use of the following letters:

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| ▪ E (Excellent) | Prepared for class, participates voluntarily, self-controlled |
| ▪ S (Satisfactory) | Requires very little correction, prepared most of the time |
| ▪ N (Needs Improvement) | Requires correction and attention to task |
| ▪ U (Unsatisfactory) | Uncooperative, disturbs classroom progress |

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Bible Department

07 Bible -

This course is designed for middle school students as they wrestle with making wise choices. The students will also discuss issues like temptation, consequences, conflict, decision making, relationships and other topics. Students will learn from biblical characters on how to make wise choices and handle these life issues.

08 Bible -

This course is an overview of both the Old Testament and New Testament. An overview of each book, author and purpose will be discussed. Special emphasis is placed on major events, characters, key biblical words and themes. Special emphasis is also placed on the Life of Christ, His Sermon on the Mount, parables, miracles and His death and resurrection.

English/Language Arts Department

07 English -

This course is designed to improve students' reading comprehension, critical thinking, and vocabulary skills. Students will be exposed to a variety of literature including novels, short stories, drama, and poetry. Assignments will focus on developing and enhancing students' ability to analyze spoken and written language.

07 Writing -

The Writing course in 7th grade will focus on strengthening students' written communication skills by teaching grammar in the context of writing and instructing students in various writing styles and techniques. Being able to research and write effectively is a vital skill across all academic disciplines and in all fields of college study and the professional world, so this course is designed to set a solid writing foundation upon which to build as students progress through high school, writing with more depth and breadth.

08 English -

The goals of the 8th grade English/Language Arts class are to develop the student's ability to think critically, persuasively, and creatively; to read actively and analytically; and to communicate clearly and confidently in both speech and writing using proper grammar and vocabulary. Various literary genres are explored in order to broaden a student's perspective on writing style, author's purpose, audience focus, etc.

Mathematics Department

Pre-Algebra (7th grade) -

Pre-algebra is a precursor to Algebra I and teaches students problem-solving techniques to prepare them for future math classes. Pre-algebra guides the student through integers, one, two, and multi-step equations and inequalities, graphs and functions, percent, probabilities, powers, and non-linear functions. Students are also introduced to geometry and right triangles.

Algebra I (8th grade) -

**This course is a prerequisite for all high school math courses.*

This course will serve as the foundation for Algebra II and Geometry. Emphasis will be on exponents, inverse operations, formulas and algebraic expressions. Included in the course content will be graphing, the quadratic formula and factoring.

**Students enrolled in Algebra I in the eighth grade will receive high school credit if they earn a minimum average of 76 (C) for the school year. Students earning a 75 or lower in Algebra I in eighth grade will not have that score factored into their high school GPA or placed on their transcript; and they will be required to repeat Algebra I in the ninth grade. Students earning an Algebra I credit in the eighth grade will still be required to complete and pass one math class each year of his/her four years of high school.*

Science Department

07 Science –

7th grade Science is a combination of Life, Earth, and Space sciences. In all aspects, we encourage students to appreciate the role of God as Creator and Sustainer of this world. Life science includes study of life's structure and functions, as we investigate cells and cell processes. We then look at plants, discussing bacteria, protists and fungi, plant reproduction and processes. After plants, students examine a variety of classes of animals. Finally, we study human body systems and ecology. In the earth and space portion of this course, students will study topics such as the earth's structure, atmosphere, weather, climate, water, and solar system.

Physical Science (8th grade) –

**This course is a prerequisite for all high school science courses.*

Physical science investigates the many aspects of matter and energy. It includes investigations of physics, chemistry, and astronomy concepts along with a limited study of earth science. Laboratory experiments will be provided along with classroom activities to strengthen the student's grasp of the concepts in physical science. Students work to improve their organization & presentation of scientific data and their analytical & problem-solving skills.

**Students enrolled in Physical Science in the eighth grade will receive high school credit if they earn a minimum average of 76 (C) for the school year. Students earning a 75 or lower in Physical Science in eighth grade will not have that score factored into their high school GPA or placed on their transcript; and they will be required to repeat Physical Science in the ninth grade.*

Social Studies Department

07 World Geography –

The purpose of this 7th grade Geography course is to give students a better understanding and knowledge of the world they live in through the study of landforms, countries, cultures, etc. The primary focus will be teaching students how to study maps and learn the locations of countries and the land features and culture of those countries.

08 American History –

This eighth grade American History course will teach students about the early years of America (1777 through the Reconstruction period.) Through this study, students should have a better understanding of how our country started, the steps and trials it experienced to become a powerful nation, and how America overcame obstacles to become a unified nation.

Physical Education

07/08 PE –

Physical Education in 7th and 8th is an organized program of exercise, instruction, and participation as our Middle School students develop physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally in a co-ed environment. The program is designed to build skills that will develop a balanced healthy lifestyle and glorify God in every way. The students will develop an understanding of personal fitness, along with learning the rules and skills of many team sports.

08 Enrichment

8th grade Enrichment is a course designed to prepare students with the necessary skills to successfully navigate high school and the curriculum they will encounter. In this class, students will engage in a combination of keyboarding, Spanish, and note-taking/study skills.