



Parent Information

“Educating for Eternity” - since 1947

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Seventh & Eighth Grades

Columbia Christian Schools' goals for junior high grades are to provide a well-rounded education that has high academic standards with equal emphasis on developing spiritually. The curriculum and instructional programs are designed to prepare each student academically successful with the ultimate goal of being prepared for college and/or their chosen career. Physical education, library time, field trips and music are regular parts of the elementary curriculum. Spiritual growth is fostered through Bible instruction, prayer, chapel, and Christian role models—like teachers, fellow students, volunteers—as well as a positive environment.



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This brochure outlines academic expectations of specific subjects. These standards were determined by a self-study by the Columbia Christian Schools faculty and administrations then approved by the Board. In some instances, mandated objectives issued by the state of Oregon are included in the standards. The student's knowledge of the material plus an understanding of how it can be applied are integrated into the curriculum. The goals and objectives in each grade are periodically added to, reviewed and changed.

Spiritual growth is a goal of the daily Bible classes. Biblical truths may be integrated into all subjects taught. The weekly chapel provides a time for students to worship and reflect on God, outside of the classroom setting. There are also regular times for prayer and devotionals in each class. Students' spiritual growth is as important as academic improvement.

Our Mission

“The mission of Columbia Christian Schools is to provide a Christ-centered quality education that assists its' students in discovering and developing their God-given potential so they become responsible, productive members of the Church and their communities.”

- Special Events:**
- ⇒ All School Retreat
 - ⇒ Spirit Week
 - ⇒ Blue Lake Park

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

It will be the policy of the Columbia Christian Schools that we will provide educational opportunities for children on a nondiscriminatory basis. No person will be denied the benefits of any educational program or activity on the basis of race, color, disability, creed, national origin, age or sex. All programs offered by CCS will be open to all students in compliance with statutory and judicial requirements.

Junior High Curriculum (7th & 8th)

Columbia Christian Schools is fully accredited and offers a full curriculum with class sizes up to 27 students.

7th Grade

- ⇒ Survey of Old Testament
- ⇒ Math 7
- ⇒ Geography
- ⇒ Fine Arts
- ⇒ English
- ⇒ Life Science
- ⇒ Study Skills
- ⇒ Physical Education
- ⇒ Exploratory Elective

8th Grade

- ⇒ Survey of New Testament
- ⇒ English
- ⇒ American History
- ⇒ Math
- ⇒ Keyboarding
- ⇒ Life Science
- ⇒ Bible
- ⇒ Exploratory Elective



Girls' Sports

- ⇒ Volleyball
- ⇒ Soccer
- ⇒ Basketball

Boys' Sports

- ⇒ Soccer
- ⇒ Basketball

Mathematics Curriculum

Math 7-General Math

Grade Level: 7

This is a required course for all seventh grade students that reviews and covers new material in place-value systems, problem solving, operations, decimals, percentages, fractions, statistics and graphs, geometry, and pre-algebra. Assessment may include daily work, quizzes, activities, and tests.

Math 8/Pre-Algebra

This course is designed to help students nail down basic concepts such as problem solving, fractions, ratios,

More advanced concepts of integers, formulas in geometry, equations, and functions needed for Algebra I are also covered. Evaluation may include daily work, class participation, activities, quizzes, projects, and tests.

Algebra I/High School

Eighth grade students who have passed Math 7/General Math or a higher class with an "A" average for the year, pass the CCS placement test, and obtain instructor approval may take this high school level class. In other words, this class is available only to eighth grade

students who possess strong arithmetic and pre-algebra skills. Topics covered include properties of real numbers, solving, graphing and writing linear equations and inequalities, exponential functions, polynomials and factoring, and rational equations. Eighth grade students must maintain at least a "B" average (minimum of 83%) during the school year in order to advance to geometry the following year.

Geography

Geography Grade 7

This is an introduction to the distribution of landforms and population of the earth. Students will learn about resources: Soil and plants, minerals, air and water, and people. Included is a study of population increase, migration, and ways of living as students take a closer look at different countries

Activities include textual readings, class discussion, maps, and reports. The student will be evaluated on completion of assignments, quality of work, quizzes, and tests.

History

World History I Grade 8

Topics include: Physical environment, human history, socioeconomic progress, and prospects for the future. Students will develop appropriate vocabulary and map skills. The student will grasp an understanding of the Pacific Northwest and its relationship with the rest of the nation and the world. Activities include textual and outside reading, class discussion, maps and class projects.

Completion of assignments, attendance, quizzes, tests and quality of work all serve to evaluate the student's progress.

Physical Education

Seventh and eighth grade classes are together, with the girls being separate from the boys for certain sports and activities. Students are introduced to a wide variety of team and individual sports for recreation and fitness purposes as well as safety, rules, and skills for various activities. The students will be graded on attendance, promptness, dressing down, participation and cooperation.

Bible 7

Old Testament Survey

The course is an overview and introduction of the Old Testament. Each book will be introduced and special attention will be given to the value of the literature for contemporary believers. Class activities include attendance, class discussion, drawing and other art projects, and textual study. Students are evaluated on completion of assignments, student notebook, examinations and attendance. Offered alternate years.

Bible 8

New Testament Survey

The course consists of an overview and introduction of the New Testament. Each book will be introduced and special attention given to the value of the literature for the students. The message of the New Testament can be understood best when one has some understanding of the world into which it first came. The literary, political, social, economic and religious backgrounds of the first century are the context for the revelation of Christ. Attendance, participation in class, studying the biblical text, completing assignments, taking notes and tests are all activities, which will also serve to evaluate student progress. Offered alternate years.

Computers

Keyboarding and computer application- Grade 8

Students learn to properly use the system of the keyboard. Memos, business letters, high school and college reports are all part of the keyboard experience.

Students are evaluated in four areas:

- ⇒ Practice Sheets
- ⇒ Production Assignments
- ⇒ Times tests
- ⇒ Techniques



Life Science

Grade Level 7—1 year

Life Science covers a wide range of topics including cells, genetics, bacteria, viruses, fungi, plants, animals, animal behavior, human biology, and ecology. Evaluation may be done by written assignments, Class participation, labs, field trips, activities, projects, quizzes, and tests. (May be offered alternate years).



Earth Science

Grade Level 8-1 year

This introductory course covers the study of maps, rocks and minerals, plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, how the earth's surface changes, fossils, energy resources, fresh water, oceans, weather and climate, and astronomy. Assessment may include written assignments, class discussion and participation, outside reading, essays/reports, quizzes, lab activities, field trips, and tests. (Offered alternate years).

Fine Arts

Junior High Choir

In addition to vocal use and development, students are taught basic music notation and reading skills. Emphasis is placed on increasing confidence working as a team.

Drama

Students are introduced to a variety of topics including theater history, mime, improvisation, and technical theater.

Students will perform in front of others.

Art

Students will be introduced to various art forms, and art appreciation. Grades will be determined by effort, skills and attitude.

English 7

Students learn the basic elements of the sentence, parts of speech, and good structure and usage. Student activities include keeping a journal with daily entries, classroom study of a grammar textbook, written exercises, reading of short stories and writing compositions. Evaluation is done by grading all written work and by tests.

English 8

Students review all material studied in the seventh grade course (basic elements of the sentence, parts of speech, structure, and usage) plus some elements of usage not studied previously. Student activities include daily entries in a journal, classroom study of a grammar textbook, written exercises, written compositions, and literature. Evaluation is done by grading all written work and by tests.



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