



Middle School Course Catalog

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Middle School Core Course Descriptions

Course offerings may vary by year.

6th Grade

6th Grade Bible

The Bible is the inspired, perfect and authoritative Word of God. This year, 6th graders will take a journey through the Bible, from the beginning of creation to the final revelation of God's glory, discovering the truths and applications that God has given us in each book of the Bible. We will explore the primary themes of Scripture and learn about key biblical events and figures. We will study foundational biblical principles that we can apply to our daily lives in our thoughts, speech, and actions. Together, we will explore the importance of daily Bible study and its relevance to everyday life.

6th Grade English

This course is designed to teach reading comprehension and interpretation, vocabulary formation, narrative and expository essay writing, grammar, and punctuation, as well as listening and speaking skills. The students will read literature in a variety of styles while learning the literary conventions. Writing will be class novel related while using noredink.com to reinforce proper grammar, sentence structure, and paragraph organization. They will learn to present information in front of the class as well as actively listen as other students present their information. Other activities may include class discussions, role-playing, centers, escape rooms, extra reading book reports, and slide presentations.

6th Grade Heritage Studies

This class focuses on the beginning of ancient civilizations and their relation to God and His truth. We begin with creation and the fall of mankind, then move to Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel, India, China, Persia, Greece, Rome, and finish with the Byzantine Empire. Students will experience a variety of learning activities such as projects, station activities, lectures, group discussions, games and more.

6th Grade Math

Covering concepts such as ratios, operations involving decimals, fractions and integers, one-step expressions, equations and inequalities, geometry, measures of center, and graphing, 6th-grade math will set the foundation for math through middle school. This course uses ALEKS, which is an interactive learning platform that meets students where they are and helps them to grow. Students will do several projects throughout the year using learned concepts such as

“Decimal Operation”, “Christmas Shopping” and “Volume Castles”. These projects take the concepts out of the classroom and show students how to use them in real life.

6th Grade Science

Increase your appreciation of God's wonderful creation through a study of various concepts about earth science, life science, physical science, and the human body in Science 6. Learn about new and current technology being developed that utilizes and benefits from science. Explore earthquakes and volcanoes, weathering and erosion, natural resources, and astronomy while learning about the earth and space. Life science topics include cells and classification systems. While studying physical science, investigate atoms and molecules, electricity and magnetism, and motion and machines. Students will enrich critical thinking skills through hands-on activities and the use of diagrams, charts and visuals.

7th Grade

7th Grade Bible - A Survey of the Old Testament

The Bible is the inspired, perfect and authoritative Word of God. This year 7th graders will take a journey through the Old Testament. We will explore how God's plan of redemption unfolds historically, discovering how the Bible as a whole fits together to tell one grand story. Students will learn the inductive method of Bible study: observe, interpret, apply. When we know what God says, what He means, and how to put His truths into practice, we are better equipped for every circumstance of life. Together, we will explore the importance of daily Bible study and its relevance to everyday life and how to apply biblical beliefs and values to their personal behavior and cultural action.

7th Grade English

This course is designed to increase the student's reading comprehension and interpretation, speaking, listening, vocabulary, and writing skills. The students will be expected to analyze a text, infer its meaning, and be able to cite the text in response to the literature while using clear, concise, and grammatically correct sentence structure, proper MLA format, and paragraph structure. The students will increase their ability to draw conclusions, summarize information, and organize this information in a properly constructed essay. Other activities may include class discussions, role-playing, student-led oral reading, extra reading book reports, slide presentations, and projects.

7th Grade English - Honors

This course is designed to increase the student's overall literacy, analysis, and writing skills. The focus will be concentrated on the areas of speaking, listening, vocabulary, writing, discussion, interpretation, and reflection. The students will read literature in various styles and the writing, critical thinking, and vocabulary building will also be emphasized and related to this reading. They will be expected to create well-constructed MLA format essays while using appropriate and grammatically correct sentence structure and punctuation. Other activities may include class discussions, role-playing, student-led reading, extra reading book reports, slide presentations, and projects.

7th Grade Math

Covering concepts such as proportions, operations involving decimals, fractions and integers, two-step expressions, equations and inequalities, geometry, and statistics and probability, 7th-grade math will review and build upon concepts previously learned. The course uses ALEKS, which is an interactive learning platform that meets students where they are and helps them to grow. Students will do several projects throughout the year using learned concepts such as "Angle Hopscotch", "Christmas Credit" and "Volume and Surface Area Bakery". These projects take the concepts out of the classroom and show students how to use them in real life.

7th Grade Math (Pre-Algebra) - Honors*

This course is designed to prepare students for the rigor of Algebra 1. Students will work at an advanced pace to develop a comprehensive understanding of rational numbers and exponents; proportionality and linear relationships; introduction to sampling and inference; and creating, comparing, and analyzing geometric figures. The course uses McGraw Hill, Glencoe curriculum integrated with our ALEKS online learning program. This online resource uses adaptive questions to provide students with a personalized learning path.

7th Grade Science

Students will learn the science of life in this course to grab their attention from the very first day. Students will study cell biology, genetics, the history of life, microbiology, botany, zoology, ecology, and human anatomy and physiology, all within a biblical framework. In this course, students will be able to dissect various organisms, explore different environments, and use hands-on activities to further their understanding towards the science of life. Through this class, students will learn the proper use of microscopes, dissection tools, and how to differentiate between living and nonliving things. Students will learn how to think like a scientist.

7th Grade World Studies

This class is an opportunity for students to learn about the geography, religions and cultures from around the world and their impact and connections to one another. The major continents we will study include Asia, Europe and Africa. Key topics covered include Islam, the Renaissance, French Revolution, Exploration, the Industrial Revolution, Imperialism, WW1, WW2, and the Cold War. Students will experience a variety of learning activities such as projects, station activities, lectures, group discussions, essays, games, simulations and more.

8th Grade

8th Grade American Republic

This class is a survey of United States history, intended to give the junior high student a solid foundation of knowledge about the heritage of this country. Major events will consist of the foundation of America, Industrialization and Urbanization, Westward Expansion, Civil War, Reconstruction, WW1, and WW2. Students will experience a variety of learning activities such as projects, stations activities, lectures, groups discussions, essays, games, simulations and more.

Algebra 1 - Honors* (for high school credit)

***Prerequisite:** Pre-Algebra

This course is designed to assist students in achieving a comprehensive understanding of algebraic concepts and to proficiently employ those skills using practical applications that relate to their lives. Topics include solutions of equations, functions and inequalities, systems of linear equations and inequalities, polynomials, quadratic functions and equations, and statistics. Students will learn to make connections to real world experiences using these key algebraic concepts – making math relevant to them. The course uses McGraw Hill, Glencoe curriculum integrated with our ALEKS online learning program. This online resource uses adaptive questions to provide students with a personalized learning path.

8th Grade Bible - Life of Christ

The Bible is the inspired, perfect and authoritative Word of God. This year 8th graders will take a journey through the Life of Christ. Students will continue to build their biblical worldview and their understanding of the big story of Scripture, showing how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament. Our 8th graders will also learn how to defend their faith (apologetics). Apologetics means you know what you believe and are ready to answer for it. The Bible encourages us to defend our faith, "...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;" (1 Peter 3:15 NKJV).

At Awaken Christian Academy, we believe in teaching students how to live lives that are pleasing to God, honoring the Lord and themselves. This includes teaching our students what God has to say about sexual purity and waiting for marriage. We believe in teaching our students in line with 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4. "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor" (ESV).

During their 8th grade year, students will explore a number of issues relevant to their age such as understanding how sex, purity and how our individual stories fit into God's larger story and design; how to understand Jesus' lordship over one's life; cultural and biblical perspectives on sex and purity; forgiveness, etc. In this course, students will realize how the gospel impacts their purity and how Jesus is the ultimate destination and desire of their hearts.

8th Grade English

This course will emphasize the reading and writing processes. Students will study functional, literary and narrative texts while striving to improve their vocabulary, mechanics in writing, grammar usage, and research skills. Speaking, listening, presentation, and viewing skills will be emphasized. Independent as well as class reading will be required.

8th Grade English - Honors

This course will increase students' skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking through a variety of activities with increased vigor. Usage, mechanics and vocabulary will be taught in context with literature and language-based units. Emphasis will be on comprehension of literature by differentiating the uses of literary elements in various texts. Students can expect rapid movement through course material with expanded literature and writing opportunities.

Pre-Algebra**

****Prerequisite:** 7th grade mathematics

This class is designed to give students the essential understanding and skills for entry into Algebra I. Algebraic and geometric concepts are integrated throughout the course. Topics include comprehension of real numbers; solving algebraic equations and functions; concentration on congruence and similarity; understanding right triangles and applying Pythagorean Theorem; identifying transformations; solving real-world problems involving volume and surface area; and investigating patterns of association with statistics and probability. The course uses McGraw Hill, Glencoe curriculum integrated with our ALEKS online learning program. This online resource uses adaptive questions to provide students with a personalized learning path.

8th Grade Science

Earth Science is an expedition. Students will find themselves climbing mountains, diving into the oceans and launching into the skies on a quest to learn how the world works. During this quest, students will find that Earth science is also a battle of worldviews. This text clearly introduces students to the secular theories of where everything they see came from. For each secular theory, the text affirms the conservative biblical view of Earth's history shaped by Creation, the Fall, and the Flood. Student's Christian worldviews will be shaped and strengthened.

Middle School Enrichment Courses

6th & 7th Grade Art

This course is designed to help improve students' basic art skills in Visual Arts and Design, such as drawing, painting and mixed media. They will design artwork using a variety of media and techniques, developing individual creativity and self-expression, and learn to recognize and use the Elements of Art (line, shape, color, value, form, texture and space) and the Principles of Design (rhythm, balance, proportion, variety, emphasis, harmony and unity). Students will become knowledgeable about artists from history through discussing works of art, using critical thinking skills, creating their own and viewing their classmates' artwork.

8th Grade Art

Through this course, students will experience the classics such as painting, drawing, still life drawing, mixed media, sculpting, and graphic design. In addition to gaining confidence and proficiency, you will also be working with a variety of mediums. Students will be guided to take this basic knowledge and critical thinking skills to constructively apply them to their own artwork. The students will produce artwork that shows the individuals' creativity and problem-solving ability. Students will become knowledgeable about artists from history through discussing works of art, creating their own artwork, and viewing their classmates' artwork.

8th Grade Advanced Computers (for high school credit)

Students learn advanced computer skills through website design, computer game design, app design, beginning coding, and media editing including audio and digital image editing. Platforms covered include Google Docs, Google Slides, Coding with JavaScript, HTML, CSS and basic graphic design via Canva.com. Programs also include Typing Club, BrainPop, and assignments on typing.com. This semester-long course is taught in 8th grade.

8th Grade Health (for high school credit)

High School Health is a health science required course that introduces students to what good health is, why good health is important, and what students should do in order to achieve good health. We offer this course in middle school, which allows our 8th-grade students to receive high school credit for the course. In this class, students will acquire an understanding of health concepts and decision making skills that will improve, sustain and promote physical, mental and social health. This course incorporates the knowledge and use of life skills that have been proven to be a deterrent to high risk behavior. Skills are emphasized as content areas in diet, disease prevention, awareness of health as it applies to their own bodies, minds, and emotions and, lastly, understanding the responsibility of properly stewarding the bodies God has given them as directed in the Bible.

Middle School Music

Delve into the fundamentals of melody, rhythm, harmony, and dynamics as we explore various musical genres and styles. Through engaging hands-on activities, students will learn to read basic musical notation, play simple instruments, and even compose their own mini-masterpieces. The class fosters teamwork and creativity as students collaborate on group projects and showcase their newfound musical talents in lively classroom performances.

Middle School Physical Education

Physical Education helps students, ages 10-13, learn how to use the body as an instrument for God, a goal which acts as the end for other objectives such as fitness, health, commitment, competition and conduct. Our goal is to develop, create and produce control skills, motor abilities and specialized sport skills, all of which are given from a Christian perspective. Physical Education integrates actual physical activities with teaching on the total health of the body, including eating habits, social responsibility, strengthening, and flexibility. To achieve these outcomes, instruction will include a broad range of exercise, resistance training, team sports, and beginner weight-lifting guides. This semester-long course is taught in 6th and 7th grade.

Middle School Electives

Middle School electives vary from semester to semester. Below are the current elective course offerings.

Chi Alpha

The Middle School Chi Alpha course is for students who wish to serve the students and their school. This requires great commitment, extra work and great responsibility. Projects include working lunch duty, doing birthday blessings, as well as assisting with school functions like Family Movie Night, Middle School Night Out, class competitions and lunch games, Staff Appreciation Week, and more. The students must maintain good grades and behavior, and demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit in their interactions with others. In everything they say and do, they will be held to a higher standard as a leader among their peers.

Worship Band

Students have the opportunity to lead their peers in worship on Chapel Monday during the school day. The band is always looking to build the team with musicians (keyboard, drums, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass, etc.) and vocalists. It is required to audition for the Worship Band during the first week of school.

Introduction to American Sign Language

Introduction to American Sign Language and Deaf Culture is a fun, interactive elective in which students will learn the basics of signing while exploring the rich history and culture of the Deaf community. Students will practice everyday signs, fingerspelling, simple conversations, and expressive communication through music, games, activities, and hands-on learning. This class is perfect for students who enjoy learning new ways to communicate, connecting with others, and discovering a unique and meaningful language and culture.

Podcasting 101

In this elective, you will learn how to build a podcast from scratch. We will start by listening to existing podcasts to see what works and what doesn't. Then, the mic is yours. You will practice choosing topics, scripting episodes, and sharing your ideas clearly and confidently. Take your interests, whether it's gaming, sports, or storytelling, and learn how to bring your own podcast to life.

8th Grade Strength & Conditioning

Strength and Conditioning is an active elective designed to help 8th-grade students build strength, endurance, flexibility, and overall fitness in a safe and encouraging environment. Students will participate in age-appropriate workouts, team activities, and fitness training that focus on proper technique, healthy habits, and personal growth. This class is perfect for students who want to improve their fitness, build confidence, and stay active while learning lifelong wellness skills.

Yearbook

Yearbook is a fun, hands-on elective where students help create the school yearbook. Students will learn basic photography, interviewing, writing captions, designing pages, and working as a team to capture special school memories. This class gives 6th–8th grade students the opportunity to be creative, organized, and involved in school events while helping produce a yearbook that students will enjoy for years to come.

Cosmetology

This fun and creative course introduces students to the world of makeup, skincare, and personal style! Students will learn simple makeup techniques, skincare basics, color matching, and beauty tips while building confidence and creativity. Through hands-on activities and projects, students will have the opportunity to experiment with different looks, practice healthy beauty habits, and explore careers in makeup artistry and aesthetics in a positive and encouraging environment.

Global Explorers

Global Explorers is an exciting elective that takes students on a journey around the world without ever leaving the classroom! Students will explore different countries, cultures, traditions, foods, languages, landmarks, and lifestyles while learning how people live in various parts of the world. Through fun projects, games, activities, and discussions, students will discover what makes each culture unique and gain a better understanding of the world around them. This class is perfect for curious students who love learning about new places and people.

Faith in Fiction (from Moses to Marvel)

In this elective, students will discover how Biblical stories and themes appear in modern media, movies, mythology, and literature. From Moses to Percy Jackson, students will explore heroes, sacrifice, redemption, good versus evil, and other timeless themes that continue to shape today's stories and culture.

Business Builders (Future Business Leaders)

Have you ever dreamed of starting your own business, making smart money decisions, or planning for your future career? In the Business Builders elective, students will explore the exciting world of business, personal finance, and career opportunities through hands-on activities, simulations, and real-world challenges. Students will learn how to earn, save, spend, and budget money while discovering careers that match their interests and strengths. Along the way, they will develop leadership, decision-making, and problem-solving skills that will prepare them for success in high school and beyond. The course culminates with an interactive on-site or virtual community where students take on an adult role, manage a monthly budget, make financial decisions, and experience real-life responsibilities.

Court Sports

Get active, build skills, and have fun in Court Sports! This elective introduces students to a variety of popular court-based games such as pickleball, badminton, wall ball, volleyball, basketball, and more. Students will develop teamwork, sportsmanship, coordination, and game strategy while participating in friendly competition and learning the rules and techniques of each sport. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced athlete, this class offers an engaging way to stay active and enjoy a variety of sports.

Trades Discovery Lab (Build, Design, and Discover)

In our Trades Discovery Lab, students will receive hands-on experience in four vocational trades: woodshop, electronics, fabrication, and general maintenance. Through engaging projects and practical skill-building activities, students will learn how to safely use tools, follow plans and instructions, solve problems, and create functional projects. This course is designed to introduce students to a variety of trade-related skills while fostering creativity, teamwork, responsibility, and confidence. Whether building, repairing, wiring, or fabricating, students will gain valuable experience that can help them explore future career pathways in the skilled trades.