

# Seventh Grade

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## Fast Facts

- 24 student maximum class size
- 90-120 minutes of homework per night
- 1-3 field trips
- 3 enrichment classes per week: PE, Spanish, and Studio Workshop

## Field Trips & Highlights

- Middle School Spiritual Retreat
- Renaissance Faire
- Science Fair
- Service Projects
- Buddy Parties with Buddy Class throughout the year

## Homework Expectations

- 90-120 minutes each night
- 700 pages per quarter of nightly reading
- 15 hours of volunteer service hours

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## Curriculum Outlines

### **Bible** [Bob Jones \(bjupress.com\)](#)

The seventh grade Bible class focuses on the Old Testament.. Students study individual characters from the Old Testament and an associated character trait that applies to the story being read. Along with learning the cultural and historical context of each individual, students discuss how to apply that particular characteristic to their own lives. Seventh graders also read the complete Torah (Genesis - Deuteronomy) [NLT: The Reading Bible: Beginnings](#).

### **Language Arts** [Harcourt, Collections \(HMH Collections\)](#)

Seventh grade language arts focuses on reading, critical thinking, writing, and speaking. Students will continue to build their grammar skills, vocabulary, literary analysis and interpretation, formal and creative writing, and speech. Students increase their understanding of different genres of literature and practice their use of new vocabulary words. Students engage in a series of writing units designed to help them understand the structure of various writing forms such as narrative, argumentative, informational and literary analysis. Students are encouraged to apply Christian perspective and principles when writing and analyzing literary works. Classwork and homework includes responses to literature or nonfiction text, reading comprehension questions, independent home reading, annotation, vocabulary, essays, and group projects. **Literature:** *Inside Out and Back Again, Crispin*

### **Math** [McDougal Littell \(Pre-Algebra\)](#) [Big Ideas Math \(Algebra\)](#)

Seventh grade students are enrolled in one of three math classes: Pre-Algebra, Pre-Algebra<sup>2</sup>, or Algebra 1. Each Pre-Algebra class moves at a pace appropriate for that group of students. Small student-teacher ratios and leveled math classes allow students to master developmentally appropriate concepts with confidence. Units of study include fractions, decimals, percentages, positive and negative numbers, equations, inequalities, geometry, area, volume, square roots, probability, and statistics in Pre-Algebra. The rigorous Algebra 1 program balances conceptual understanding with math procedures and application. Each unit offers digital math tools, modeling, differentiation and real life application. Polynomials and quadratic equations are also introduced. [IXL](#) provides practice and differentiation.

### **Science** [Bob Jones \(bjupress.com\)](#)

Life Science covers the topics of zoology and botany, specifically: cells, genetics, bacteria/viruses, plant and animal kingdoms. Students explore fundamental life science concepts and basic investigative skills. An awareness of the unique relationship of the Bible, life science and the world is explored. All hands-on activities stress the scientific method of problem solving and allow students to see how experimentation and observation are the bases of scientific investigation.

### **Social Studies** [Bob Jones \(bjupress.com\)](#)

Beginning with the fall of Rome, social studies covers the Byzantine Empire, the Rise of Islam, medieval cultures including Africa, Asia, Mesoamerica, and Europe, the Renaissance and Reformation; all from a Christian perspective. Students learn and study this information through a variety of activities including class lectures, reading, writing, student presentations, simulations, games, map work, and critical thinking activities. Weekly map quizzes are also incorporated into this program.

### **Spanish** [Realidades A, \(Prentice Hall/Pearson\)](#)

Seventh grade Spanish focuses on acquiring the language in line with a high school Spanish I class. Students will acquire appropriate language to understand descriptions, narration, and informational contexts.