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MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

ART

This class is offered as a 5 day a week elective.

BIBLE

Bible is required each year of middle school, as well as participation in a discipleship group.

ENGLISH

English is required each year of middle school.

FINE ARTS

Agritopia Campus

Strings or Choir is required in Grades 6-8th at the Agritopia campus.

Greenfield Campus

Band or Choir is required in Grade 6-8, with an additional Piano option for 7th- 8th at the Greenfield campus.

MATHEMATICS

Math is required each year of middle school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This class is offered as a 5 day a week elective.

SCIENCE

Science is required each year of middle school.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies is required each year of middle school.

SPANISH

Greenfield Campus

Spanish 1 is offered to 8th grade students as HS credit.

TECHNOLOGY

This class is offered as a 5 day a week elective.



ART

Middle school students receive art instruction weekly.

ART108: ART	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6 – 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

In a positive and God glorifying atmosphere, the student's creative spirit and thought processes are nurtured and developed. Creative problem solving is an attitude as well as a skill that is strongly encouraged in art projects, but carries over to every subject and every challenge our students will encounter. Artistic skills are developed through creative, hands-on training in the elements of art, the study of artists and their styles, and exposure to a variety of media and methods.

BIBLE

Bible is required each year of middle school.

BIBLE106: BIBLE	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This course for sixth-grade students features inductive Bible study methods. Students will learn to apply these biblical lessons to their lives as they learn to be courageous within the framework of the character and leadership program: The Protectors Freedom from Bullying: Courage, Character, and Leadership for Life.

BIBLE107/108: BIBLE	2 YEARS
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This two-year course examines the foundations of the Christian faith by using questions from New City Catechism, verse-by-verse inductive study methods, lecture and class discussion. This course will yield both an understanding of Christian beliefs as well as an improved ability for self-study in God's Word. Quarterly benchmarks will demonstrate an understanding of foundational Christian beliefs and Scriptural observations. One-half of the curriculum will be taught each school year and will alternate every other year. Curriculum: New City Catechism by Timothy Keller; Living by the Book: the art and science of reading the Bible by Howard G. Hendricks and William D. Hendricks.



ENGLISH

English is required each year of middle school.

ENG106: ENGLISH	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This course uses the Shurley English curriculum and promotes student literacy through a logical, sequential, and systematic review and practice of grammar, reading, vocabulary, and writing. Analytical thinking is encouraged and practiced through both independent and group literature studies, as well as targeted comprehension strategies through the Mosdos Pearl curriculum. Writing focuses on narrative, informative, descriptive, and argument, which enable students to build skills in order to be successful in middle school and high school.

ENG107: ENGLISH	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 7	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Through 7th Grade English Language Arts, students examine the elements of literature through short stories, poetry, and novels as they explore text complexity. Students are encouraged to increase their critical thinking skills through reflective writing and discussion of texts, both literature and informative writing. Composition concentrates on analytical informative writing complemented with personal narratives, descriptive writing, research, and persuasive essays to include a variety of shorter and longer assignments. Vocabulary and grammar skills are taught within literature units.

ENG207: HONORS ENGLISH	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 7	PREREQUISITES: INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL

Honors 7th Grade English Language Arts provides additional challenges for students who would like to increase their proficiency in reading and writing in a variety of literary genres. Students in Honors English will acquire advanced reading and writing strategies in order to foster more critical thinking and comprehension skills. Additional novel studies and writing assignments challenge students to go beyond the scope of the general course of study. Students in the honors program need a high level of responsibility and motivation to be successful and will be qualified based on the following criteria: Teacher recommendation of student's maturity, work ethic, 6th grade English scores, CTP scores, and parent permission to take honors.



ENG108: ENGLISH	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Through 8th Grade English Language Arts, students examine the elements of literature through short stories, poetry, and novels as they explore text complexity. Students are encouraged to increase their critical thinking skills through reflective writing and discussion of texts, both literature and informative writing. Composition concentrates on persuasive writing complemented with personal narratives, descriptive writing, research, and informative essays to include a variety of shorter and longer assignments. Vocabulary and grammar skills are taught within literature units.

ENG208: HONORS ENGLISH	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 8	PREREQUISITES: INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL

Honors 8th Grade English Language Arts is designed to offer students a broad literature and writing curriculum that provides additional challenges for students who would like to increase their proficiency in reading and writing through a variety of literary genres. Emphasis will be placed on literary analysis and critique, advanced compositional theory, as well as an appreciation for classical literature that will be analyzed through a Christian worldview. Students will be further challenged through a variety of creative projects and activities, which fosters critical thinking and comprehension. Students in the honors program need a high level of responsibility and motivation to be successful. Participation in honors is based on the following criteria: Teacher recommendation, work ethic, 7th grade English scores, CTP scores, and parental permission.



FINE ARTS

Agritopia Campus

Strings or Choir is required in Grades 6-8th at the Agritopia campus.

Greenfield Campus

Band or Choir is required in Grades 6-8th at the Greenfield campus.

MUP106: MUSIC APPRECIATION	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Music Appreciation is a hands-on, interactive course designed to help students explore a variety of musical instruments and ideas while expressing praise to God. The curriculum encourages students to become educated consumers of the arts and gives them the tools they need to succeed in 7th grade performance ensembles. All lessons taught from a Christian worldview emphasizing God's gift of music as a way to bring Him in all of life.

MUP108M: CHOIR	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

MS Choir is a non-auditioned performing ensemble made up of 7th and 8th grade students. Students participate in a rigorous choral curriculum focused on music literacy, vocal technique, and presentation skills. All GCS singers learn about good rehearsal technique, sight-reading skills, self-discipline, excellence, teamwork, worship, and respect from a Christian worldview. No prior experience is necessary. Designated performance apparel is required, and students are required to participate in choral events throughout the academic year.

BAND107-1: BAND (GREENFIELD ONLY) 1 YEAR GRADE LEVEL: 6 PREREQUISITES: NONE

Band 106 is a non-auditioned performing ensemble made up of 6th grade students. Students participate in a rigorous Band & Musical curriculum focused on music literacy, instrument technique, and presentation skills. All GCS performers also learn about good rehearsal technique, study strategies, self-discipline, excellence, teamwork, and respect from a Christian worldview. No prior experience is necessary. Designated performance apparel is required, and students are required to participate in band events throughout the academic year.

BAND107-1: BAND (GREENFIELD ONLY) 1 YEAR GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8 PREREQUISITES: NONE

Green Band is a non-auditioned performing ensemble made up of 7th & 8th grade students. Students participate in a rigorous Band & Musical curriculum focused on music literacy, instrument technique, and presentation skills. All GCS performers also learn about good rehearsal technique, study strategies, self-discipline, excellence, teamwork, and respect from a Christian worldview. No prior experience is necessary. Designated performance apparel is required, and students are required to participate in band events throughout the academic year.



STR106: CADET ORCHESTRA	- STRINGS	1 YEAR
(AGRITOPIA CAMPUS ONLY)		
GRADE LEVEL: 6		PREREQUISITES: NONE

The training provided in fifth-grade Orchestra continues in this course. Students receive instruction in music reading skills, production of a good tone, bowing, and left-hand techniques. Attendance at two scheduled performances is mandatory and part of the required class work, as is appropriate concert attire. Weekly practice charts and regular playing tests in class are part of the grade. This course meets twice a week for one middle school class period. Students must provide their own instrument.

STR107: INTERMEZZO ORCHESTRA - BEGINNING AND	1 YEAR
INTERMEDIATE STRINGS (AGRITOPIA CAMPUS ONLY)	
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Intermediate Orchestra provides students with learning and performance opportunities on violin, viola, cello and bass. The primary focus is on the development and expansion of basic skills learned in sixth grade orchestra, which are necessary for effective instrumental music performance. In addition to large group ensembles, individual growth and achievement are encouraged through participation in 4 required performances per year, and smaller performance opportunities in class and around the GCS community.

Students are required to provide their own instrument for this course.

STR108: ADVANCED CONCERT	1 YEAR
ORCHESTRA	
(AGRITOPIA CAMPUS ONLY)	
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: TWO YEARS OF STUDY ON
	CURRENT INSTRUMENT OR EVIDENCE OF
	ADEQUATE PREPARATION AS DETERMINED BY
	INSTRUCTOR

Concert Orchestra provides students with learning and performance opportunities on violin, viola, cello and bass. The primary focus is on the development and expansion of basic skills learned in Intermezzo Orchestra, which are necessary for effective instrumental music performance, focusing on preparation for HS Orchestra. In addition to large group ensembles, individual growth and achievement are encouraged through participation in 4 required performances per year, and smaller performance opportunities in class and around the GCS community.

Students are required to provide their own instrument for this course.

KEY101: PIANO	1 YEAR
(GREENFIELD CAMPUS ONLY)	
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Junior High Piano is a class for 7th & 8th grade students who wish to learn to play the piano in a group setting. Little to no experience is required as the course starts with training in basic skills. Students participate in a sequential Piano curriculum focused on music literacy, technique, and performance skills. All Piano students also learn about proper practice techniques, self-discipline, excellence, and respect from a Christian worldview. Students with prior piano experience will be given challenge pieces in addition to the regular curriculum to hone their skills. Piano students are required to participate in both formal and informal Piano recital performances throughout the academic year.



MATHEMATICS

Math is required each year of middle school. Placement tests and teacher recommendations will be used to place students at appropriate levels.

MAT106: MATH	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This course uses Carnegie Learning Math Solution to implement our math curriculum. The Carnegie Learning instructional resources were developed using both a scientific understanding of how people learn and a real-world understanding of how to apply that science to mathematics instructional materials. The Carnegie Learning Math Solution includes two elements: a consumable textbook and the MATHia software. These work in concert to take into account the variety of ways in which students learn and leverage different strategies students need to learn math. In this course, you will connect ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division, extend your understanding of number and operation to the system of rational numbers, use expressions and equations to solve problems, and develop an understanding of statistical thinking.

MAT107: MATH	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 7	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This comprehensive math course prepares students to enter Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1. Units of study include Proportional Reasoning, Percent's, Integers, Fractions, Algebraic Expressions, Algebraic Equations and Inequalities, Geometric Figures, Measuring Figures, Probability, and Statistics. Each student in seventh grade will be placed at the appropriate level of math based on placement tests and teacher recommendations.

MAT109: PRE-ALGEBRA	1 YEAR	
GRADE LEVEL: 8	PREREQUISITES: PLACEMENT FOR 7TH GRADE	
	OR LOWER BASED ON TEACHER APPROVAL	

This comprehensive math course prepares students to enter high school Algebra 1 and high school Geometry. Units of study include Exponents, Equations in One Variable, Equations in Two Variables, Functions, Triangle and the Pythagorean Theorem, Transformations, Congruence and Similarity, Volume and Surface Area, and Statistics and Probability. Each student in seventh and eighth grade will be placed at their appropriate level of math based on placement tests and teacher recommendations.



MAT210: ALGEBRA I	1 YEAR				
GRADE LEVEL: 9	PREREQUISITES:	PLACEMENT	IS	BASED	ON
	TEACHER APPROVAL				

Attention will be given to solving math problems with and without technology. Algebra builds off Pre-Algebra and further develops algebraic thinking. This will be demonstrated in manipulating expressions and equations in various forms to identify characteristics on a graph or in written form. Students will also explore and learn linear expressions, equations, and inequalities with application in linear systems. For the remainder of the year, students will explore and learn quadratic expressions and equations, exponential equations, and rational expressions and equations, followed by an introduction to probability and statistics.

Teacher recommendation and approval based on achievement, work ethic, participation, and responsibility. These courses will receive a high school credit on their transcripts, however, will not be calculated in their overall high school GPA.

MAT211: GEOMETRY	1 YEAR	
GRADE LEVEL: 10	PREREQUISITES:	MAT210 & PLACEMENT IS
	BASED ON TEACHER APPROVAL	

Using the concepts from Algebra, this course investigates geometric definitions, theorems, and postulates to find angle and segment measures with and without the coordinate plane. This course is highly logical, visual, and spatial. It includes topics of reasoning and proof, parallel and perpendicular lines, and relationships of triangles; in particular, congruent, similar, and right triangles. Investigation will also be provided to learn the properties of polygons, quadrilaterals, area, volume, and circles. Each quarter will have its own project to extend the learning in the course.

Teacher recommendation and approval based on achievement, work ethic, participation, and responsibility. These courses will receive a high school credit on their transcripts, however, will not be calculated in their overall high school GPA.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education is required each year of middle school.

PPE106: LIFETIME SPORTS – BOYS AND GIRLS	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Sixth-grade students at GCS participate in our Dynamic Physical Education Program, which provides students with a physical education experience that encourages them to develop a healthy and active lifestyle. Each lesson consists of a fitness segment which develops each child's muscular endurance, muscular strength, aerobic endurance and flexibility, and a lesson focus which leads to the development of sports skills such as those used in basketball, football, volleyball, and hockey. Students will exhibit Christ-likeness by demonstrating good character through their participation in the many team and individual sports and activities offered.

PPE107B/PPE108B: LIFETIME SPORTS – BOYS & GIRLS	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Christ-centered physical education emphasizes stewardship of the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, teamwork, encouragement and leadership opportunities. Program goals include the development of a healthy, active lifestyle in order to prepare students to be lifetime exercisers who are "Fit to Serve." A basic understanding and development of fitness principles/components are integrated to form a foundation against which sports and movement-related opportunities are provided for student success. Units that promote skill development in soccer, volleyball, floor hockey, basketball, mush ball, football, stunts/pyramids and gym games are incorporated.



SCIENCE

Science is required each year of middle school.

SCI106: SCIENCE 6	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Science 6 reveals the incredible intricacies of cells and organisms, matter and energy, astronomy, heredity, the nervous system, and the immune system through exciting, but manageable science experiments and science projects taught from a Christian worldview.

SCI107: LIFE SCIENCE	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 7	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This Life Science lab course discusses such topics as taxonomy, cell function, and life cycles, genetics, biblical creationism vs. evolution, microbiology, plant biology, the animal kingdom, ecosystems, and human anatomy. A semester long Science Fair Project is required from each student. All subjects are taught from a Christian Worldview.

SCI108: EARTH SCIENCE	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

Earth Science provides an essential foundation for subsequent science courses, including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. It builds a foundation of basic knowledge of creation and how earth's various processes work. A semester long Science Fair Project is required from each student. We teach our Earth Science classes from a Christian Worldview.

HISTORY

History is required each year of middle school.

HIS106: ANCIEN	NT CIVILIZ	ZATION	1 YEAR					
GRADE LEVEL:	6		PRERE	QUISI	TES:	NON	IE	

This course uses Heritage Studies, a Christian curriculum by Bob Jones. This course is an introduction to world civilizations. Students study the geography, culture, government, archaeology, religion, and history of ancient peoples from Mesopotamia through the Middle Ages.

HIS107/108: AMERICAN HISTORY	2 YEARS
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This course uses American Republic, 4rd ed. (BJU Press), and takes students through the unfolding history of the United States of America. The course begins with the discovery of the new world and traces the flow of American history up to the present day. There is a distinctive emphasis on our national core values of freedom, individualism, and equality. All content is rich in a Christian worldview and enables students to understand the historical roots and significance of the nation they live in.



SPANISH

Greenfield Campus

Spanish 1 is offered to 8th grade students only.

SPA209: SPANISH 1	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

This course develops the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. At this level, the student expands his/her capacity to express himself/herself and to understand spoken and written communication. Special emphasis is placed on developing oral fluency with the acquired language. Throughout the study, emphasis is given on the Christian perspective of viewing the cultures of Ecuador, The Dominican Republic, Argentina, and Costa Rica. Students who successfully complete the course with 80% or better will be eligible for Spanish 2 the following year.

Teacher recommendation and approval based on achievement, work ethic, participation, and responsibility. These courses will receive a high school credit on their transcripts, however, will not be calculated in their overall high school GPA.

TECHNOLOGY

MS students receive weekly technology instructions.

TECH106: TECHNOLOGY	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 6	PREREQUISITES: NONE

The goal of technology 6 is to prepare students for upper middle school coursework, and help students to be wise stewards of technology as Christians. Practice time for keyboarding speed and fluency will be part of their curriculum. Students will develop a foundation of computer science knowledge and learn new approaches to problem solving and critical thinking. Technology 06 students will become innovative, collaborative creators and ethical, responsible users of computing technology to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to thrive in a technology-driven society from a Christian worldview.

TECH 107/108: TECHNOLOGY	1 YEAR
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE

The goal of technology 7/8 is to prepare students for advanced skills needed for high school coursework, and help students to be wise stewards of technology as Christians. Students will develop a foundation of computer science knowledge and learn new approaches to problem solving and critical thinking. Technology 07/ 08 students will become innovative, collaborative creators and ethical, responsible users of computing technology to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to thrive in a technology-driven society from a Christian worldview.



Omega Hour Course Offerings

These offerings are non-credit attendance only courses.

STUDENT COUNCIL (StuCo)	1 YEAR	
GRADE LEVEL: 6 – 8	PREREQUISITES: MUST BE ELECTED TO StuCo	
All elected middle school students are expected to attend StuCo meetings set by the StuCo		
director. Student Council members are required to attend the meetings each week. Student		
Council plans and prepares campus wide student events and student fundraising.		

YEARBOOK	1 YEAR	
GRADE LEVEL: 7 & 8	PREREQUISITES: NONE	
This course requires to be led by a teacher sponsor and the yearbook team produces the K8		
yearbooks for both the Agritopia and Greenfield campuses.		