

Seventh grade at CLA is a student's first taste of advanced, high school level course work. While still mastering time management, study habits, and interpersonal skills, students are delving deep into academic rigor and personal spiritual development. The following courses are offered to seventh grade students.

BIBLE LEADERSHIP

This course is designed to help students form an accurate Biblical Christian Worldview. We will also help them to identify the three prevailing worldviews they will encounter in culture today: Theism, Naturalism and New Age. In addition, students will learn about the fastest growing religion in the world; Islam. Additionally, specific days of the class are set out for leadership growth where students receive reinforcement on the seven habits of highly effective people while concurrently learning how to apply CLA's ten leadership traits. Students will begin career exploration as well using Florida's MyCareerShines website. Finally, students conduct in-house service projects to put their leadership ideas into action. All the while, students are memorizing scripture to continue their growth and ownership of their faith.

7TH GRADE MATH OR PRE-ALGEBRA

CLA's math course for seventh grade students is an advanced mathematics called Course Three, or Pre-Algebra. In this course, students learn algebraic skills such as linear equations, functions, systems, exponents, data analysis, and an introduction into geometry.

ANCIENT HISTORY/CIVICS

Seventh grade students study a broad and rigorous history of the ancient world, and then transition to the study of modern day Civics. Students gain an understanding of the structure of our government as well as the rights and responsibilities of citizens to be involved.

LANGUAGE ARTS

English/Language Arts in seventh grade has several subsections to engage each student's abilities in reading and writing. Students have regular discussions, assignments, and opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge in the following areas: spelling, vocabulary, literature analysis, grammar, writing (fiction and nonfiction), and reading comprehension (fiction and nonfiction).

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Seventh grade students study aspects of Physical Science, including matter, the periodic table, atoms, chemical reactions, motion, energy waves, gravity, and scientific formulas.

ADVANCED PE

Five physical qualities make up the foundation of the program: Mobility/Flexibility, Speed, Strength, Agility, and Endurance. Students are pushed to the limits to reach health and wellness goals, all while having fun!

HONORS SPANISH 1A

Students who take Honors Spanish 1A in seventh grade and Honors Spanish 1B in eighth grade earn a high school credit for Spanish I by the end of eighth grade. Students practice reading, writing, listening and speaking skills through a variety of activities, games, videos, songs and projects. Students also have opportunities to present special projects on various aspects of Hispanic culture. Even if this is a first experience with the Spanish language, students emerge from this class feeling confident in their budding foreign language skills!

STUDY HALL

Middle School students who participate in extra/after school curricular activities as well as students needing extra reinforcement in their academics benefit greatly from having this time frame to ask questions and excel in independent assignments as they continue to learn time management.

MUSIC/BAND

Middle School music class focuses on how to recognize scales, harmony, rhythm and notes in relation to each other. Students practice vocal warm-ups which help develop the sense of different tones. Band students have an opportunity to learn to play an instrument, read music, and develop performance skills.

ART

Middle School students use art as an opportunity to generate and conceptualize artistic ideas, organize and develop art using multiple mediums, and gain knowledge of art history. Likewise, students are challenged creatively to refine, analyze, and apply criteria to evaluate artistic work. Students have several opportunities to work with peers to synthesize personal experiences to make art.

THEATER

Theater classes at CLA will create an environment in which students will learn more about themselves and their God-given gifts. All classes will help students refine poise, confidence and speaking skills. Through interactive learning, students will learn creative expression, technical aspects of theater, performance and reading of theatrical literature, scene writing and much more.

**Elective options such as art, music, band, theater, and PE may vary from year to year.*

Available to all middle school students is Florida Virtual School. Any class taken through Florida Virtual School is at no additional cost and is available to students who need reinforcement or who wish to accelerate their academic path. Prior approval by administration is required to pursue an FLVS class.