

Junior High Grade 8
 Arborbrook Christian Academy



LANGUAGE ARTS

Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Literature	Novels <i>Wolf Hollow</i> by Lauren Wolk (modern) <i>The King's Fifth</i> by Scott O'Dell (classic historical fiction) <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens (classic) <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury (classic science fiction) Forms of Literature Novella: <i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck Poetry: <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson Play: <i>The Miracle Worker</i> by William Gibson Shakespeare: <i>The Tempest</i> by William Shakespeare
Writing	Students use the Institute for Excellence in Writing curriculum to develop their writing skills across all genres. Students write a research paper learning to utilize all necessary steps.
Grammar	<i>Fix It! Grammar</i> Level 4 IEW
Vocabulary	<i>Wordly Wise 3000</i> Book 8
Narration Emphasis	Identify and use literary terms and figurative language



MATH & SCIENCE

Subject	Texts and Sources Used
Math	8 th grade Pre-Algebra: BJU Pre-Algebra 8 th grade Integrated Math I: BJU Algebra I for students advanced in Math one year.
Science: Physical Science	Purposeful Design Publications, <i>Physical Science</i> • Types of Substances • Matter • Interactions of Matter • Matter in Motion • Energy at Work • Sound & Light • Electricity & Magnetism

HISTORY & BIBLE



Subject	Texts and Sources Used
History Westward Expansion through Cold War & the Civil Rights Movement	Text: <i>History of Us</i> , Vol. 5-9 Novels: <i>Rifles for Watie</i> by Harold Keith <i>The Hiding Place</i> by Corrie Ten Boom
Washington DC Trip	Students travel to Washington D.C. in the Spring to learn experientially about our nation's founding and history.
Bible	Students take Bible twice a week on a block schedule. Classes are gender specific. Students memorize specific passages of scripture school wide within their Bible classes and learn the fundamentals of Bible study. Teachers also seek to help students develop a personal relationship with the Lord through prayer and Bible reading. Our desire is to engage the head and the heart with God's Word. 8 th grade: <i>Gospel Foundations</i> , Vol 4-6
Junior High Retreat	In September, all Junior High students enjoy a three-day spiritual retreat. Students hear from a speaker and meet in small groups to further their knowledge and relationship with Jesus. Students also enjoy outside games and activities in a beautiful setting.

AUXILIARY CLASSES

Additional classes may be added depending upon student interest and teacher availability.

Subject	Class Description
Art	Students will explore multiple media as they begin to learn the fundamentals of art and design. All students will take an Art class for a trimester.
Physical Education	Students will learn fundamentals of common sports as well as teamwork and exercise strategies. All students will take PE class for a trimester.
Nature Studies	Students will work in the school gardens to grow and cultivate all type of plants. They will learn about composting, the role of insects, organic fertilization, and how to care for our earth. All students will take Nature Studies for a trimester.
Rhetoric	Students will learn the fundamentals of rhetoric and how to use this knowledge to appropriately persuade others. They will learn and practice effective public speaking strategies. This is a semester long class.
Life Skills	Students will take a weekly class to learn important life skills. Skills studied will vary but can include proper etiquette at formal events, basic car maintenance, basic sewing, meal prep, etc. This is a semester long class.
Self-Care	All Junior High students participate in a self-care class once a week in which they learn how to understand, process, and manage the normal and unusual difficulties that come with adolescence. They will learn that they are wonderfully made in God's image and are equipped to care for themselves well, so they can contribute meaningfully to their families, churches, school, and community. This is a semester long class.

Preparing for High School	8 th Grade students will learn important tools and study skills that will encourage and enable their success in high school. This is a spring semester course that will help students transition well to high school level work.
Elective Classes	All junior high students will take two elective classes, one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester. These classes offer enrichment and skill building to students. Students may select which classes they wish to take. 2025-2026 Offerings • Chorus • Creative Writing • Engineering • World Cultures