



BETHANY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2026-2027

Middle School Course Offerings & Info

Be your Best.

Mission Statement

Bethany Community School will be the premier school of choice where academic rigor and character excellence are standards to cultivate college ready learners and strengthen community.

Introduction

The course offerings described in the following pages have been developed for the 2026-2027 school year. They have been designed to provide both depth and breadth in the instructional program. An effort is made to accommodate the student's individual interests, with final decisions on any year's course offerings based on staff availability and satisfaction of minimum enrollment requirements. Students' initial placement in certain courses may be based on testing, previous instruction, and student interest. The administration requires all incoming students to have a registration meeting during which an agreement will be reached as to how to place students in particular courses. Certain courses are required and each student should work with the administration to determine the appropriate courses needed. Grade reports are issued to students and parents at the end of each quarter. Up to date grade information is available through the parent and student portals on infinite campus. BCS encourages regular communication with teachers so that the school and family can partner in helping every student succeed. Some courses are year long, semester long, or quarter long.

Grading Scale

The grading scale below is adopted from and approved by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Letter Grade	Point Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

Core Class Offerings

English Language Arts

Students in middle school will take English Language Arts for the entire year, each year. There are advanced course offerings for students who meet the following criteria:

- Made a level 4 or 5 of previous year's EOG
- Are predicted to make a level 4 or 5 of the upcoming year's EOG
- Get teacher recommendation from their previous year's teacher
- Maintained an A in their previous year's English Language Arts Class
- Agree to advanced course work/expectations

Mathematics

Students in middle school will take Mathematics for the entire year, each year. There are advanced course offerings for students who meet the following criteria:

- Made a level 4 or 5 of previous year's EOG
- Are predicted to make a level 4 or 5 of the upcoming year's EOG
- Get teacher recommendation from their previous year's teacher
- Maintained an A in their previous year's English Language Arts Class
- Agree to advanced course work/expectations

If recommended, students may enroll in ***Math 1 when in 8th grade*** if the criteria above is met.

Science

Students in middle school will take Science for the entire year, each year. There are no advanced course offerings for Science at this time.

Social Studies

Students in middle school will take Social Studies for the entire year, each year. There are no advanced course offerings for Social Studies at this time.

Elective Class Offerings

Health & PE

Get moving and learn how to take care of your body and mind. In this class, you'll play sports, try fun fitness activities, and explore healthy habits. You'll also learn about nutrition, teamwork, and strategies to stay strong and active. ALL students must take this course **for a full semester** each year. Students will rotate through two weeks of PE and two weeks of health. In 6th grade, PE will be focused on introductory health and fitness activities. In 7th grade, students will focus on lifetime sports such as tennis, pickleball, badminton, dance, kickball. In 8th grade, students will focus on team sports such as flag football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and soccer.

Spanish

Learn the basics of speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. Practice conversation, explore Hispanic cultures, and build the skills to communicate with people around the world. **At this time, Spanish is only offered for 8th grade students.** 8th grade students may enroll in Spanish 1 for high school credit. This is a semester-long course.

Theatre Arts

Step into the spotlight and explore the world of acting, improvisation, stagecraft, and storytelling. In this engaging, hands-on class, students will perform scenes, develop characters, and collaborate with peers to create live productions. Through improv games, scene work, and group activities, students will build confidence, creativity, and communication skills. No experience is needed—just a willingness to participate, collaborate, and have fun.

Introduction to Computer Science

This course is for 8th grade students only. Students earn high school credit and this is a **required** part of the North Carolina graduation requirements. Students will explore how computers work while learning foundational technology skills such as coding, cybersecurity, data analysis, and artificial intelligence. The course also introduces computer hardware and software, digital literacy, and responsible digital citizenship. Through engaging activities like basic programming, game design, and hands-on technology projects, students will develop problem-solving skills and gain an introduction to technology careers of the future.

Visual Arts

Explore your creativity while learning the foundations of art. In this class, you'll create a variety of art projects using different materials and techniques such as drawing, painting, and mixed media. Students will also learn about famous artists and art movements throughout history while developing their own unique artistic style.

Film & Media Production

Capture the world through your lens. In this hands-on class, students will explore the techniques used in TV and film, including camera shots, sound production, storyboarding, and media marketing. Students will apply these skills to plan, produce, edit, star in, and promote their own original video projects.

This course will also play a key role in our school community by filming and producing the daily morning announcements in collaboration with the Digital Media & Journalism class.

Digital Media & Journalism

Learn how to use digital tools to create, communicate, and share meaningful content. In this hands-on class, students will build technology skills such as typing, working with documents, spreadsheets, and presentations, while also exploring creative software and digital design.

Students will also step into the role of a journalist—writing articles, conducting interviews, and reporting on school events. Working collaboratively, they will help create and share student news, announcements, and highlights with the school community.

This course blends technology and communication to help students build real-world skills in digital media, storytelling, and responsible technology use.

Bible History

Explore the stories, people, and events of the Bible in a meaningful and engaging way. Students will learn about historical context, cultural influences, and key themes found in scripture while making connections to how these lessons apply to life today. Through discussion, reflection, projects, and creative activities, students will deepen their understanding of important biblical events and the impact they have had on history and modern society. This course encourages critical thinking, respectful discussion, and personal reflection in a supportive classroom environment.

Career Explorations

Discover careers that match your interests and strengths. In this class, students will explore a variety of career fields through hands-on modules such as STEM, dentistry, nursing, cosmetology, animal science, and more. Learn about different career paths, the skills they require, and the education needed to pursue them while discovering possibilities for your future.

Band

Learn to play a musical instrument, read music, and perform as part of a coordinated ensemble. Students will develop skills in rhythm, tone production, musical notation, and overall musicianship while learning how to rehearse and perform as a team. Through daily practice and group collaboration, students will build discipline, confidence, and responsibility while working toward performances for the school and community. No prior experience is required—just a willingness to learn, practice, and be part of a musical team.

Global Explorers: Around the World

This is an engaging, hands-on course where students travel the world without ever leaving the classroom. Students will explore different countries, cultures, traditions, languages, and global communities while building an understanding of how geography, history, and culture shape the way people live. Through interactive projects, virtual “travel experiences,” creative presentations, and cultural investigations, students will discover similarities and differences between their lives and those around the world. This course builds curiosity, global awareness, and respect for diversity while helping students develop research, communication, and critical thinking skills in a fun and meaningful way.

Lit Lab: Reading, Writing, and Real-World Thinking

Take reading beyond the page and into real life. In this high-engagement course, students select texts that interest them while building strong skills in reading comprehension, writing, and critical thinking. Through structured discussions, targeted writing assignments, and creative, project-based tasks, students analyze how stories connect to real-world issues, personal experiences, and diverse perspectives.

Students will participate in independent reading, analytical writing, collaborative discussions, and performance-based projects such as book reviews, presentations, and media creations. This course is designed to strengthen literacy skills, increase reading stamina, and improve academic performance across all subjects while building confident, thoughtful communicators.

Additional Elective Course Information

★ The following elective courses will be offered on a 9-week basis. This allows students to experience a variety of elective course offerings each year.

- Bible History
- Digital Media and Journalism
- Film and Media Production
- Visual Arts
- Theatre Arts
- Spanish

★ The following elective courses are offered on a semester-long basis (18 weeks)

- Career Exploration
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Spanish 1 (8th grade only)
- Health & PE

★ The following elective courses are offered on a yearly basis:

- Band

MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERVENTION

Every middle school student will participate in a daily intervention period. This period will serve as a time for students to receive additional support and/or enrichment. Intervention groups will change and be determined using appropriate student data. The first 10 minutes of each school day will be sustained silent reading.