



DBCS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

2023-2024

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Middle School

The Middle School of Denbigh Baptist Christian School incorporates grades 6-8. The intention of the Middle School is to thoroughly prepare students for the challenges and independence of thought and work required in the High School.

To that end, paper packets and assignment sheets are no longer sent home. Students are issued an assignment planner at the beginning of the year. They are expected to keep daily and long term assignments in this. They are also expected to keep a binder for each subject organized. Students change classes, and are expected to be responsible for their assignments and books, which they keep in individual lockers.

The intention of our curriculum is to provide our students with the opportunity to continue to explore the fine arts and to attain computer skills, as well as to pursue traditional academic endeavors. Our academic curriculum includes the opportunity to take World Geography, as well as mathematics and foreign language classes for high school credit in the eighth grade *if specific prerequisites are met*.

Middle School Curriculum Overview

English

Grade 6	English 6
Grade 7	English 7
Grade 8	English 8

Mathematics

Grade 6	Mathematics 6
Grade 7	Mathematics 7, Pre-Algebra
Grade 8	Algebra I (1 HS Credit) or Algebra IA (1 HS Credit) or Pre-Algebra (no HS Credit)

**Algebra I and IA placement is determined by the student's performance in pre-algebra.*

History

Grade 6	U.S. History to 1865
Grade 7	U.S. History 1865- Present
Grade 8	World Geography (1 HS Credit)

Science

Grade 6	General Science
Grade 7	Life Science
Grade 8	Earth Science

Bible

Grade 6	Bible 6 : Redemption: God's Grand Design
Grade 7	Bible 7: Learning from the Life of Christ*
Grade 8	Bible 8: Portraits from the Old Testament*

Physical Education*

Grade 6	Physical Education 4 days per week
Grade 7	Physical Education/Health: alternate weeks
Grade 8	Physical Education/Health: alternate weeks

Music

Grade 6	Music Theory/History & Choir (1 day/wk each)
Grade 7	Music Theory/History & Choir (1 day/wk each)
Grade 8	Music Theory/History & Choir (1 day/wk each)

Art

Grade 6	1 day per week
Grade 7	1 day per week
Grade 8	1 day per week

Spanish

Grade 8	Spanish I – if A/B average in English 7 1 HS Credit. Taken in place of Art, Music, Choir, and Computers
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Computers

Grade 6	Keyboarding (2 days per week)
Grade 7	Keyboarding (2 days per week)
Grade 8	Keyboarding (2 days per week)

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Middle School students are eligible to compete on athletic teams at both the middle school, junior varsity, and for exceptional eighth graders, varsity level. For soccer, volleyball, and basketball, we field middle school teams. Baseball, softball, tennis, cross country, and track include both middle school and junior varsity players, as demand dictates.

The eighth grade elects class officers, and participates in the SCA as well. Middle School students may also participate in the JOY Club. Music theory, choir, art, and computers are an integral part of the 6th and 7th grade curriculum, as well as for those eighth graders who are not enrolled in Spanish I.

Middle School Schedule by Grade

Sixth Grade

English 6	5 days per week
U.S. History to 1865	5 days per week
Mathematics 6	5 days per week
General Science 6	5 days per week
Bible 6	5 days per week
Physical Education/Health	5 days per week, alternate weeks, resp.
Art	1 day per week
Computers	2 days per week
Choir	1 day per week
Music Theory/History/Appreciation	1 day per week

Seventh Grade

English 7	5 days per week
U. S. History after 1865	5 days per week
Pre-Algebra/Math 7	5 days per week
Life Science	5 days per week
Bible 7	5 days per week
Physical Education/Health	5 days per week, alternate weeks, resp.
Art	1 day per week
Computers	2 days per week
Music Theory/History/Appreciation	1 day per week
Choir	1 day per week

Art, computers, music, and choir all meet in the same time slot on different days.

Eighth Grade

English 8	5 days per week
World Geography	5 days per week 1 HS Credit
Algebra I* (One year of HS Algebra) <i>or</i>	5 days per week 1 HS Credit
Pre-Algebra or Algebra IA	5 days per week
Earth Science	5 days per week
Bible 8	5 days per week
Physical Education/Health	5 days per week, alternate weeks, resp.
Spanish 1* (HS Credit) (Elective)	5 days per week, A/B average in Eng. 7
Art 1	1 day per week (if no Spanish I)
Computers	2 days per week (if no Spanish I)
Music Theory/History/Appreciation	1 day per week (if no Spanish I)
Choir	1 day per week (if no Spanish I)

**Spanish I eliminates Computers, Music Education, Choir, and Art. Art, computers, music, and choir all meet in the same time slot on different days.*