

Sixth Grade Special Activities Curriculum Overview

Chapel: Weekly for grades 6 - 12

- Student led praise team
- Guest speakers of pastors, teachers, camp directors, missionaries and professional speakers
- Student testimonies, drama performances and individual speakers
- Student led small groups
- Spiritual or Missions Emphasis Week with multiple chapels

Technology Education

Grade 6 – Keyboarding

- Proper position at keyboard
- Correct fingering for typing
- Basic Word procedures
- Developing typing speed and accuracy

Physical Education

- Increased skill on previously learned team competitions
- Increased skill on previously learned major sports units
- Minor sports introduction
- Presidential fitness testing for overall student fitness evaluations
- Rules of major sports
- Health units
- Students are expected to wear gym uniforms
- Taught separately with some activities being co-ed.

Library

- Availability in study halls
- Assistance with research materials and periodicals
- Internet access and website evaluation
- Yearly challenge to read at least six books throughout the school year as a competition between classes

Art Education

Grade 6

- Elements and principles of design
- Aesthetics
- Prehistoric art forms
- Mesopotamian art
- Ancient Egyptian art
- Art of Greek and Roman civilizations

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Music Education

<p>Middle School Chorus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered to grades 6 – 8 • Choral session includes unison and part-singing • Instruction I performance techniques, music reading and vocal production • Performances at winter and spring concerts, chapels and middle school ACSI Fine Arts Festival in the spring 	<p>Beginner Band</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins in 5th grade but may include 6th – 8th graders who are beginners • Instrument selection must be approved by director to ensure balanced band • Rent, purchase or loan of instrument is permitted • Two performances yearly • Private lessons required for all students 	<p>Middle School Band</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered to students in grades 6 – 8 with at least one year of playing experience • Review and expands on beginning band curriculum • New key signature, mixed meters, advanced rhythmic patterns • Performance opportunities in chapels, winter and spring concerts and may include participation at the middle school ACSI Fine Arts Festival • New students must audition • Private lessons required of all students
<p>Middle School Vocal Ensemble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection based on auditions from middle school chorus • Rehearses every Wednesday after school • Members expected to maintain a high level of musical endeavor as the music is more advanced 	<p>Instrumental Ensembles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on student interest and qualifications • Performances at ACSI Fine Arts Festivals as well as at school concerts and chapels 	<p>Spring Drama Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play and musical presented on alternating years in the spring • Middle school students can only participate in the musical productions
<p>Grades 6 – 8 – Music Appreciation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered to students not enrolled in a performing arts group • Cycle One <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medieval through Classical Era • Cycle Two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classical through Romantic Era • Cycle Three <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American music composers ○ Jazz ○ Civil War 		

Supported Instruction Program

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists students who are experiencing academic difficulties • Gives students the support needed in a one-on-one or small group environment • Concentrates on supporting students' return to the regular classroom and performing independently without assistance or modifications • Functions as a lab for students working on independent studies
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