

## JUNIOR HIGH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

### JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE

#### LIFE SCIENCE – BJU PRESS (7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course explores traditional topics like biology, heredity, anatomy, and environmental studies, while connecting science to its moral and biblical foundations. Students will examine how God's design is evident in nature's complexity, beauty, and balance.

#### EARTH SCIENCE – BJU PRESS (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course explores God's creation, from space to Earth's inner workings, comparing scientific evidence with Scripture and modern science to understand the universe's origins. The focus is on developing scientific thinkers.

### JUNIOR HIGH MATH

#### FUNDAMENTALS OF MATH – BJU PRESS (7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course covers the following concepts: Decimals and decimal patterns, statistics, introductory algebra, fractions, percents, applying fractions, ratios and proportions, applying percents, probability, and geometry. Satisfactorily completing these concepts will prepare students for Pre-Algebra.

#### PRE-ALGEBRA – BJU PRESS (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course covers algebra fundamentals and key concepts, such as functions, linear equations, inequalities, polynomials, factoring, quadratic functions, and statistics.

**Prerequisite:** Math 7 or Math 6, with an overall average of a minimum of 85%, with teacher recommendation and supporting standardized test scores.

#### ALGEBRA I HONORS – BJU PRESS (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course reviews algebra basics and covers key concepts like functions, linear equations, inequalities, polynomials, factoring, quadratic and exponential functions, radical expressions, and statistics.

**Prerequisite:** Pre-Algebra

## JUNIOR HIGH ENGLISH

### ENGLISH 7 – BJU PRESS (7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

**Writing & Grammar**—This course guides students toward formulating a biblical worldview of communication through writing by focusing on four themes: truth, beauty, virtue, and balance.

**Exploring Themes in Literature**- This course develops high school students' critical thinking by analyzing diverse texts, highlighting human challenges, and comparing secular and biblical solutions. Students gain analysis, evaluation, and discernment skills in selecting valuable literature and entertainment.

### ENGLISH 8 (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

**Writing & Grammar**—This course helps students communicate clearly by teaching writing, grammar, and the six traits of writing. Through practice and assignments, students progress from paragraphs to essays, culminating in a multi-genre project.

**Making Connections in Literature**- This course equips students to analyze and connect texts across genres, developing reading, analysis, and interpretation skills. Students will study contemporary and classic works while fostering artistic and biblical discernment.

## JUNIOR HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES

### CIVICS (7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course will explore the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system, evaluate citizens' roles and responsibilities, and assess contemporary global issues and the impact of U.S. foreign policy.

### US HISTORY (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course will explore the causes, course, and consequences of British settlement in the colonies, the American Revolution, westward expansion, the Civil War, and Reconstruction while examining the impact of these events on the nation's founding principles.

## JUNIOR HIGH BIBLE

### BIBLE (7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Bible 7 will concentrate on the Life of Christ, as seen through the eyes of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Key emphases will include Jesus' teaching, Deity, life, ministry, death, and resurrection, applying to the students' lives.

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### BIBLE (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Bible 8 will concentrate on the Life of Christ, as seen through the eyes of the Apostle John. The Book of John will be studied for the whole year. Key emphases will include the uniqueness of John's Gospel, the Deity of Christ, and the life and ministry of Jesus, with application to students' lives.

## JUNIOR HIGH PE

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### GIRLS PE (7<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Students will develop skills in various sports and activities, including basketball, archery, volleyball, and soccer. Emphasis will be on teamwork, perseverance, and cooperation, fostering personal growth throughout the year.

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### BOYS PE (7<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Students will develop skills in various sports and activities, including basketball, archery, volleyball, and soccer, while focusing on teamwork, perseverance, and cooperation throughout the year.

## JUNIOR HIGH ELECTIVES

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### ART APPRECIATION (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course teaches students basic artistic skills, Art History, and Culture, focusing on two- and three-dimensional media. Students will explore creative processes, tool use, visual language, and critical thinking in art analysis and real-world connections.

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### JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course will teach basic music theory, history, and chorale singing.

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### THEATRE (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

This course will cover key elements of Drama and Musical Theatre, including pantomime, improvisation, acting skills, voice and movement, acting terminology, scenic and light design, playwriting, and characterization. Monologue and scene study (with memorization) will focus on blocking and interpretation. Theatre seeks to glorify the Lord through the arts to express our life with Christ and for Christ.

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### JUNIOR HIGH ENGINEERING (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Students will be exposed to a breadth of different types of engineering and the multiple career opportunities for each as they solve engaging and challenging real-world problems, like creating a natural relief center system or a solution to improve the safety and well-being of local citizens.

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### CREATIVE WRITING (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

The Creative Writing course discusses many literary topics, such as poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and playwriting. Students will learn each subject's writing conventions and techniques and write their own creative pieces. Over the course of the semester, students will also compile their own literary portfolio and be given publishing and contest opportunities.

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### APP CREATOR (7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Students will learn computer science by developing a mobile app to solve a real-world problem in health, environment, community service, or school culture.

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### YEARBOOK (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

Yearbook is one of the most rewarding classes a student can take. Not only will the students play a significant role in student memories, but they will also create a book that will forever be a record of the year.

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### SPANISH 1 (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE) HS CREDIT (1)

In Spanish I, students will learn basic greetings, verb conjugations, vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar, building foundational reading and conversational skills to communicate effectively and reach people for God.