

Middle school (grades 6-8) is a complex season in a young person's life. We understand the nature of students of this age, and we are intentional about building a nurturing Christian community in which each child can thrive and reach his/her full potential. In all we do, we seek to honor the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values.

Strengths and Advantages of Sixth Grade at CCS

- Students have specialized teachers for art, music, computer, theater and physical education.
- Students are issued a Chromebook for classroom and home use.
- Students have access to the school library.
- For their core subjects, students move between three classrooms.
- Teachers offer tutorials as needed.
- Student grades, homework and teacher lesson plans are available online.
- Students participate in a study skills & technology class for one quarter of the year and use a school-provided homework organizer every day.
- A separate lunch area allows students to enjoy their new freedom on the secondary campus.
- Relevant topics and worship experiences enhance spiritual maturity.
- Participation in pep rallies and homecoming events encourages school spirit.
- Field trips might include museums or an A.D. Players' production. Teachers are always seeking trips that bring the curriculum to life and expand student experience in content areas.
- All middle school sports are open to sixth-graders. Tryouts are held in some sports as warranted by optimal size of teams.

Middle School Faculty

- Each faculty member is a born-again believer who is a degreed and certified teacher who models spiritual and academic excellence.
- CCS middle school teachers genuinely care for the developmental, academic, social and spiritual needs of their students. They understand the middle school years and strive to help each child remain focused on eternally important issues.
- The faculty and staff of CCS diligently focus on the school mission to honor the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values.

Standardized Testing

- Standardized achievement tests are administered each fall and spring using MAP Growth.
- Student scores are compared with national norms and progress is used to inform student course selection and curricular development.

Co-Curricular Activities

- Sports: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, soccer, softball, swimming, track and field, volleyball
- ACSI Art Festival
- ACSI Spelling Bee
- ACSI Speech Meet
- ACSI Math Olympics
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Competition
- Service projects

Curricular Resources

- Bible: *Building on the Rock*, Summit Ministries
- English-Language Arts:
 - Grammar: *Grammar for Writing*, Sadlier-Oxford Grade 6; *Daily Grammar Practice*, DGP Publications, IXL
 - Reading: *Reader's Handbook*, Great Source; *Daily Reading Practice*, DGP Publications, IXL
 - Selections from *Literature, Language & Literacy 6*, Prentice Hall; Novels as selected by teacher
 - Vocabulary: *Vocabulary from Greek and Latin Roots A*, Prestwick
 - Writing: *Write Source*, Great Source
- Social Studies: *Early World History*, Pearson Learning Group; *Students of History*
- Math: *Mathematics Course 2*, Glencoe-McGraw Hill, IXL
- Science: *Interactive Science: Earth Science*, Prentice Hall
- Rotational Classes: Study Skills & Technology, Exploratory Music, Exploratory Performing Arts, Exploratory Visual Arts
- Physical Education and Athletics Period

Curriculum Objectives

- Enable students to comprehend and analyze literature and informational texts from a technical, historical and biblical viewpoint
- Approach social studies from a viewpoint which puts historical facts and man's behavior in the light of Scripture and instills patriotic spirit
- Focus on biblical creationism which integrates observable phenomena, inductive reasoning, Scripture and trains students in the inductive method of inquiry
- Approach Bible study with a perspective that balances the impression of biblical knowledge with the expression of God's Word through the life of the student
- Appreciate fine arts as creativity given to man by God, the Master Creator, as a means of worshipping and expressing admiration for Him
- Write and communicate to allow effective transmission of ideas and principles
- Challenge students to enjoy physical fitness, good sportsmanship, competitive proficiency and sound health habits