



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cypress Christian School faculty and staff actively seek to carry out the school’s mission of honoring the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values. In elementary school, we hope to cultivate a love of learning in our students. Students get a firm foundation in basic skills and are challenged to think critically to grow academically, socially and spiritually.

### The CCS Advantage

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 12th grade
- Academic excellence since 1978
- Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia
- Caring, committed Christian faculty who are degreed and professionally certified.
- Biblical values integrated throughout the curriculum.
- Weekly chapel time to participate in worship and hear biblical messages.
- Chromebook issued to each student for classroom and home use.
- Various elective options
- Clear, timely communication
- Strong parent-teacher partnership
- Active parent involvement

### Elective Options

<u>Semester Offered</u>	<u>Course</u>
Fall or Spring	Computer Science Discoveries
Fall or Spring	Choir
Fall or Spring	Introduction to Theater
Fall or Spring	Introduction to Spanish (7 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Fall or Spring	Introduction to Art
Fall or Spring	Math: You Can Do It!
Fall or Spring	Problem Solving through Strategic Games
Fall or Spring	STEM
Spring	Money Management

### ERB

- CCS uses the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) assessment. Student scores are compared with national norms and independent norms developed for schools across the nation.
- This data is used to inform instruction and curriculum for the grade level and individual students.

### Sports Options

Fall:  
Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Volleyball

Winter:  
Basketball, Soccer, Swimming

Spring:  
Baseball, Cheer, Softball, Track & Field

## Curriculum Objectives

- Middle School allows students to work toward independent and academic responsibility in order to take ownership in their learning.
- Study/academic habits are introduced and practiced, preparing students for success in high school and college.
- Students utilize technology as both a resource and a tool to prepare them for classroom success.
- Biblical values are integrated in all subjects throughout every grade level.
- Strong core classes:
  - **English Language Arts** – Reading skills, comprehension strategies, vocabulary immersion and literary analysis through novel studies are practiced. Writing process and skills including research and essays, responses to literature, inquiry, and creative writing with integrated technology is learned.
  - **Math** – Instruction builds upon a strong foundation of basic math skills, numerical expressions, fractions and decimals, geometry, data displays and critical word problem analysis. Both on-level and advanced math courses are offered.
  - **Science** - Develop and understand the scientific method through hands-on and STEM-based experiments while seeing the world through God's eyes:
    - Grade 6 - Earth Science, Grade 7 - Life Science, Grade 8 - Physical Science
  - **Social Studies** - The study of the world God created and the events that have taken place over time:
    - Grade 6 - Ancient World Cultures, Grade 7 - Texas History, Grade 8 - U.S. History
  - **Bible** – Students will study and understand God's Word through instruction and Scripture memorization. Students will learn about the Old and New Testament with an emphasis on defending our faith.

## Middle School Strengths

### *Teachers*

- Each teacher is a degreed and certified born-again believer who models spiritual and academic excellence.
- Teachers build relationships with each of their students, providing the ability to have meaningful interaction and conversations about the Lord.
- Teachers intentionally focus on the school's mission to honor the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based on academic excellence and biblical values.

### *Classes*

- Secondary classes allow for attention to individual student needs. Teachers build upon foundational knowledge by teaching students higher-order thinking skills.
- Students learn to recognize their strengths and build upon them while addressing their weaknesses.
- CCS provides a loving, encouraging atmosphere where there is a focus on relationship between teachers and students. Questions and collaboration are celebrated and encouraged.

### *Instruction*

- Secondary teachers use research-based teaching practices in each subject area.
- Teachers incorporate whole group, small group, and individual practice into each lesson, allowing them to recognize student strengths and weaknesses to adapt strategies to meet the needs of all students.