

Grove City Christian Middle and High School Course and Requirement Guide

2019-2020



Grove City Christian School Mission Statement

“The mission of Grove City Christian School is to partner with Bible-believing families and their churches in providing the spiritual and academic foundation that cultivates, transforms and prepares students to be Christian leaders who impact their world.”

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Graduation Requirements for 2014 and Beyond

GCCS MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Bible	1 credit for each year at GCCS
English	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits in one language
Health	½ credit
Mathematics (Must include Algebra I, Geometry, & Algebra II)	4 credits
*Physical Education	½ credit
**Science	3 credits
Social Studies (Must include Government, US History, & World History)	3 credits
Additional Electives	3 credits (1 credit in Fine Arts or Technology)
Minimum Credits Required	24

Students must complete the State of Ohio economics and financial literacy requirement by taking a half credit course in either Economics or College & Career Planning.

Community Service Hours Per Year	Freshman.....10
	Sophomore.....15
	Junior.....20
	Senior.....25
	Total 70

*Student may complete 2 seasons of HS athletics, cheerleading, or marching band in lieu of PE courses —Additional elective credit must be taken in its place

** **Science** units must include one unit of physical sciences, one unit of life sciences and one unit of advanced study.

GCCS Honors Diploma Requirements for 2014 and Beyond

MUST MEET 7 OF THE 8 CRITERIA

1. English 4 credits
2. Fine Arts 1 credit
3. Foreign Language 3 credits of one language
4. Math 4 credits
5. Science 4 credits
6. Social Studies 4 credits
7. Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher
8. ACT composite score of 27 or higher ~ OR ~ SAT composite score of 1280 or higher

Department of Biblical Studies

Vision Statement:

It is the mission of the Grove City Christian School Department of Biblical Studies to cultivate proactive followers of Jesus by teaching sound biblical principles, modeling an authentic faith walk and inspiring our students to advance God's Kingdom in the world.

Philosophy and Guiding Principles:

The Grove City Christian Department of Biblical Studies exists to inspire our students to a mature faith walk by engaging their minds, awakening their hearts and shaping their lives with the message of the Gospel. Students will be challenged through a curriculum that focuses on intensive biblical study, open discourse, and times of personal reflection and meditation, giving them the opportunity to both appreciate and experience God's grace and holiness. Utilizing a variety of teaching methods, integrating relevant technology, giving students opportunities to use their unique gifts, and relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance, we seek to cultivate proactive followers of Jesus who will take personal responsibility for their continued spiritual development as they carry out the mission of advancing God's Kingdom in the world.

The Bible department of Grove City Christian School has a five-fold focus to cultivate quality Christian leaders:

- DK-4: Informational: Helping our students learn the basics of Christianity through the truth of God's Word.
- 5th & 6th grade: Relational: Helping our students apply the truth of the Bible to their everyday lives.
- 7th & 8th grade: Connectional: Guiding our students to make lasting connections between major Old and New Testament themes
- 9th & 10th grade: Formational: Encouraging our students to form, develop and cultivate their personal beliefs into a deep rooted relationship with Christ.
- 11th & 12th grade: Transformational -Mentoring our students as they own their faith and impact their world for Christ.

7th grade

Full Year

Bible 7

The purpose of this course is for students to learn how to connect the stories of God's early covenants with Israel, the teachings of the Prophets and the struggles of the Israelites to stay faithful to God, to their own personal struggles. By making these connections, students gain a better understanding of why God sent Jesus into the world. Throughout the course of study, students will be required to memorize various Bible verses, which will help them make practical connections to the central biblical themes discussed in the classroom.

8th Grade

Full Year

Bible 8

The purpose of this course is for students to examine in detail the earthly life of Christ. Together they learn about the teachings, miracles, ministry, and fulfillment of his role as Messiah. Then through Spiritual Disciplines the students develop understanding on how to connect the example of Christ to their

own lives by accepting the call to personal discipleship and holiness. Throughout the course of study, students will be required to memorize various Bible verses, which will help them make practical connections to the central biblical themes discussed in the classroom.

9th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Introduction to Theology-THE 201

This course will look at what healthy, mature, Christ-centered Theist believes and how they live. Students will answer the following questions:

- What is faith?
- What is real?
- What is true?
- What is the purpose of life?
- Is the Bible true?
- What do I trust?

9th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Introduction to Theology- Part 2 THE-201

This course will build on the previous one and will look at what a healthy, mature follower of Christ believes and how they behave as a result of their beliefs. Students will answer the following questions:

- How do I understand the Bible?
- How does God reveal His plan from Adam to Abraham? From Abraham to Moses? From Moses to David? From David to Christ? From Christ to Commission? From Commission to Culmination?
- What do I believe?

10th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Spiritual Formation

This course will help students look at how they can grow to reflect Christ in every area of their lives and at how they can equip others to grow to reflect Christ. Students will answer the following questions:

- What is the desired outcome of spiritual formation?
- What is the path for spiritual growth?
- How do I understand and apply Christ's invitation to repent? Believe? Follow? Love and deny? To go and teach?

10th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Life of Christ

This course will look at who Jesus is and what their response to His invitation will be. Students will answer the following questions:

- Who do others say that He is?
- How do I view Jesus?
- Is Jesus the Messiah?
- Is Jesus fully God?
- Was Jesus fully human?
- Why did Jesus die on a cross?
- Did Jesus rise from the dead?
- What will happen when Jesus returns?
- Who do I say He is?

11th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Philosophy and Theology

This course combines the study of the basic philosophy and Christ-centered theology with the exploration of the highly influential works of G.K. Chesterton, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, including *Orthodoxy*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Great Divorce* and selections from *The Silmarillion*, *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*. Students also study original works from world-renowned philosophers such as Plato and Nietzsche. Class discussion is centered on becoming a “real Christian” and choosing to make one’s faith personal, dynamic, active and joy-filled. Students will answer the following questions:

- What is really real?
- What are the four main worldviews?
- What is Perichoresis? Why is Paradox essential for the fullness of reality?
- What is Christ-Centered incarnational worldview? What is the fullness of Christ?
- What is your quest?
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11th – 12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Doctrine & Apologetics STChristian Doctrine THE-197**

This course is designed to equip the Christian with answers to the most difficult questions posed by both believers, and unbelievers. Within the theological framework students will study major doctrines pertaining to the existence and nature of God, evil, the nature of man, Scripture as the source of truth and the church as the body of Christ. Students will understand and apply those doctrines in the context of living out one’s faith in a contemporary culture of competing worldviews and relativism.

- What do I believe?
- Why do I believe?
- How will I communicate my beliefs to others?

12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Christ & Culture

Department of English and Language Arts

Vision Statement:

The English Language Arts (ELA) Program at Grove City Christian School seeks to create a community of learners engaged in the process of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These are essential elements for communication, knowledge acquisition, and critical thinking. By applying these language skills and concepts, students enhance and refine their knowledge to gain the insight, confidence, and independence to succeed in all academic realms. Through ELA courses, students develop an awareness of, and gain empathy for, the human condition, resulting in Christian leaders who can successfully communicate the Biblical worldview.

Philosophy and Guiding Principles:

The ELA curriculum at GCCS weaves together concepts and skills to challenge and support student learning in all areas. A diverse learning approach using current technology is used in order to deepen understanding, communicate meaning, and apply learning to other contexts. Students receive a rigorous, high quality curriculum in a safe and motivating environment. They learn to read and evaluate works of literature from a Biblical worldview, develop vocabulary, use proper grammar and spelling, and recognize language is a gift from God, who is the Supreme Communicator. Our ultimate goal is to prepare Christian leaders who view, interpret, and share information, both oral and written, through the light of God's Word.

1Peter 3:15 *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

Romans 12:2a *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

7th Grade

Full Year

7th Language Arts

Students in this course will interpret literature and utilize the English language through a Christian worldview. Through the use of biblical principles and the Christian mindset, students will identify, compare and contrast, and analyze a variety of text, considering the historical and cultural context. The framework includes six forms of literature – novel, short story, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and folk literature. In seventh grade, special emphasis is placed on novels, dramas, and poetry. In addition, students will explore various writing types, with an emphasis on vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Students will be able to clearly communicate their thoughts, feelings, ideas, and researched information to a variety of audiences, with a special emphasis on oral communication. Students are expected to be able to work at or above grade level

8th Grade

Full Year

8th Language Arts

Students in this course will interpret literature and utilize the English language through a Christian worldview. This course is designed to extend all of the concepts learned in seventh grade language arts. Students are expected to have a firm grasp of annotating, effective public speaking skills, and the characteristics of the six forms of literature with special emphasis on nonfiction, short story, and folk literature. In addition, students will explore various writing types, with an emphasis on vocabulary, spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Students will spend more time in eighth grade writing informational text. Students are expected to be able to work at or above grade level.

8th Grade

Full Year

8th Grade Honors Language Arts

Students in this course will interpret literature and utilize the English language through a Christian worldview. Students will be able to read, annotate, and comprehend multiple forms of literature, including the six forms of literature, novel, short story, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and folk literature. In addition, the elements of effective speech and listening will be emphasized, and students will consider the historical and cultural context of literary pieces, as well as author's intent. Embedded throughout this course is the understanding and use of higher order thinking skills and the use of effective questioning. This course is designed to prepare students for Honors English in high school and by the end of this course, students should be performing at the highest end of their grade level.

Prerequisite: Minimum of 90% average for the year, in both 7th grade language arts classes, and a completed Academic Request form signed by the course instructor.

9th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

English 9

This course will allow students the opportunity to analyze literature from several different genres. The instructor will guide literature selection, and biblical integration will be applied throughout the course. A strong emphasis will be placed on the writing process, and students will learn expository, narrative, and persuasive writing. Outside reading is necessary to increase knowledge and broaden perspective. Extension projects, grammar usage, vocabulary enrichment, and integrated technology will complete this course.

9th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Honors English 9

This accelerated course will allow students the opportunity to analyze literature from several different genres. The instructor will guide literature selection, and biblical integration will be applied throughout the course. A strong emphasis will be placed on the writing process, and students will learn expository, narrative, and persuasive writing. Emphasis will also be placed on critical reading and deeper analysis of texts. Outside reading is crucial and required to increase knowledge and broaden perspective. Extension projects, grammar usage, vocabulary enrichment, Greek and Latin roots, and integrated technology will complete this course.

Prerequisite: An 80% or above in Honors English 8 or a 85% or above in Language 8 and Literature 8 and a completed Academic Request form.

10th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

English 10

Sophomore English exposes students to literature from a range of genres and cultures. Students will critically analyze the structure of texts, assessing point of view, purpose, and theme and learn to respond to various types of text. Students are expected to become proficient analyzers of increasingly complex fiction and non-fiction texts. Using these works as models, students will examine key ideas and details in literature and then integrate this into their own works. Students will also read, respond, and discuss weekly relevant articles. Additionally, students will conduct research projects demonstrating their understanding of the writing process as well as enriching the expository, narrative, and persuasive styles

of writing. Developing and strengthening writing will be stressed as students continue to increase technical mastery.

Prerequisite: English 9 or Honors English 9

10th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Honors English 10

Honors Sophomore English is a rigorous, fast-paced learning environment that exposes students to literature from a range of genres and cultures. Students are expected to complete reading assignments outside of class in order to utilize class time for analysis of the characteristics of literary forms. Students will also need to demonstrate proficiency in reading comprehension and interpretation. Students are expected to become proficient analyzers of increasingly complex fiction and non-fiction texts. Formal and informal writing techniques will be expanded upon. Additionally, students will conduct research projects demonstrating their understanding of the writing process as well as expository, narrative, and persuasive styles of writing. Developing and strengthening writing will be stressed as students continue to increase technical mastery. Students will work together to move beyond superficial, surface-level responses to literature to a deeper understanding and discover how literature and writing are relevant to their lives. Greek and Latin roots will complete the course.

Prerequisite: Completed Academic Request form and a 80% or above in Honors English 9 or an 85% or above in English 9

11th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

American Literature

This course will study literature of different genres, eras, movements, time periods, and purposes. The class will focus on American literature. Our study will range from the fables of the Native Americans, through the writing of our forefathers, and up to the literature of the 21st century. Students will become proficient in analyzing others' and their own writing, finding and critiquing point of view, diction, and other literary devices. The students' writing ability will grow as they learn to use informative, explanatory, and analytical approaches to interpreting text. Students will use technology to research, produce, and support their literary endeavors.

Prerequisite: English 10 or Honors English 10

12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

British Literature

This course will focus on the unique qualities of British literature beginning with the Anglo-Saxon and the medieval periods. Through each successive literacy period, students will begin to understand how historical events and politics influenced writing and how writing influences historical events and politics. We will also see how views change as writers stray from God or grow closer to Him.

Prerequisite: English 11

AP Literature

This course includes an intensive study of literature from British and American authors as well as works written in several genres from sixteenth century to contemporary times. Works selected require careful, deliberate reading that should reveal multiple meanings. This course teaches students to write an interpretation of literature that is based on careful observation of textual details considering the work's structure, style and theme. Students also write about literature with a close analysis of such elements as: use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone. Additionally, students will have opportunities to write with a focus on the social and historical values the work reflects and embodies. This course includes frequent opportunities for students to write and rewrite formal, extended analyses and timed in-class responses. Students should have above average performance in Honors English or CCP English, as well as advanced reading and composition skills.

All students enrolled are expected to take the AP exam at a cost of \$95.

Prerequisite: Honors English 10, CCP English teacher approval and completed Academic Request form.

Department of Fine Arts

Vision Statement:

The Grove City Christian Fine Arts Department seeks to teach, model, and encourage our students in the Fine Arts to study, use and explore their God given talents and abilities. Students are encouraged to develop a lifelong love of music and art through participation in both study and performance.

Philosophy and Guiding Biblical Principles:

God created a physical world for human life. God displays His own artistry not only in a “creation from nothing” in Genesis 1, but also through His direct interest in human artistry. As for humans, artistic expressions reveal their maker’s personal beliefs which inform the way they view their world. That which is invisible (a person’s beliefs) becomes visible through one’s artwork, drama and music.(Colossians 1:16-17) We believe students should be exposed to a variety of artistic forms, evaluated through the Word of God. We believe that our role is to prepare our students to develop and use those talents to the best of their ability so they may reach out into their church, community and school sharing their gifts and the message of God’s love to all, giving him worship, and bringing him glory, and helping to impact the culture of the world. (Psalm 19:1-3)(Revelation 4:11) “Each one should use whatever gift he has received, to serve others faithfully administering God’s graces in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

7th -8th Grade

Semester

7-8th Grade Art

The 7th Grade Art course will be one quarter in length. The course is designed to introduce students to techniques, tools, and methods as they pertain to different art media. Developing both technique and creativity will be emphasized. Students will explore the idea of self-expression through developing various art concepts. Students will learn mechanics of drawing, painting and sculpting through hands-on studio experiences. Biblical integration will be emphasized and students will understand historical and cultural context.

7th – 8th Grade

Full Year

Middle School Choir

Students will learn and use correct singing techniques (diaphragmatic breathing; articulation; posture), improve basic music reading and sight-reading skills, learn and use basic music notation and markings, sing his/her own part in small groups, execute two and three part singing, memorize all performance music. Students are required to attend all scheduled concerts listed on the school calendar (Christmas, Fine Arts Night, Spring), as well as any concerts during the school day.

7th – 8th Grade

Full Year

**Middle School Strings
(Independent Study)**

A more in-depth study of playing will be pursued. We will transition from playing mostly in our *Essential Elements* 200 book to more advanced music, sheet music, and religious music. There will be an increasing demand of difficulty in the music.

Students will be expected to practice outside of class in order to master music for the class.

Students will be asked to perform in class for the director, so that progress may be monitored.

Students will be required to be in all performances, to include, but not be limited to the Christmas Concert, Night of Fine Arts and the Spring Concert.

Prerequisites: Prior string experience. An application, audition and interview process.

9-12th Grade

Full Year

**High School Strings
(Independent Study)**

A more in-depth study of playing will be pursued. We will transition from playing mostly in our *Essential Elements* 200 book to more advanced music, sheet music, and religious music. There will be an increasing demand of difficulty in the music.

Students will be expected to practice outside of class in order to master music for the class.

Students will be asked to perform in class for the director, so that progress may be monitored.

Students will be required to be in all performances, to include, but not be limited to the Christmas Concert, Night of Fine Arts and the Spring Concert.

Prerequisites: Prior string experience. An application, audition and interview process.

7th-10th Grade

Full Year

**1 Credit

Concert Band

A more in-depth study of playing will be pursued. We will transition from playing mostly in our band book (*Measures of Success*) to sheet music literature. Students will be expected to practice regularly outside of class to learn material for in-class rehearsal. Students will be asked to perform in-class regularly as individuals so that band director can monitor progress. Out of class practice cards may also be utilized to help monitor and encourage practice. After-school sectionals may be utilized. Students are required to be at all performances. They will be given a calendar at the beginning of the school year with a contract to sign and return. Field trip and off campus performances may be available in certain school years.

Prerequisites: Membership in band as an intermediate school student (grades 5-6).

*****High School students will receive credit due to the additional instructional time and a more intense course load.***

Certain instrumentalists may play a school owned instrument; please check with the band director for availability. There is a fee to rent the instrument for use during the school year.

Fee of \$80 a year

8th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Symphonic Band

A more in-depth study of playing will be pursued. Music literature will include pieces with an increased demand of difficulty and be on a level equal to selections from the OMEA Class “C” HS Band contest list. Students will be expected to practice regularly outside of class to learn material for in-class rehearsal. After-school sectionals may be utilized. Students are required to be at all performances. They will be given a calendar at the beginning of the school year with a contract to sign and return. Students may also be required to participate in the OMEA solo and ensemble festival.

Field trip and off-campus performances may be available in certain school years. Additional performance opportunities include: jazz band, marching band, and pep band.

Prerequisite: Admission is audition only

8th graders that are admitted into the band will receive a high school fine arts credit. Private lessons are strongly encouraged.

Certain instrumentalists may play a school owned instrument; please check with the band director for availability. There is a fee to rent the instrument for use during the school year.

Fee of \$80 a year

7-12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Jazz Band

Students will participate in a performance based ensemble that is primarily focused on the style of jazz. However, students may also perform other genres such as rock or pop music. The primary focus will be on the correct techniques required to play jazz at a high level. A secondary focus will be the retention of information regarding the history of jazz music.

Students are expected to make weekly progress on the music provided to them. They will be completely focused and engaged during rehearsals and are expected to practice their music outside of class in order to be properly prepared for their class work.

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Drawing

The drawing course is designed to introduce students to techniques, tools and methods as they pertain to drawing. Developing both technique and creativity will be emphasized. Students will explore the concept of self-expression through developing the art of drawing and understanding the basics of concepts such as line, value, space and texture. Students will learn the mechanics of drawing through hands-on studio experiences. Biblical integration will be emphasized and students will understand historical and cultural context.

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Painting

The painting course is designed to introduce students to methods, medium and tools as they pertain to painting. Developing both technique and creativity will be emphasized. Students will explore the concept of self-expression through developing the art of painting and design. Students will gain understanding in the basics of the principles of art and design. Students will experiment and practice various painting techniques and concepts through hands-on studio experiences. Biblical integration will be emphasized and students will understand historical and cultural context.

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Sculpture/Ceramics

The sculpture/ceramics course is designed to introduce students to basic techniques as it pertains to ceramics and sculptural forms. Through the emphasis of technique and creativity students will explore the concept of self-expression through working with clay and various materials. Students will learn the mechanics and construction, representational and non-representational sculptural or ceramic forms. Biblical integration will be emphasized and students will understand historical and cultural contexts.

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

High School Choir

Students will learn and use correct singing techniques (diaphragmatic breathing; articulation; posture), improve basic music reading and sight-reading skills, learn to use basic music notation and markings, sing his/her own part in small groups, execute a cappella singing, memorize all performance music. Students are required to attend all scheduled concerts as listed on the school calendar (Christmas, Night of Fine Arts, Spring, Graduation) as well as any concerts during the school day or special events such as ACSI or community performances.

Students are required to purchase a choir shirt

8th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Show Choir

Students will learn and use correct singing techniques (diaphragmatic breathing; articulation; posture), improve basic music reading and sight-reading skills, learn to use basic music notation and markings, sing his/her own part in small groups, execute two and three part singing and memorize all performance music. In addition, students will learn appropriate, choreographed movements and dance routines that enhance their vocal and overall performance. Students are required to attend all scheduled concerts as listed on the school calendar (Christmas, Night of Fine Arts, Spring, Graduation) as well as any concerts during the school day or special events such as ACSI, OMEA Solo and Ensemble or community performances. Students in show choir may also be required to attend after-school choreography rehearsals leading up to major concert performances

There is a participation fee of \$125 to cover the cost of show choir costumes and performance opportunities.

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Music Theory & Appreciation

First semester students will be introduced to the basics of music theory: notation, scales, intervals, chords, melodic, harmonic, rhythmic ear training, form and analysis, instrumental transposition, arranging and composing. Second semester will conclude the study of basic theory and then will survey music and composers from the Baroque through the 21st century; listening and evaluating a variety of musical styles. If time permits, music composition will be explored.

9th – 12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Introduction to Music Technology

Intro to Music Technology is a course designed to introduce students to contemporary musical concepts through the use of digital audio, MIDI, and various multimedia applications. Through this, we hope that each student will develop an understanding of the processes involved with the creation of music in today's society.

We will be using programs such as, but not limited to:

- Cakewalk SONAR (a professional level digital audio workstation)
- Audacity (an open-source audio editor)
- Finale (a notation editor).

Additional opportunities may present themselves depending on student interest in the areas of live recording scenarios and audio/video coordination.

Prerequisites: permission of instructor and the ability to read standard music notation.

Course enrollment may be limited by the instructor due to the software and hardware required for the course.

9-12th Grade

Full Year

½ Credit

High School Chapel Band

High School Chapel Band will work together to learn the art of worship and how to lead in a chapel service. Students will lead chapel music during scheduled events. Students will meet to practice 3 times a week.

Department of Foreign Language

Vision Statement:

Through the study of Foreign Language, Grove City Christian students will develop a global mindset, a compassionate heart, and a linguistic skill set that facilitates meaningful and culturally appropriate communication in order that they might be equipped to fulfill the Great Commission.

Philosophy and Guiding Biblical Principles:

The GCCS Foreign Language Department seeks to open students' minds to world languages and cultures through a Biblical worldview with a global perspective. We will introduce and equip students with beginning and advanced linguistic skills and cultural perspectives. Students will be challenged as they use critical thinking skills, integrate technology, make connections to other disciplines and are offered travel experiences (both local and abroad) to broaden their worldview and shift their focus away from self to others. Our desire is that GCCS students will develop a global mindset and a compassionate heart, realizing that God's people are connected in many ways regardless of our differences.

Biblical Basis:

Ps. 96:3, I Chron. 16:24, Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15, 3 John 1:8

7th Grade

Semester

World Languages

This class is designed to introduce the students to learning a world language. In this class we will take a look at what the Bible says about language and then how languages are related. After that the students will be introduced to some French and Spanish. We will be mainly focused on vocabulary and culture with an introduction to some grammar. The goal is to teach them strategies to learning a world language as well as giving them a Biblical Worldview.

8th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

French I

This course covers the basic knowledge of vocabulary, forms, structures, and concepts of the French language through thematic chapters or units. It also teaches the skills and tools to use that knowledge in aural comprehension and in reading, writing and speaking. Verb tenses related to the present and near future are learned at this level. Students will be exposed to French history, heritage, culture and geography in a historical and contemporary context. Students will also be presented with well-known literary and historical figures and will study their relationship to the formation of the current French society.

Prerequisite: 8th graders must have an 90% or better in Language and a completed Academic Request form.

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

French II

This course continues to teach the development of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. There will be a stronger emphasis on pronunciation and conversational skills. The passé compose and the imperfect verb tenses are learned. The foundations of French history and culture will be built upon and

expanded to include a more global outlook of the francophone world. Students will also read various condensed poems, short stories and novels written by famous French authors that reflect historical movements and societal issues (i.e. Alexandre Dumas' *Le Comte de Monte Cristo* which illustrates the struggle between vice and vertu).

Prerequisite: French I

10th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Honors French III

This course continues to build upon listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Continual practice of pronunciation and conversational skills will be emphasized through projects often incorporating technological elements. The imperfect, conditional, and future tenses are learned as well as an introduction to the subjunctive verb tense. Students will also read various condensed poems, short stories and novels written by famous French authors that reflect historical movements and societal issues.

Prerequisite: 85% or better in French II and a completed Academic Request form.

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

AP French

This course takes a holistic approach to language proficiency and recognizes the complex interrelatedness of comprehension and comprehensibility, vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies and cultural awareness. Students learn language structures in context and use them to convey meaning. The course strives to promote fluency and accuracy and to engage students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. In order to best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught in French. Students who earn a qualifying score on an AP Exam are typically eligible to receive college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

Prerequisite: 85% or better in French III and a completed Academic Request form. All students enrolled are expected to take the AP exam at a cost of \$95

Completed Academic Request form is required.

8th-12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Spanish I

This course is designed to provide students the basic knowledge of form and function of Spanish. The students will be developing all skills in the target language: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. The focus is to be able to communicate in everyday situations at a novice low level to a novice mid-level and to understand the basics of the Hispanic cultures.

Prerequisite: 8th graders must have a 90% or better in language class and a completed Academic Request form.

9-12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Spanish II

Description: This course is to provide students an intermediate knowledge of form and function of Spanish. The students will be developing all skills in the target language: listening, reading, writing, and

speaking. The focus is to be able to communicate in everyday situations at a novice-high to intermediate-low level and understand the basics of the Hispanic cultures.

Prerequisite: Spanish I

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Honors Spanish III

In Spanish 3 the students will be taking second language learning to the next level by increasing communication, understanding different cultures, making connections with other subjects, comparing Spanish and English, and functioning in our increasingly diverse community. The reading, writing, listening and speaking skills will not only be enhanced with class activities and projects but because the students are immersed in a Spanish speaking environment (our classroom), This will prepare them to use the knowledge in college courses, most occupations, and the rest of the Spanish Speaking world. This class will be taught mostly in Spanish, with English used to discuss difficult grammatical concepts only, or to clarify confusion. This course is required before taking AP Spanish Language and Culture. Spanish 3B and AP Spanish are currently all taught in one year. **There is a summer reading selection prior to course beginning.**

Prerequisite: 85% or better in Spanish II and a completed Academic Request form.

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

AP Spanish 4/ CCP

This course is conducted almost exclusively in Spanish. The goal of this course is to provide the students with an environment where they can develop a command of the Spanish language by giving them daily opportunities to improve their reading, listening, speaking, writing, and develop their understanding of the Hispanic cultures. In writing and speaking, they will enhance their organizational and argumentative skills. This course provides students with preparation for the AP exam and for advanced college courses. There is a summer reading selection prior to course beginning. (AP National Examinations are in May).

Prerequisite: 85% or better in Spanish III and a completed Academic Request form.

All students enrolled are expected to take the AP exam at a cost of \$95

Completed Academic Request form is required.

Department of Mathematics

Vision Statement:

The Grove City Christian School Mathematics Department seeks to teach students to view mathematics through a Christ-centered lens, understanding that God in His very nature possesses order and created the earth with order. Our goal is that students at each level will develop the necessary knowledge and skills to be better prepared for their next mathematical experience.

Philosophy and Guiding Biblical Principles:

Our teachers will guide students to pursue academic excellence in uncovering traditionally valued mathematical subject matter including basic math skills, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, statistics, pre-calculus, and calculus, while encouraging students' ability in critical and logical thinking in problem solving. In doing so, we believe this type of thinking is truly part of God's nature, and He desires it for us also. Our ultimate goal in teaching math is that students would leave GCCS with an understanding of how mathematics is truly a part of God's design in our world and equips us to serve Him and our world. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:1) They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. (Romans 1:19-20)

7th Grade

Full Year

Mathematics 7

One of the first goals of Mathematics 7 is to help students apply and extend their previous understanding of mathematics, and use this to explore new patterns in algebra and geometry. Another goal is to help students reason and communicate with each other about mathematics and to develop conceptually and computationally. Last of all students should have a solid foundation of algebraic and geometric concepts at the end of Mathematics 7 to help them transition from middle school to high school.

7th – 8th Grade

Full Year

Pre-Algebra

Pre-Algebra demonstrates the connections between mathematics and the students own world, it also helps students to make connections between different areas of mathematics including algebra and geometry. Students are introduced to a wide variety of mathematics including the basics of trigonometry, statistics and probability. Pre-Algebra will help students investigate new concepts in mathematics. The goal of Pre-Algebra is to provide a solid foundation for both algebra and geometry.

Prerequisite: 7th graders must have completed Academic Request form.

8th-9th Grade

Full year

1 Credit

Honors Algebra 1

This course is fast-paced and will build upon the algebraic concepts introduced in Pre-Algebra. Topics will include properties of real numbers, simplifying numeric expressions and word problems, solving inequalities, polynomials, rational expression, fractional equations, and irrational numbers, radical expressions, graphing, solving linear systems and quadratic equations. ***Prerequisite: 8th graders must have an 85% or better in Pre-Algebra and a completed Academic Request form, scoring in the top15% of MAP testing.***

9th Grade

Full year 1 Credit

Algebra I

This course will build upon the algebraic concepts introduced in Pre-Algebra. Topics will include properties of real numbers, simplifying numeric expressions and word problems, solving inequalities, polynomials, rational expression, fractional equations, and irrational numbers, radical expressions, graphing, solving linear systems and quadratic equations.

Prerequisite: 8th graders must have an 80% or better in Pre-Algebra and a completed Academic Request form.

9th – 10th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Geometry

This is a comprehensive course in geometry that emphasizes logical reasoning and spatial visualization skills. Students build on the fundamental concepts of points, lines, and planes to discover relationships and properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, and regular polygons. Students develop analysis and reasoning skills as they apply postulates and theorems regarding parallelism, congruence, similarity and inequality. The course also includes construction, transformation, area and volume.

Prerequisite: Algebra I

9th-10th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Honors Geometry

This is a fast-paced comprehensive course in geometry that emphasizes logical reasoning and spatial visualization skills. Students build on the fundamental concepts of points, lines, and planes to discover relationships and properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, and regular polygons. Students develop analysis and reasoning skills as they apply postulates and theorems regarding parallelism, congruence, similarity and inequality. The course also includes construction, transformation, area and volume.

Prerequisite: Must have an 85% or better in Algebra I and a completed Academic Request form, scoring in the top 15% of MAP testing.

10th – 11th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Algebra II

This course will build on the concepts taught in Algebra I. Students will continue their study of relations and functions, linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, systems of equations, polynomials, rational expressions, and irrational numbers. Students begin study of linear programming, matrices, the complex number system, polynomial functions, radical functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, rational functions, probability and statistics, the Binomial Theorem, and trigonometric functions. A TI-84 calculator is needed for this class.

Prerequisite: Algebra I and Geometry

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Trigonometry

This course is intended to follow immediately after Algebra II. It is designed to strengthen skill and understanding in the topics considered essential to success in Calculus and Pre-Calculus, on college entrance and placement tests and in required college mathematics courses. Emphasis is placed on problem solving, especially solving problems that require several steps to correctly complete. In this

course students gain experience developing and using a variety of mathematical models necessary for success in higher math courses. A TI-84 calculator is needed for this class.

Prerequisite: Algebra II

10-11th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Honors Algebra II

This fast-paced course will build on the concepts taught in Algebra I. Students will continue their study of relations and functions, linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, systems of equations, polynomials, rational expressions, and irrational numbers. Students begin study of linear programming, matrices, the complex number system, polynomial functions, radical functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, rational functions, probability and statistics, the Binomial Theorem, and trigonometric functions. A TI-84 calculator is needed for this class.

Prerequisite: Must have an 85% or better in Geometry and a completed Academic Request form, scoring in the top 15% of MAP testing.

11-12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Advanced Statistics

Students who wish to study education, business, psychology, or medicine in college should take this class as it provides a basic framework in the study of statistics. This course teaches students to collect, organize, and draw conclusions from data. Students will design surveys, perform probability experiments, study sampling distributions, make statistical inferences, and test significance levels. A TI-84 calculator is required for the successful completion of this class.

Prerequisite: 85% or better in Algebra II and completed Academic Request form.

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Pre-Calculus

Pre-Calculus continues the study of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry learned in previous high school courses. Students deepen their understanding of functions, including polynomials and rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, and trigonometric functions. Students begin study of polar functions, vectors, conic sections, trigonometric identities, the complex plane, discrete math topics, and limits to prepare for work in calculus and other higher-level math courses. A TI-84 calculator is required for the successful completion of this class.

Prerequisite: 85% or better in Algebra II and a completed Academic Request form.

11th-12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

AP Calculus AB

The primary goal of this course is to help students see and interpret the world through the lens of integral and differential calculus. A focus is placed on providing a strong conceptual foundation including the concepts of a limit, a derivative, and an integral. With a strong foundation and extensive practice with applications and problems, students become prepared for the AP Calculus AB Exam and additional coursework in Calculus. A TI-84 calculator is needed for the successful completion of this class.

All students enrolled are expected to take the AP exam at a cost of \$95.

Prerequisite: 85% or better in Pre-Calculus and a completed Academic Request form.

Department of Physical Education / Health

Vision Statement:

The Grove City Christian Physical Education Department's desire is to teach students the skills necessary to develop a lifetime of physical activity, wellness and fitness. We seek to use the teaching of sports, wellness, and movement concepts to complete the total education process. It is our goal that Physical Education and Health will be viewed equally as important as all other subject matter. As Christians in the physical education department, we desire to make Christ the reason and focus behind our goals and objectives.

Philosophy and Guiding Biblical Principles:

We believe, a "physically-educated" person is one who has learned the skills necessary to develop a lifetime of physical activity, wellness and fitness. Physical education and wellness education enables us to keep our bodies in good condition so that we can glorify God in all we do (I Corinthians 10:31). Each student should also develop Christ-like attitudes and actions by having the opportunities to interact with other students while feeling the emotions of "success" (winning) and "failure" (losing). Finally, each student should develop an awareness and appreciation for the human body, which was created by God, in the image of God and for God.

7th Grade

Semester

Physical Education

Students will work to develop physical fitness, physical skills and sports skills.

Materials required: PE uniform & tennis shoes

8th Grade

Semester

Health

A Christian understanding of total health is presented in the course. The students will focus on mental, spiritual, and emotional well-being. Also students will learn about the digestive system, nutrition, social health, reproductive system, and personal hygiene. **Materials required: Folder and notebook.**

9-12th Grade

Semester

¼ Credit

Online Physical Education

This is a semester class given during the regular school year. Students must have access to internet using a computer or smart phone to take this course. All assignments are submitted on Canvas with the use of google docs. Students may work at their own pace but all assignments must be turned in on or before the due date. Students will work to develop physical fitness and daily physical activities by completing a fitness log and completing fitness activities. Also, article reviews for certain activities will be submitted during this course.

9th – 12th Grade

Semester

¼ Credit

Weight Training

This class is designed to help students train for their specific sport(s). The course will help students become more aware of the benefits of weight training and how it can help them as they mature. This class

is for students who want to lift weights and over time increase muscle strength and power. We will focus on all body parts as we create an individualized plan to meet each student's individual needs. The student's plan will depend on the student's previous knowledge and ability levels at the start of the course. Attention will be given to safe lifting techniques and spotting. Grades will be based on daily participation, bringing the proper gym clothes and completing workouts on time each day.

Materials required: PE uniform & tennis shoes

11th – 12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Health

This is an exploratory course that covers such topics as: spiritual health, mental/emotional health, nutrition and physical fitness, disease and disorders, drug education, first aid and safety, relationships, body systems, growth and development, and safety and environmental health. It is the aim of this course to help students gain basic knowledge and attitudes that will aid them in making intelligent decisions regarding their health and wellness.

11th-12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Hybrid Online Health

This is a semester class given during the regular school year. This is mainly an online course with the students coming in to take the tests and final with a teacher. The student must set up the time when they will come in to take the test prior to the day of the test. All other assignments will be submitted on canvas in a google doc. Anything not submitted correctly will result in a missing assignment. Students will be able to work at their own pace but must get assignments submitted on time on or before the due date. This is an exploratory course that covers such topics as spiritual health, mental/emotional health, physical fitness, drug education, first aid/CPR, relationships, body systems, growth and development and reproduction. It is the aim of this course to help students gain basic knowledge and attitudes that will help them in making intelligent decisions regarding their health and well

9th – 12th Grade

Summer

½ Credit

Online Summer Health

This is a 6 week online course during the summer. Students must have access to the Internet using a computer to take this course. All weekly assignments and activities are submitted on Canvas. Students may work at their own pace but all assignments must be turned in on/before the due date. This is an exploratory course that covers such topics as: spiritual health, mental/emotional health, nutrition and physical fitness, disease and disorders, drug education, first aid and safety, relationships, body systems, growth and development, and safety and environmental health. It is the aim of this course to help students gain basic knowledge and attitudes that will aid them in making intelligent decisions regarding their health and wellness.

Materials required: Computer with internet access

Fee: \$100.00

Department of Science

Vision Statement:

Grove City Christian School science program seeks to foster our students' innate curiosity about God's Creation to cultivate an ongoing desire to actively learn science. As students mature, critical thinking will be developed and reinforced to naturally lend itself to problem solving. GCCS students will learn to formulate questions to further their understanding, and then logically and creatively solve problems using the scientific method. Students will use technology and effective communication skills to demonstrate their understanding and application of science. We view science as a process, which will be developed in a continuum from Discovery kindergarten through twelfth grade. Learning science content and skills through active, inquiry based experiments and classroom activities are central to the GCCS science program.

Philosophy and Guiding Biblical Principles:

Beginning with our youngest of students, kindergarteners, our program seeks to develop independent learners and to support students in their application and understanding of science as it continues to expand. Utilizing their natural curiosity students will be encouraged to critically think and to apply new ideas, knowledge and data in light of what they already know, both scientifically and Biblically. Throughout their years at GCCS students will explore the different areas of science, gaining scientific knowledge as their teachers guide them to discuss, analyze and evaluate their experiences. Students will have a keen awareness of the relevance of science and how it applies to their lives and environment, resulting in service to God through stewardship of His amazing creation.

We believe the following global biblical themes are essential for study in the GCCS science curriculum:

1. Time, space, and matter came into existence in an instant from nothing (*ex nihilo*). (Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16,17)
2. Of all life created, both plant and animal, man is God's ultimate Creation, having been created in His image. (Genesis 2:7)
3. Mankind was designed to be responsible for nature and to function in stewardship over all living things. (Genesis 1:26,27)
4. The world that we live in (earth) is orderly and abides by laws that are designed for the good of mankind and all living things. (Romans 1:20; James 1:17)
5. Life only comes from life in God's design and there is a genetic continuity to life. (Genesis 1:11-12, 1:20-22)
6. The universe as we know it has fallen into decay and, according to the Second Law of Thermodynamics, matter and life are devolving rather than improving and becoming more orderly. But, in due season, all will be made whole again. (Romans 8:22; 2 Peter 3:4-9)
7. Therefore, the earth and its resources are finite. (2 Peter 3:10-11a)
8. Mankind should be engaged in understanding and cooperating with the complexities of design that exist to achieve a balanced standard of living which does not sacrifice long-term environmental health. (Genesis 1:26)
9. In order to demonstrate the love of Christ we should be seeking to improve the quality of life for people in America and around the world through improvements and application of science and its technologies, allowing us to fulfill the great commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)
10. As Christians we should be able to defend the biblical standpoint on scientific issues using both biblical and scientific evidence to support their position, in a way that glorifies God and draws people to them. (1 Peter 3:15) The universe as we know it has fallen into decay and, according to the Second Law of Thermodynamics, matter and life are devolving rather than improving and

becoming more orderly. But, in due season, all will be made whole again. (Romans 8:22; 2 Peter 3:4-9)

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14. As Christian we should be able to defend the biblical standpoint on scientific issues using both biblical and scientific evidence to support their position, in a way that glorifies God and draws people to them. (1 Peter 3:15)

7th Grade

Full Year

Life Science

This is a survey science class exploring life processes and man's stewardship of the earth. An introduction to dissection and other clinical processes will be included. This class will develop the student's knowledge of creation vs. evolutionary theories. The scientific method will also be developed.

8th grade

Full Year

8th Grade STEM

This course will use inquiry based investigations to help students develop necessary lab skills and promote critical thinking skills. Students will explore topics such as plate tectonics, weather phenomena, coding, and robotics.

8th Grade

Full Year

**1 Credit for High School

Honors Physical Science

This class introduces students to the physical sciences: chemistry and physics. It provides the foundation for more detailed study later and familiarizes the students with how the physics world operates. Topics include matter, substances, motion, and energy, as well as selected topics in earth science. The honors section will allow students to explore the topics at a more in depth level, focusing on the application of the principles and math skills that come with chemistry and physics. Additionally, the honors sections moves at a slightly faster pace.

Prerequisite: math and science teacher recommendations. **This course will be for 1 high school credit.

9th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Honors Biology

This course is designed to introduce students to basic concepts of life science and push them to analyze relationships, determine cause and effect, explain the regulation of biological processes in depth, explore the continuity of life's diversity, research scientific information and make practical applications. The basic material is covered at a faster pace and more in depth than in biology and students will be

expected to develop and demonstrate critical thinking skills. This will be accomplished while exploring the core standards of scientific inquiry, biochemical organization, levels of biological organization, characteristics of living things, cells, the relationship of structure to function, classification and comparison of living things, energy transfer, heredity, biotechnology, ecology and interdependence of organisms and their environment, evolution, intelligent design, and the origins of life.

Prerequisite: An 85% average in Life Science, and a completed Academic Request Form are required. Additionally, an 80% average in Pre-Algebra or a 90% average in Mathematics 7 is required.

9th-10th Grade

Full Year	1 Credit
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Environmental Science

Environmental Science is a course designed to show connections between a variety of science disciplines including biology, earth and atmospheric sciences, fundamental concepts of chemistry and physics, human population dynamics, and an appreciation for the Earth and its natural resources. It gives students a coherent and realistic picture of the applications of a variety of scientific concepts as they apply to our environment. The aim of this course is to increase student knowledge of the environmental conditions and challenges of today while continuing to cultivate scientific critical thinking skills from a biblical perspective.

10th Grade

Full Year	1 Credit
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Honors Chemistry

Honors Chemistry is a rigorous and fast-paced course designed to prepare students to succeed in college. This is an appropriate course for students that desire a deeper understanding of science and/or plan to major in a science in college. Students will apply scientific reasoning, analysis, communication skills and real-world applications as they plan and perform laboratory investigations as well as study current chemical theory. This course will include mathematical analysis of physical relationships between variables associated with chemical reactions and bonding. Some course topics include atomic theory, periodicity, nuclear chemistry, equilibrium systems, chemical bonding, chemical reactions and rates, stoichiometry, and acid/base chemistry.

Prerequisite: 85% Average in Algebra 1, 80% average in Biology and completion of Physical Science or IPS. Other considerations could include teacher recommendations and/or Algebra 1 MAP scores.

11th Grade

Full Year	1 Credit
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Chemistry

Chemistry is a lab-based course focused on the study of the composition, properties, and changes associated with matter and energy. Chemistry comprises a systematic study of the predictive physical interactions of matter and subsequent events that occur in the natural world. The course will cover in depth, a broad range of chemistry topics. This course will include mathematical analysis of physical relationships between variables associated with chemical reactions and bonding. Investigations are used to understand and explain the behavior of matter in a variety of inquiry and design scenarios that incorporate scientific reasoning, analysis, communication skills and real-world applications. Some course topics include atomic theory, the periodic table, states of matter, chemical bonding, chemical reactions, stoichiometry and acid/base chemistry.

Prerequisites: Algebra I, Biology, IPS, or Physical Science.

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Physics

This is an introduction to the principles of physics through a conceptual yet hands on approach. Problem solving is done using basic algebra. Topics covered will include: motion, forces, momentum, energy, waves, electricity, and magnetism. This course is designed for the non-science major who wants to gain a better understanding of the world and the laws which govern it and prepare for general education requirements in college

Prerequisites: Algebra I and Chemistry

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Honors Physics

This course is an introduction to the principles of physics with an emphasis on problem solving using algebra and trigonometry. Topics covered will include: motion, forces, momentum, energy, waves, electricity, and magnetism. This course is ideal for students desiring to major in science, engineering, or math, and is academically challenging and interesting.

Prerequisite: 85% or better in Algebra II and Chemistry and a completed Academic Request form.

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Chemistry II

This advanced course is designed for students that have an interest in chemistry or are pursuing a career in science. Students will perform analytical lab investigations and apply scientific reasoning, communications skills and real-world applications as they research, design and execute investigations. The topics of study include thermochemistry, aqueous reactions, kinetics, acid/base equilibrium, electrochemistry, nuclear chemistry, organic chemistry and forensics.

Prerequisites: An 85% or better in Algebra II, Chemistry and completed Academic Request Form

11th-12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

Anatomy and Physiology

This course provides a basic study of the anatomy and physiology of the human body. Students will begin with an introduction to the human body using terminology that will provide the foundation for the study of: biochemistry, cells and tissues, body membranes, along with the following systems: skeletal, muscle, nervous, cardiovascular, digestive, urinary and respiratory. Diseases and disorders of the systems will also be discussed. Classes involve workbook activities, labs and dissections.

Prerequisites: Biology, Chemistry, and Algebra

Department of Social Studies

Vision Statement:

Students will apply Biblical principles as they interact with history to examine the past and present of their community, state, nation, and world and the relationships between them. Students will develop an appreciation for a personal heritage and respect for cultural differences which is asked us of in Luke 6: 31- Do to others as you would like them to do to you (NLT), and evaluate their role and responsibility as caretakers of God’s creation and to tell others about Christ.(Matt 28:19- Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.)

Philosophy and Guiding Biblical Principles:

We believe that students learn best through a balanced program of diverse assessments and experiences such as: small groups, research, class or group discussion, hands-on experiences, lecture and travel. By using collaborative and interactive teaching styles we plan to instill an appreciation for people and the world around them. With the use of technology in the classroom from Discovery Kindergarten through high school, we will assist the students in connecting the past, present and future. We believe in presenting all material so that every student sees how God has moved through history (Dan 2:21- He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars) (Romans 13:1- Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.), and we plan to inspire our students to change history around them by leading through Christ’s example. (Acts 1:8- But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.)

7th Grade

Full Year

World History

Seventh grade world history will be a study of the history of people groups and cultures from the Dark Ages through the 20th century. Students will examine the Biblical beginnings of history and continue with a study of other peoples and cultures through a Biblical world life view. A study of the geography of the world and how it has shaped and continues to have an effect on the lives of the people is also included. Students will use textbooks, primary and secondary resource materials, and technology in their study of world history.

8th Grade

Full Year

American History

Students will study the heritage of America from colonization through the Civil War. The overview of people and events will be evaluated from a Christian perspective.

9th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

World History

From the Age of European Absolutism to present day, students will learn to interpret historical events through a biblical worldview. Students will develop an understanding of the past and its relevance to the world around us today through lecture, media, and group interaction.

9th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Honors World History

From the Age of European Absolutism to present day, students will learn to interpret and openly discuss historical time periods and their affects through a biblical worldview. Students will be required to research topics, form their own opinions and be able to present their side of history in a debate or written format. Students will develop an understanding of the past and its relevance to the world around us today through lecture, media, and group interaction. Outside reading and research will be imperative to the classroom environment. This class will follow the same outline as the other world history course, however, will require in depth research of certain topics throughout the year. *Prerequisites: An 85% or better in 8th grade History and completed Academic Request form.*

10th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

U. S. History

This course is a survey of United States History from the Reconstruction to the present. The contributions of Americans and their impact on U.S. History will be examined as well as the important historical developments and the changing role of the United States and its relationship to the rest of the world.

11th – 12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

World War II

WWII is a semester course that will cover the history of anti-Semitism, the actions that lead to WWII, and the aftermath of WWII. We will also extensively cover all three arenas that WWII took place. The film series Band of Brothers, and clips from other documentaries and films will be used to compare and contrast to the real events of WWII. Through discussion, lecture, video and research, students will discover the different facets of WWII and the Holocaust. Also, discussions of faith and Christianity in the context of way will be discussed.

11th – 12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Civil Rights/ Current Events

First quarter, students will research and discover why there was a need for a Civil Rights Movement, the Movement itself and the effects of the Movement. Using documentaries, videos and interviews, students will develop their own understanding of the Civil Rights Movement. We will also discuss how events in US History, as well as World History, played a part in the Civil Rights Movement. Parents should be aware that some documentaries and/or films may contain graphic material that relates to this movement. This course will use lecture, media, interviews, test and student presentations to facilitate and assess student knowledge. Second quarter, students will be challenged to think critically about the events that are happening in the world around them through a Christian Worldview. Topics covered will depend on current local, national and world events.

11th – 12th Grade

Semester ½ Credit

Economics

This course teaches the science of economics. Students will understand how and why people make certain economics choices. The topics include the Bible and economic principles and concepts, personal finances and creating a budget. Students will then apply this information in a final project. The course addresses financial literacy standards on both a state and national level and meets the Ohio high school graduation requirement in Financial Literacy.

11th – 12th Grade

Semester ½ Credit

Government

Government prepares students for responsible citizenship with a discussion of the principles and mechanics of a constitutional republic. Students will read primary and secondary textbooks to understand, analyze, and research through political principles. The principles discussed include the Constitution, political parties, elections, pressure groups, citizenship, and more, all from a biblical perspective.

11th – 12th Grade

Full Year 1 Credit

AP Psychology

In this class, students will explore the psychological facts, principles and phenomena associated with the major fields within psychology through a biblical perspective. Primary and secondary textbooks and media sources will be used to understand and analyze the field of psychology. Students will use these resources to understand, analyze, and research the fields of psychology in class, papers, and projects. The content follows the guidelines of the College Entrance Examination Board and instruction will be at the college level.

All students enrolled are expected to take the AP exam at a cost of \$95

Completed Academic Request form is required.

11th-12th Grade

Semester 1 Credit

AP European History

AP European History presents in-depth coverage of major developments in modern European history. The course follows the Advanced Placement guidelines established by the College Board and it is therefore taught at the university level. Students will master an understanding of European history from the Renaissance (around 1450) to the present. Through successful participation in the course, a student will develop (a) an understanding of the principal themes in modern European history, (b) an ability to analyze historical evidence, and (c) an ability to analyze and communicate historical understanding in writing.

This course prepares all students to take the AP European History examination. **All students enrolled are expected to take the AP exam at a cost of \$95**

Completed Academic Request form is required.

Department of Technology

Vision Statement:

The Grove City Christian School Technology Department seeks to facilitate the development of students who will become committed and professionally competent Christian leaders and workers that will impact their chosen organizations, professions, and the society in which they live with their biblical example of work and purpose. Students will use an ever-changing variety of technologies and will be taught to adapt, problem solve and be lifelong learners to achieve success in their work.

Philosophy and Guiding Biblical Principles:

Teachers, as active Biblical role models, who exhibit and teach the character traits of responsibility, honesty, integrity, diligence, and loyalty, (Proverbs 15:2 *“the tongue of the wise commends knowledge.”*) integrate these Biblical principles in each area of technology. (I Timothy 4:7 *“train yourself to be Godly.”*) We provide opportunities for student involvement and instruction with leading edge technology. Students receive collaborative experiences in developing excellent oral and written communication using technology as a differentiation tool to enhance, especially in the area of written communication practice. (Colossians 4:6 *“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”*). Guidance in the ethical use of computer technology and information allows students to develop the understanding of the importance of discerning right from wrong in school life, at home, and when faced with challenges in the workplace. (Psalm 37:27 *“Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.”*)

7th -8th Grade

Semester

7-8th Grade Technology

Students will be challenged to show integrity in their honorable use of technology as they explore computer programming, Internet safety, and sharpen their keyboarding skills. Students will use cloud computing in Google Classroom and create word processing documents, spreadsheets as well as presentations.

9th – 12th Grade

Full year

1 Credit

Digital Imaging

Students will be able to discuss and relate the history of photography, how any camera works, the basic of film photography, photographic composition, digital cameras and digital film storage options, how to acquire, edit and store digital images and careers related to photography. Students will also be able to correctly use a digital camera to take photographs. They will then learn how to store the digital photographs for different applications including PowerPoint and Yearbook files. Students will learn how to manipulate images using Adobe Photoshop©. They will use their images to create a variety of Photoshop projects throughout the year.

Materials: 16 or 32 GB SD card

9th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Yearbook

Students will use Jostens' Yearbook Avenue website to create the GCCS yearbook, "The Eagles Wing." They will also be required to market ads to help finance the yearbook.

Prerequisite: Students must interview with teacher and have approval to be enrolled in course.

10th – 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Digital Video Editing

This class will enable students to create high-impact videos using Final Cut Pro© on the Apple computers and Adobe Premiere Pro© on the PC. Students will learn to use a digital video camera to create their video projects in the area of advertisements, how to, and short story projects. Students will also be able to use their skills in recording events at school and producing quality videos of those events. Time will be spent recording, editing, and producing final DVD productions including the actual DVD as well as the packaging. Students in this class will be encouraged to help make videos for other classes that they are enrolled in during the year. Students will also learn to conduct interviews and produce interview videos using material from the Academy of Scholastic Broadcasting.

10th- 12th Grade

Full Year

1 Credit

Broadcasting and Journalism

Broadcasting and Journalism is a full-year course designed to expose students to various types of media: print, web, audio, and video. Students will learn web design, video production, audio production, journalistic writing, and broadcast writing. Students will then be responsible for producing and publishing an online school newspaper, creating and maintaining a website, broadcasting school news, and producing live broadcasts of sporting events. They will learn to delegate, meet deadlines, and market based on student interest. They will also learn how to use Microsoft Office©, Adobe Photoshop©, Final Cut Pro X©, Adobe Premiere Pro©, and Plural Eyes. The course will prepare students to create professional media and continue the study into college.

Prerequisite: Students must interview with teacher and have approval to be enrolled in course.

OTHER ELECTIVES

12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

College and Career Planning

Have you ever asked yourself the question, “What do I want to be when I grow up?” This course is designed to lead students through the process of discovering the many options that are available to them after high school. Students will walk away with a better understanding of college entrance procedures (test scores, college applications, financial aid, etc.) and have career opportunities available to them. Students will take a career inventory, personality test, and interest inventory to help them discover their God given gifts.

11th – 12th Grade

Semester

½ Credit

Money Matters

Money Matters is an introductory course on Personal Finance. Students will be engaging in online activities and classroom discussions about Financial Literacy. The course will be using the Everfi Financial Literacy curriculum through a sponsorship from the Franklin County Banking Center. Students will learn how to take control of their money and hopefully avoid costly mistakes in the future. The course will focus on budgeting, saving, owning your own business, buying a house and car, spending wisely, avoiding debt, and giving. The course addresses financial literacy standards on both a state and national level and meets the Ohio high school graduation requirement in Financial Literacy.

7th and 8th Grade

Semester

Speech and Drama

Students in this course will interpret and practice the elements of speech and drama through a Christian worldview. With scripture as the basis, students will expand their understanding of the five categories of effective public speaking. There will be a very hands-on approach to teaching speech, with students having many opportunities to practice these skills. These public speaking skills will be taught in a way that encourages transfer of these skills into other classes. In addition, some elements of basic drama will be explored, giving students opportunities to take risks and push themselves to become comfortable performing in front of others.

7th Grade

Semester

Seventh Grade Study Skills

This is a class designed to help your seventh grader learn and develop strategies that will give them the skills needed to be an effective learner. The student will be taught:

- How to set up a home study area, how to follow a routine for home study, setting up a notebook system, using a homework organizer, and how to organize study time
- How to organize a locker, reading strategies, how to study for quizzes and tests, how to take notes
- Students will be tested to determine their learning styles and will be taught practical ways to study to their learning styles. Students will also learn mnemonic devices and other ways to remember what they have been taught.

Speech and Debate Speech and Debate 1 is a one-semester introductory elective that covers a variety of styles of public speaking and formal debate. The art of communication and the skills needed to succeed in both a school setting and beyond will be taught with regard to civil discourse, argumentation, and advocacy. The first nine weeks will focus on learning to speak publicly in a convincing, confident, and concise style. The second nine weeks will challenge students to analyze and apply specific formats for debate and the processes of logic and critical thinking. An extensive range of historical, political, and current events will be researched, discussed, and presented throughout both quarters.

Opportunities to take their knowledge to a debate club with possible competitions may be made available to students.

Academic Request Form for Grove City Christian Accelerated Courses for 2019-2020

Grove City Christian School offers accelerated courses (AP, Honors, Advanced) for grades 7-12 in a variety of content areas. These courses are designed to challenge students who exhibit a strong interest and level of achievement in a particular content area. Accelerated courses require higher level thinking skills and the ability to explore abstract concepts. Students should exhibit a positive attitude and engagement in classroom activities as well as a willingness to demonstrate ownership of their learning. In addition to the time spent in class, students must have sufficient time outside of the school day to dedicate to their course work due to the increased rigor these courses require.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Course requested : _____

Please use the GCCS Course and Requirement Guide to list the required prerequisite(s) below. For each prerequisite list the current grades in the course or the final grade if the course has been completed.

Prerequisite currently taking: _____

1st Q grade: _____ 2nd Q grade: _____ 3rd Q grade: _____

Prerequisite currently taking: _____

1st Q grade: _____ 2nd Q grade: _____ 3rd Q grade: _____

Prerequisite of previous course taken: _____ Final grade _____

I am requesting that my child, _____, be considered for placement in the above accelerated course for the 2019-2020 school year. I have reviewed the requirements of the course listed in the GCCS Course and Requirement Guide and understand the rigor and demands of this course. I also understand that additional details about this course and the increased expectations of the course will be outlined in a course syllabus which I will sign at the beginning of the academic year.

Parent Signature _____

I request that I be considered for placement in the above accelerated course for the 2018-2019 school year. I understand the requirements of this course and am willing to challenge myself to succeed. I understand that the workload will be increased and the rigor involved in accelerated courses.

Student Signature _____

I recommend this student for placement in the accelerated course listed above.

_____ Current Teacher's Signature

_____ Additional Teacher's Signature (as required)

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GCCS Accelerated Courses

	Weight	Prerequisites
English Language Arts:		
8th Honors Language Arts	NA	7th grade Literature & Language Teachers
Honors English 9	1.1	8th grade Literature & Language Teachers
Honors English 10	1.1	9th grade English Teacher
AP Literature	1.3	11th grade English or CCP English teacher/10th honors teacher
AP Language	1.3	11th grade English or CCP English teacher/10th honors teacher
Fine Arts:		
Symphonic Band	NA	Band Director-after audition is complete
Foreign Language:		
8th grade-French I or Spanish I	NA	7th grade Language Teacher
French III	1.1	French Teacher
Spanish III	1.1	Spanish Teacher
French AP	1.3	French Teacher
Spanish AP	1.3	Spanish Teacher
Mathematics:		
7th grade Pre-Algebra	NA	6th grade Mathematics Teacher
8th grade Honors Algebra	1.1	7th grade Pre-Algebra Teacher
Honors Algebra I	1.1	Pre-Algebra Teacher
Honors Geometry	1.1	Algebra I Teacher
Honors Algebra II	1.1	Algebra I and Geometry Teacher
Advanced Statistics	1.2	Algebra II Teacher
Pre-Calculus	1.2	Algebra II Teacher
AP Calculus	1.3	Pre-Calculus Teacher
Science:		
Honors Physical Science	1.1	7th grade Mathematics & Science Teachers
Honors Biology	1.1	8th Grade Science Teacher
Honors Chemistry	1.1	Algebra I & Science Teacher
Honors Physics	1.2	Algebra II & Chemistry Teacher
Anatomy & Physiology	1.2	Biology & Chemistry Teachers
Chemistry II	1.2	Chemistry, Algebra II, & Physics Teachers
Social Studies:		
Honors World History	1.1	8th grade History Teacher
AP Psychology	1.3	School Counselor for GPA or AP Psychology teacher
AP European History	1.3	History Teacher

This guide will be helpful to you in determining what classes have a pre-requisite and /or require an Academic Request Form for participation. Please refer to the back for GPA scale for weighted and unweighted courses.

Audition Request Form for Grove City Christian Symphonic Band for 2019-2020

Grove City Christian School offers Symphonic Band for eighth grade students. This band is designed to challenge students who exhibit a strong interest and have an advanced level of achievement on their particular instrument. Students should exhibit a positive attitude and engagement in classroom activities as well as a willingness to demonstrate ownership of their learning and exhibit leadership qualities in middle school band. In addition to the time spent in class, students must have sufficient time outside of the school day to dedicate to practicing their instrument due to the increased rigor of this band.

Dates for auditions will be forthcoming. A schedule of audition times for each student will be made available at that time.

Name: _____

I am requesting that my child, _____, be considered for placement in Symphonic Band for the 2019-2020 school year. I have reviewed the requirements of the course listed in the GCCS Course and Requirements Guide and understand the rigor and demands of this course. I recognize this is a high school level course and as such, this will go on my student's transcript and they will receive high school credit for completing the course. I also understand that additional details about this course and the increased expectations of the course will be outlined in a course syllabus which I will sign at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

Parent Signature _____

I request that I be considered for placement in Symphonic Band for the 2019-2020 school year. I understand the requirements of this course and am willing to challenge myself to succeed. I understand that the workload will be increased and the rigor involved in Symphonic Band.

Student Signature _____

To be completed after audition:

Student placed in Symphonic Band or Concert Band.

Teacher's Signature _____