



Fellowship Christian School Curriculum Overview, PK-12



At FCS, we offer an academically rigorous curriculum through many materials, including but not limited to Saxon, Horizons, The Concerned Group (A Reason For), Heritage Studies, A Beka, Apologia, The Mystery of History and Christian Light materials. We strive to teach children using a Biblical worldview and teach Biblical principals in every subject.

We use a hands-on science curriculum (through Apologia & A Reason for Science), as well as have focused on using relevant, current history curriculum. We were very careful in our choices to make sure that God is still at the center of everything that is taught, while also extending and enriching the curriculum.

The following packet contains some information about the curriculum we are using. If you have any questions, we would love to answer them. Please feel free to discuss curriculum with your teacher and/or the principal.

Curriculum, By Grade Level

Jr.-Kindergarten (Early Entrance K) & Kindergarten

- ▶ Math: Jr.-Kindergarten-Saxon; Kindergarten-Horizons
- ▶ Literature/Reading: Christian Light; A Beka, Sonlight
- ▶ Writing: Various materials (Write One, Pre-School Palace, Sonlight)
- ▶ Language Arts: A Beka, Spectrum, Sonlight
- ▶ Social Studies: Heritage Studies 1, A Beka
- ▶ Science/Health: A Beka (God's World K5)
- ▶ Bible: A Beka, ACSI
- ▶ Handwriting: The Concerned Group (A Reason for Handwriting)
- ▶ Art: Art Projects K5
- ▶ P.E.: Horizons, SPARK
- ▶ Music: Various materials

Grades 1-12

- ▶ Math: Horizons & Saxon
- ▶ Bible: Christian Light, ACSI Character Foundations
- ▶ Reading: Christian Light & A Beka
- ▶ Spelling/Vocabulary:
 - Grades 1-5: The Concerned Group (A Reason for Spelling)
 - Grades 6-12: Modern Curriculum Press, Townsend Press
- ▶ Language Arts/Grammar:
 - Grades 1-5: Bob Jones (BJU Press), Christian Light, Spectrum
 - Grades 6-12: Glencoe, Bob Jones (BJU Press), Prentice Hall
- ▶ Handwriting (Grades 1-5): The Concerned Group (A Reason for Handwriting)
- ▶ Art (Grades 1-12): Various materials.

Curriculum, By Grade Level Cont.

- ▶ Science
 - Grades 1-5: The Concerned Group (A Reason for Science)
 - Grades 6-12: Apologia
- ▶ Social Studies: The Mystery of History, Alpha Omega (SOS Washington State), Harcourt Horizons, A Beka, BJU Press
- ▶ Health: A Beka
- ▶ P.E.: Various materials (Horizons, SPARK)
- ▶ World Language:
 - Russian (K-12): Russian Face to Face (Morris, Vyatyutnev and Vokhmina)
 - Spanish (4-12): Vista Higher Learning
- ▶ Music: Various Materials
- ▶ Additional Electives: Detailed under Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Overview

The following courses are included and taught in all grade levels. Additional middle school and high school electives are reviewed at the end of the curriculum overview.

Math: 1 hour, 10 minutes —4 times a week

Math Standards

Every student will meet or exceed state OSPI requirements upon completion of each study. It is important for students to turn in and complete every single assignment in order to show full mastery of the subject. All math textbooks have “practice” problems that review the new concept/skill being taught and must be completed by every student. Additional daily problem sets combine new knowledge with prior knowledge, creating spiral learning that will last much longer than simple memorization.

- ▶ Each student is placed in ability appropriate levels. Saxon allows students to test into higher math levels if they show full mastery of their grade level through assessment.
- ▶ Lecture style to individual grade levels.
- ▶ Daily work provided for each student with an emphasis on that day’s concept/skill as well as review of previous learning. Daily lessons are around 20-25 problems each.
- ▶ All work must be neat and completed in pencil.
- ▶ Corrections are to be completed every day, on the previous day’s lesson.
- ▶ Tests occur every 4th or 5th lesson, depending on the grade level.

Math Lesson Formatting

- ▶ Our entire school follows one math format, to aid students in neatness and accuracy. Students are to divide their paper in half, vertically, and draw a line to show the division. They must place a proper heading in the top right hand corner (name, date, subject and level) and the subject and lesson number at the top line of the page.
- ▶ Students complete work down each column, skipping a line after each problem. It is extremely important that students show their work. Students need to include the steps noted by the teacher, given in sample questions.
- ▶ If format is not followed, students are asked to redo the lesson in the proper format.

Literature: 45 minutes — 2 times a week

Christian Light Reading Program & Novels (various)

- ▶ Readers used for Grades 1-5.
- ▶ Selected novels used for grades 6-12.
- ▶ Questions, quizzes and tests set by the teacher.
- ▶ Question sets for each chapter are prepared in advance.
- ▶ Comprehensive reading skill test each trimester (September, December/January, April).
- ▶ Individual reading assigned weekly.

Writing: 45 minutes — 2 times a week

Write One, A Reason For (completed with spelling curriculum), Spectrum

- ▶ Variety of writing formats are taught, including reports, short stories, letters, articles, poetry and biographies, which students submit for grading. All assignments include a grading rubric, indicating grade scale, format and due date.
- ▶ Forms the student's Language Arts grade, along with tests.
- ▶ Students focus on the writing process from beginning to end, including brainstorming, pre-writes, rough drafts, editing and publishing.
- ▶ Emphasis on 6+1 Traits Writing (Voice, Ideas, Organization, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions and Presentation).
- ▶ Work may be published in student newsletters (starting in November) and displayed in school.
- ▶ Late assignments are graded and then reduced appropriately (lose 10% per day late).

Language Arts/Grammar: 30 to 45 minutes — 4 times a week

Christian Light, Spectrum (Grades 1-5); BJU Press, Glencoe, Prentice Hall (Grades 6-12)

- ▶ Lecture style with daily work provided in various forms.
- ▶ Worksheet or workbook materials provided.
- ▶ Focus on writing mechanics, word usage and speech.
- ▶ Teacher-created or curriculum tests and quizzes throughout the units.

History: 30-45 minutes — 2 times a week (K-3), 4 times a week (4-12)

Heritage Studies, A Beka (1-3); Harcourt Horizons (4-6); The Mystery of History, BJU Press (7-12)

- ▶ Lecture style with hands-on components: Pioneer Days (grades 4-5), Model UN (grades 9-12), historical projects, artifact walk
- ▶ Example of Grade 4-6 work includes:
 - Historical timeline from creation to 600 BC
 - Ties Biblical events to “current” events in the world, identifying civilizations and major historical events (major project).
 - Uses a visual timeline.

Geography: 45 minutes — 2 times a week

BJU Press, Harcourt Horizons, The Mystery of History, Daily Geography

- ▶ Samples of Grade 4-6 work includes: “Mapping the World by Heart,” Atlas, Encyclopedia project, “180 Days Around the World”

Science: 30-45 minutes — 2 times a week (K-3), 4 times a week (4-12)

A Beka, Sonlight (K); A Reason for Science (1-5); Apologia (7-12)

- ▶ Hands on curriculum with weekly labs/experiments.
- ▶ Scientific method used in all lab write-ups.
- ▶ Assessment through quizzes and exams that are given throughout units.
- ▶ High School Science Rotation: Biology (year 1), Physics (year 2), Chemistry (year 3), General/Physical Science (year 4)

Health: 30 minutes — 2 times a week

A Beka

- ▶ Focus on learning about God's design for our bodies and what we can do to glorify Him (respecting our bodies).
- ▶ Assessment through quizzes and exams that are given throughout units.

Bible: 30 minutes — 4 times a week; Chapel held Monday & Thursday

Christian Light, Apologia, ACSI Character Foundations, Holy Bible

- ▶ Lecture style, with discussion
- ▶ Students are assigned work in the appropriate text or workbooks
- ▶ Work may be completed individually as well as in groups.
- ▶ Tests administered as set by the curriculum
- ▶ Weekly Biblical character foundation focus (Chapel discussion & lesson) - leadership and discipleship

Spelling/Vocabulary: 15 minutes — 4 times a week

A Reason for Spelling

- ▶ Spelling is completed in class as well as assigned for homework.
- ▶ Individual mini-lessons are given to students every Monday with weekly exams taking place every Thursday. Spelling lists are sent home and due each week.
- ▶ Spelling is graded for neatness, penmanship and grammar.
- ▶ Missed words should be added to the student's new level list for the following week.

Handwriting/Penmanship (PK-5): 15 minutes — 4 times a week

A Reason for Handwriting

- ▶ Completed in class. Major work and projects also graded for handwriting. Work not completed neatly is returned to the student and must be redone.

Art: 30 mins to 1 hour — 1 time a week

Art Projects K5; Barry Stebbing (How Great Thou Art, the Lamb's Book of Art), Various materials

- ▶ Lettering, acrylic painting, drawing/sketching, water color, clay, baking, graphic design, drama

Music: 30 minutes — 2 times a week

Various materials

- ▶ Easter, Christmas & End of Year Program. Performances are for parents as well as for community outreach.
- ▶ Focus on singing for the Lord.
- ▶ Music theory discussed in lecture and individual work completed.
- ▶ Students are graded on participation as well as completed work and assessments. Program attendance is required and considered a major project grade. Missed Programs will reduce a student's grade by at least 10% in addition to requiring a written paper. The written paper is required as a Program make-up assignment but will also still keep the student's grade reduced by at least 10% for each Program missed.

Recorders: 30 minutes — 1 time per week (4th & 5th Grade)

An introduction to an instrument

- ▶ Easter, Christmas & End of Year Program.
- ▶ Same grading as Music.

Drama: 30 minutes — 2 times per week (4th & 5th Grade; Middle & High School)

An introduction to theater/acting, improv and public speaking.

- ▶ Easter, Christmas & End of Year Program.
- ▶ Same grading as Music.

Computers: 30 minutes — 1 time per week (3rd-5th grade; elective course offered to Middle & High School)

- ▶ 3rd Grade: Keyboarding & Computer Basics
- ▶ 4th Grade: Keyboarding & Word
- ▶ 5th Grade: Keyboarding, Word & Excel

Physical Education: 30 minutes to 1 hour — 1 time a week

Horizons, SPARK

- ▶ Held on school grounds and some off-site locations (TBD: Bowling, YMCA, Ice Skating, etc.)
- ▶ Some activities covered include: soccer, cooperative games, basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, tumbling, kickball.
- ▶ Students are assessed on participation, following directions, sportsmanship/behavior, as well as understanding the sport/game being taught.

World Language: 30 to 45 minutes – 4 times a week

Russian (K-12): Russian Face to Face (Morris, Vyantyutnev, Vokhmina)

Spanish(4-12): Vista Higher Learning (Descubre)

- ▶ World languages include assessments in written word, reading and speech proficiency.
- ▶ Up to four high school credits available to high school students that take and pass the world language proficiency exam (credits given based on testing).

Additional Courses Offered (Electives – 6th-12th Grade)

Political Science	Programming 2
Business Management & Applications	Home Economics/Personal Choices
Culinary Arts, Art 1 or Art 2	Service & Discipleship
Videography & Yearbook	Librarian & T.A.
Drama/Theater	Build
Band or Choir	Worship Lead/Church Leadership
Intro to Computers & Programming	Intro. to Engineering
Criminal Justice	Intro. to Law (Law & Society w/ Mock Trial)

High School Core Courses (Honors Courses Offered-Calculus, History, English)**Science**

Biology (w/lab)
 Chemistry (w/lab)
 Physics (w/lab)
 General Science (Physical Science)

Social Studies

WA State History & Gov/Civics
 U.S. History & Gov/Civics
 Ancient Civilizations
 World History

Math

Algebra 1 & Geometry
 Algebra 2 & Geometry
 Pre-Calculus (Advanced Math)
 Calculus
 Business Math
 Statistics

English

General English
 American Literature & Writing
 World Literature & Writing
 Creative Writing
 Business Writing