

MISSION STATEMENT

The Cornerstone of First Baptist Academy is its commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is truly our desire that “in everything He might come to have the supremacy” (Col. 1:18).

Our Mission is to develop students with Christian character and a biblical worldview, equipping them for life, learning and leadership.

Our Goal is that each student would be equipped to pursue God’s plan for his/her life while being salt and light in a decaying and lost world.

Our Prayer for our students is “...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give (them) the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that (they) may know Him better...and that the eyes of (their) hearts may be enlightened...” (Eph. 1:17-18a).

Our Foundation is the Word of God and its teaching.

OUR PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The education philosophy of First Baptist Academy is based on a God-centered view of truth and man as presented in the Bible.

The entire process of Christian education is seen as a means to be used by the Holy Spirit to bring the student into fellowship with God, to develop in the student the mind of Christ, and to train him/her in godly living, so that the student can fulfill God’s total purpose for this life personally and vocationally.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Cooperation - Galatians 6:10
Respect - Ephesians 6:1-3
Responsibility - Colossians 3:25
Christ-likeness - Philippians 2:5

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bible *II Timothy 3:16*

Disciple students to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. Teach students to read, understand and apply Biblical truth. Equip students to serve in God’s kingdom as disciples of Christ

The course consists of an Old Testament Survey from Genesis through I Kings - from Creation through the Patriarchs, the conquest of Canaan, the Judges, and the kingdom of David and Solomon.

Language Arts *II Timothy 2:15*

Recognize that God has given us the gift of language to help us understand His Word and communicate his truth through Christ-centered balanced literacy

This course will allow students to learn, review and apply varied reading comprehension skills and strategies while reading different genres of literature. Students will analyze word roots, suffixes and prefixes, and explore etymology of vocabulary. Written and oral language will be expressed through personal writing, expository writing, narrative writing, descriptive writing, persuasive writing and poetry. Students will learn, review, and apply the 6+1 writing traits and master prewriting skills.

Correct use of punctuation and all parts of speech will be reviewed and applied. Students will write critically, compare and contrast, and express their Biblical perspective powerfully through excellent writing and verbal skills. Students will also use Skillwriter, a web-based FCAT style writing test, to enhance writing skills throughout the year.

Math *Colossians 1:16*

Illustrate God’s unchanging character through the timeless, logical mathematical systems He gave to man through His gift of reason

This course is a comprehensive program that provides students with a strong foundation in key middle grade mathematical concepts and skills balanced with a thorough development of problem solving skills. Students will explore concepts and solve problems using visual models, hands-on learning, and paper-pencil computation. This course lays the foundation of mathematical concepts to be built and expanded upon in future courses.

Science *Nehemiah 9:6*

Know that God makes and sustains His gift of creation

This course will use a hands-on-approach by conducting numerous experiments and activities, while studying the nature of matter, forces and motion, and oceanography. Students will learn more about our God—the one who made the world, redeemed it, and supports and preserves all things for the benefit of humanity.

History *I Timothy 2:1,2*

Communicate God’s sovereign control over human history, and develop an appreciation for God’s gift of government

This course of study surveys ancient world history from the earliest civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Israel to the birth of Europe and finishing with the Crusades. During their investigation of antiquity, the students will coordinate their review of the past with the history recorded in the Old Testament. Students will focus on the cultures and geography of each civilization, comparing and contrasting a variety of worldviews from a Biblical worldview.

Physical Education *II Timothy 2:5*

Recognize Physical Education is a gift from God to be developed and enjoyed for his glory and purposes

This course will allow students to know how to move competently, maintain physical fitness, learn personal health and wellness skills, apply movement concepts and skill mechanics, develop lifetime activity skills, and demonstrate positive social skills while participating in physical activity. Students will incorporate learned sports skills in a variety of sports activities.

Choir Psalm 33:1-4

Recognize that Choir is a gift of God to be developed and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

Students in this Fine Arts elective will be encouraged to develop the voices that God has given them through the use of vocal exercises, sight-singing, songs in 2 & 3 parts, choreography and concert etiquette. A variety of repertoire, Classical to Contemporary, will be used. Activities include singing in chapel, ACSI Vocal Festival and a musical.

Band Psalm 150:3-4

Recognize that Band is a gift of God to be developed and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

With emphasis on advancing ensemble playing through individual skill development, students will utilize a variety of drills and performance strategies to increase music reading and tone production competence on their chosen instrument. Repertoire is varied, selected for specific needs and interests of the presently enrolled students.

String Orchestra Psalm 150:3-4

Recognize that Strings is a gift of God to be developed and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

As a fine art elective, students will continue to develop basic elements of playing a stringed instrument, performance and ensemble techniques. Repertoire will be varied to include works that are classical, contemporary, fiddle, and sacred.

Art Isaiah 64:8

Recognize that Art is a gift from God to be appreciated, developed, and enjoyed for His glory and purposes

Art lessons will focus on the mastery of design concepts. The four disciplines of art: art history, aesthetics, criticism, and production will provide a comprehensive approach to art from a Christian perspective.

How You Can Help Your Child to be Successful in Middle School

- Pray with your child and for your child's teachers daily.
- Bring your child to school on time.
- Establish routine times for homework, rest, physical exercise, and meals.
- Expect your child to take full responsibility for homework being completed and tests being signed.
- Make sure homework is being written down in their agendas.
- Help your child organize time and materials.
- Encourage your child to participate in the classroom by taking meaningful notes, asking questions, and answering questions as often as possible.
- Hold your child accountable for poor grades and assignments that are not turned in. Review your child's test papers.
- Do not hesitate to e-mail or call a teacher if you have any questions or concerns.
- Check your child's grades on-line.
- Set a good example at home with your own Christ-like attitude toward your job and toward others.
- Set aside a study place and time where your child can study without distraction.
- Encourage your child and take interest in any new vocabulary words he/she is learning each week.
- Encourage your child to keep a prayer journal or a journal to express thoughts, feelings, and experiences.
- Help your child look for ways to incorporate physical activities that they enjoy into their lifestyle.
- Have your child sing or play a song that they are working on in the fine arts class.
- Instill a strong work ethic by encouraging your child to work "as unto the Lord" (Col. 3:23).
- Help your child to relate new concepts to everyday experiences.
- Focused attention and good listening habits are essential.



FAMILY GUIDE

*"Renewing our minds...Surrendering our hearts to Christ."
Romans 12:1-2*

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