

THE LOWER SCHOOL SCOPE & SEQUENCE

Asheville Christian Academy's Lower School consists of K4, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-5. K4 is an academic and developmentally based program designed to prepare children for Kindergarten. We offer two full day Kindergarten classes. Along with one teacher per class, there are aides available to the Lower School. Special classes are provided in art, music, library and physical education by teachers trained in those areas for K4, Kindergarten and grades 1-5. Computer instruction is provided for grades 3-5 with availability to all classes.

ACA's commitment to developmental readiness is evidenced by the August 31 birth date cut-off for Kindergartners and a required developmental screening. Desiring to accommodate the learning needs of its students ACA offers a variety of services through our Programs for Academic Support and Success (PASS). Further information may be secured from the school office.

The curriculum is designed to provide a Biblically centered, challenging program taught in an age-appropriate manner. Consideration is given to the development of the whole child; spiritually, academically, physically, emotionally, and socially.

Since 1995, we have incorporated some aspects of Core Knowledge into our curriculum. Core Knowledge is a consensus-based curriculum that provides a detailed listing of specific knowledge in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The Core Knowledge Sequence was developed to provide students with a rich vocabulary and broad knowledge base on which future instruction can build, broaden, and deepen.

	K4	K5	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5
BIBLE	CSI Bible (K4-2)				ACSI Bible (3-5)		
FINE ARTS	Art Music					Art Band Choir	
LANGUAGE ARTS	ACSI Letters and Sounds	Open Court (K5-5)					
READING		Open Court Headway Program (K5-3)				Open Court Rise Program (4-5)	
LANGUAGE		Open Court	Open Court (1-2) Shurley English (1-3)		Houghton Mifflin (4-5)		
SPELLING		Open Court (K5-2)			Mega Words (3-5)		
VOCABULARY		Open Court (K5-2)			English From the Roots Up	Wordly Wise (4-5) English From the Roots Up (4-5)	
COMPOSITION		ACA Teacher Created Units (K5-5)					
HANDWRITING	Handwriting Without Tears (K4-1)			Zaner Bloser (2-5) (cursive begins in Grade 2)			
MATHEMATICS	Harcourt Math (K4-K5)		Singapore Math		Saxon 54		Saxon 65
SCIENCE	ACA Teacher Created Units (K4-2)				McGraw-Hill Science: A Closer Look (3-5)		
SOCIAL STUDIES	ACA Teacher Created Units (K4-3)				NC History Harcourt Brace		US History Harcourt Brace

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SCOPE & SEQUENCE

The Middle School at ACA is a community of sixth through eighth grade students who are in transition from childhood to adolescence. The program continues to offer daily learning from the Bible and the other core subjects from a distinctly biblical perspective. During these formative years, it is important to give attention to the growth and maturity of the whole child. Therefore, special attention is given to developing study skills, personal responsibility, moral integrity, exploring co-curricular interests, expanding reading, writing and thinking skills, and providing a robust social environment in which to flourish in mind, body, and spirit (Luke 2:52).

The key to a vibrant and positive middle school is a highly trained, effective, and dedicated faculty. The ACA faculty is committed to making an impact on students' whole lives, and recognizes the unique qualities and needs of the middle school student. Our teachers understand their intellectual development from concrete operations to abstract thinking and are aware of the growing spiritual and social needs of students. They realize that each student needs affirmation, correction, encouragement, and a robust environment in which to pursue excellence (Eph. 6:4).

The Middle School program expands opportunities for students in order to allow them to more fully realize their athletic and artistic gifts and abilities. The increase of the fine arts (choir, band, drama, art) presents co-curricular outlets for students in the Middle School. A full complement of athletic opportunities provides three full seasons of interscholastic sports competition.

Finally, the Middle School is a positive, encouraging launching pad into the Upper School, as students continue to mature and build their dreams for college and beyond.

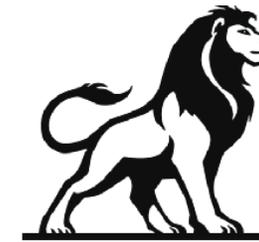
	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
BIBLICAL STUDIES	New Testament Survey	Old Testament Daring Deliverers Day of the Lord	Early Church History Origins of the Bible Inductive Bible Study Methods
SOCIAL STUDIES	Ancient and Medieval History	Geography-Eastern Hemisphere	U.S. History
LANGUAGE ARTS INCLUDES: GRAMMAR VOCABULARY COMPOSITION	<i>Anthology of Literature & Poetry</i> <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> <i>Children's Homer</i> <i>The Bronze Bow</i> Additional Summer Reading	<i>Anthology of Literature & Poetry</i> <i>A Christmas Carol</i> <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> Additional Summer Reading	<i>Anthology of Literature & Poetry</i> <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> <i>Pilgrim's Progress</i> <i>The Princess and Curdie</i> Additional Summer Reading
MATHEMATICS	Arithmetic-Saxon Course 1 Pre-Algebra	Arithmetic-Course 2 Pre-Algebra Algebra I	Pre-Algebra Algebra I Geometry
SCIENCE	Life Science Life Science Lab	Earth Science Earth Science Lab	Physical Science Physical Science Lab
TECHNOLOGY	Computer Skills 6	Computer Skills 7 (Elective) Yearbook	Computer Skills 8 (Elective) Yearbook
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	P.E. 6	P.E. 7	P.E. 8
ENRICHMENT	Study Skills		
FINE ARTS	Art 6 Drama 6 Chorus 6 or Band 6	MS Art MS Drama MS Chorus I MS Band I	MS Art MS Drama MS Chorus II MS Band II

THE UPPER SCHOOL SCOPE & SEQUENCE

As young men and women enter the Upper School years, they further deepen their relationship with God, teachers, fellow students, and the engaging world around them. The curriculum, both challenging and stimulating, is designed to prepare students for college and eternity. Teachers and students working together are key to creating a school culture that values excellence, hard work, brotherly love, and a vision for the future. We understand that learning must be accompanied by strong relationships with mentors that add zeal to intellectual and spiritual curiosity and understanding. A passion to invest in the spiritual and intellectual enlightenment (Eph. 1:18) of each student is at the heart of each teacher. Our purpose is to promote the Lordship of Christ over all areas of the academic, athletic, and artistic endeavors of our students' education. Therefore, we provide a full liberal arts curricular and co-curricular program for all students. ACA offers a rigorous college-bound course of study that meets or exceeds the entrance requirements of colleges and universities nationwide. While we are an independent, college preparatory academy, we are investing in students' lives far beyond their college acceptances. We are investing in them for eternity. In doing this, our goal is to produce generations of people who will be able to unleash their faith in all aspects of human endeavor and live out the life that Christ intended for each student (Phil. 3:12).

	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
BIBLICAL ELECTIVES 3 credits required	Biblical Worldviews ^{CP} Christology ^{CP}	Biblical Manhood/ Womanhood ^{CP}	Gospel of John ^{CP} Film and Worldview ^{CP} Romans ^{CP} Book Discussion ^{CP} Truth Project ^{CP} Origins of the Bible ^{CP}	Senior Integration Project ^{CP/H}
SOCIAL STUDIES 4 credits required	World History I ^{CP/H}	World History II ^{CP/H}	U.S. History ^{CP/H} AP U.S. History ^{DE}	Economics ^{CP/H} Government ^{CP/H/Honors}
LANGUAGE ARTS 4 credits required	Ancient & Medieval Literature ^{CP/H} w/Comp & Grammar	World Literature ^{CP/H} w/Composition	American Literature ^{CP/H/DE} w/Composition AP Language & Comp	British Literature ^{CP/DE} w/Composition AP Literature & Comp
MATHEMATICS 4 credits required	Algebra I ^{CP/H} Algebra II ^{CP/H} Geometry ^{CP/H}	Algebra II ^{CP/H} Geometry ^{CP/H} Pre-calculus ^H	Algebra II ^{CP/H} AMTEM ^{CP} Pre-Calculus ^{H/DE} AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC ^{DE} AP Statistics ^{DE}	Project Mindset ^{CP} Pre-Calculus ^{H/DE} AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC ^{DE} AP Statistics ^{DE}
SCIENCE 3 credits required	Biology I ^{CP/H} Environmental Science ^{CP} Engineering ^{CP/Honors}	Chemistry I ^{CP/H} Environmental Science ^{CP} Engineering ^{CP/Honors}	Anatomy & Physiology I ^H Anatomy & Physiology II ^H Physics ^H Engineering ^{CP} Biotechnology ^H	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics AP Environmental Science
FINE ARTS 1 credit required	Chorus I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Band I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Theatre Art I	Chorus I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Band I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Theatre Art II	Chorus I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Band I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Theatre Art III ^H Music Theory ^H	Chorus I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Band I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Theatre Art IV ^H Music Theory ^H
FOREIGN LANG 2 credits required	Spanish I, II, III ^H and IV ^H French I, II, III ^H and IV ^H Latin I, II, III ^H , AP			
PHYS ED 1 credit required	Physical Conditioning, Individual and Team Sports, and Two seasons of a team sport, or PE independent study in an aerobic sport.			
ELECTIVES 3 credits required	Teacher's Aide, Yearbook, Study Skills, Speech & Composition, and any course listed above that has not already been completed			

Total Required
Credits **26**
^{CP} College Prep
^H Honors
^{DE} Dual Enrollment
AP Advanced Placement



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