

Lakeland Christian Academy
Secondary Curriculum : 6th – 8th grade

	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Mathematics	<p>Students will explore and learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number, Operation, & Quantative Reasoning • Patterns, Relationships, & Algebraic Thinking • Geometry & Spatial Reasoning • Measurement • Probability & Statistics • Underlying Processes & Mathematical Tools 	<p>Students will explore and learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number, Operation, & Quantative Reasoning • Patterns, Relationships, & Algebraic Thinking • Geometry & Spatial Reasoning • Measurement • Probability & Statistics • Underlying Processes & Mathematical Tools 	<p>Students will explore and learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number, Operation, & Quantative Reasoning • Patterns, Relationships, & Algebraic Thinking • Geometry & Spatial Reasoning • Measurement • Probability & Statistics • Underlying Processes & Mathematical Tools • Pre-Algebra Skills and Reasoning
Language Arts	<p>6th grade English emphasizes traditional grammar as well as practice with essential reference skills. The English curriculum provides a step-by-step method to the Writing Process for eight different types of writing assignments, such as personal narratives, newspaper editorials, historical fiction, and limericks.</p> <p><i>Reading 6</i> engages students with a variety of character-building stories as well as classical literature selections from which biblical principles are drawn. An emphasis on literary elements, higher-level thinking skills, and vocabulary enrichment is a bridge to the traditional literature classes that begin in junior high.</p>	<p>7th grade English presents clear instruction and offers plenty of practice in writing and grammar, including an overview of the Writing Process and many focused writing activities. Teach all eight parts of speech, the five basic sentence patterns, usage concepts such as subject-verb agreement and clear pronoun reference, and mechanics. Introduce adjective clauses and complex sentences. Reference chapters include dictionary skills, library skills, study skills, and an overview of the Writing Process. Writing projects may include a biographical sketch, an in-class essay, a letter to the editor, a book report, and poetry.</p> <p><i>Explorations of Literature Student Text</i> presents a compilation of stories, poems, and essays from a variety of authors and genres grouped by theme to develop critical thinking skills. Vocabulary glosses explain unfamiliar words within the literature selections. Thinking Zone pages throughout the book ask questions to encourage the student to think about literature in at least four ways: comprehension, interpretation, analysis, and appreciation. In addition to teaching literary terms, these questions also develop the students' abilities to respond biblically to literature.</p>	<p>8th grade English presents clear instruction and offers plenty of practice in writing and grammar, including an overview of the writing process and many focused writing activities. <i>Writing & Grammar 8</i> reviews the eight parts of speech, five basic sentence patterns, usage, and mechanics, and discusses grammar elements such as participles, gerunds, and infinitives. Dictionary skills, library skills, study skills, and the writing process are also part of the year's work. Writing projects may include a news report, a character profile, a short fable, an informal debate script, a photo essay, and an in-class essay.</p> <p><i>Excursions in Literature Student Text</i> provides a rich collection of literary selections to help students gain an appreciation for literary techniques as they study a variety of genres of literature from a range of cultures. Students are encouraged to develop and apply critical thinking skills as they analyze the literature pieces in light of a Christian worldview.</p>

Science	<i>Science 6</i> reveals the incredible intricacies of cells and organisms, matter and energy, astronomy, heredity, the nervous system, and the immune system. This science curriculum includes engaging, but manageable science experiments, science projects, diagrams and charts as well as periodic reviews.	<i>Life Science</i> provides a thorough overview of the life sciences. There is increased emphasis on Bible integration as well as career features, increased compliance with national and state science standards, enhanced appendices on classification and biomes, and an expanded glossary and index	<i>Space and Earth Science Student</i> proclaims God's handiwork through the study of the physical universe. Affirming the young earth creationist view of the Earth's history and disproving the evolutionary views pervading the scientific community and our culture, the science curriculum presents an engaging study of scientific philosophies and models, outer space meteorology, geology, and oceanography.
Social Studies	Secondary Social Studies in grades 6 th -8 th provides a well-rounded overview of both US and World History. Courses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Studies: Help students acquire a foundational understanding of the roots of contemporary United States struggles and the blossoming of American enterprise from the early 1900s to the present. In addition students will survey the history and culture of ancient civilizations like Egypt, China, Israel, Greece, Africa, the Mayas, the Roman world, and the European Middle Ages. • World Studies: Begins with the growth of towns after the Dark Ages and continues through the 20th century. • US History: Colonization to Present Day 		
Bible	<i>Winning the Race</i> draws from studies of various Bible characters and an overview of the Book of Revelation, to help students learn how the principles of God's Word can help them gain victory in the race of life.	7 th and 8 th graders begin in-depth Bible studies with <i>Dynamic Christian Living</i> to help them mature in their Christian lives.	
Spanish	Secondary Spanish is a proficiency-based course designated to teach skills that involve vocabulary, listening, speaking, reading, and an introduction to the culture of Spanish-speaking people. Students will study practical vocabulary for daily communication, incorporating sound grammatical structure within both oral and written work.		
Music	6 th – 8 th grade students have a choice of participating in band or choir. Both programs emphasize development of the voice/instrument, music theory, music history, and music appreciation.		
Physical Education	Emphasis is on physical health through organized games and activities designed to meet the physical needs of every student. 6 th – 8 th grade attends PE daily.		
Art	Secondary Art class covers art appreciation and art history as well as two-dimensional and three-dimensional student created art.		
Drama	Students will explore the theater arts and have an opportunity to perform on stage.		
Athletics	Secondary students have the opportunity to participate in several athletics programs. LCA Athletic programs include football, baseball, volleyball, basketball, soccer, drill team, cross-country, and track.		
Extracurricular Fine Arts	Extra-curricular Fine Arts Activities are available in class settings or private lessons through the LBEC Fine Arts Academy. Opportunities include drama, handbells, tone chimes, and art as well as private instruction in voice, piano, guitar, trumpet, and clarinet.		