



K-8 CURRICULUM



Subject	Grades K-2 (Foundation)	Grades 3-5 (Developing)	Grades 6-8 (Proficient/Preparation for High School)
Religion	God as Creator, Jesus as Savior, basic prayers, Bible stories, introduction to Sacraments, liturgical seasons	Scripture study (Old & New Testament), Sacraments, moral choices, saints, prayer forms, Church seasons	Catholic doctrine, Church history, moral theology, Catholic Social Teaching, discipleship, service rooted in faith, Confirmation preparation (8th)
English Language Arts	Phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, handwriting, speaking & listening, foundational writing	Reading comprehension, grammar, paragraph writing, vocabulary, text evidence, phonics (3 rd)	Literary analysis - including poetry, argumentative & research writing, grammar mastery, vocabulary, text evidence, presentation & speaking skills
Mathematics	Number sense, counting, addition, & subtraction, measurement, problem-solving, time & money	Multiplication/division, fractions, decimals, geometry, multi-step problem-solving	Ratios, expressions, equations, geometry, statistics, pre-algebra foundations
Science	Observation, life science, earth, & space science, scientific inquiry, engineering technology	Life, physical, and earth science concepts; experiments; engineering practices	Biology, chemistry, physics concepts; lab investigations; STEM applications
Social Studies	Community, citizenship, geography basics, family, and culture economics	Missouri studies, U.S. history, geography, economics, branches of government	World history, U.S. history, civics, government, global perspectives
Technology/Digital Literacy	Device basics, digital safety, responsible use, basic coding skills	Research skills, presentations, ethical technology use, basic coding skills	Productivity tools, coding basics, digital citizenship, media literacy
Fine Arts - Art	Creative expression basic art skills	Art elements & principles, art history	Advanced techniques, discussion, historical & cultural connections



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Fine Arts – Music	Singing, rhythm, movement, sacred music	Music theory basics, performance, liturgical music	Performance, music history, leadership in liturgy (<i>Band Students</i>)
Physical Education & Health	Motor skills, coordination, healthy habits	Fitness development, teamwork, wellness concepts	Physical fitness, health education, leadership, sportsmanship
Service Learning/Catholic Identity	Acts of kindness, classroom service	Parish and community service projects	Leadership, service aligned to Catholic Social Teaching & reflection

Middle School Electives May Include:

- Bellarmine Speech
- Chess
- Robotics
- Drama
- Farm to Table
- Personal Finance
- 3D Printing
- Ceramics

How This Aligns with St. Louis Archdiocesan Unified Standards

- Direct alignment to Archdiocesan Unified Standards frameworks with Missouri Learning Standards embedded
- Religion standards taught daily and integrated across content areas
- Catholic Social Teaching intentionally embedded in religion, ELA, and social studies
- Spiral progression from foundational to proficient learning
- Faith, service, and academic excellence emphasized equally