



## Weddington Christian Academy Middle School Course Descriptions 2025-2026

### *Bible*

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#### 6th Grade

This course utilizes the Positive Action curriculum to equip students to study God's Word and apply it to their lives. Lessons focus on Biblical truths, character development, and God's work through people and events in Scripture. Students will grow in their knowledge of the Bible, strengthen their faith, and learn how to live out Biblical principles in their daily lives.

Textbook: Positive Action Bible Curriculum

#### 7th & 8th Grade

This course utilizes the *Wise Up* Positive Action curriculum to equip students to study God's Word and apply it to their lives. Students will learn that godly wisdom differs from man's wisdom and how they can walk in God's Word. Lessons focus on Biblical truths, character development, and God's work through people and events in Scripture. Students will grow in their knowledge of the Bible, strengthen their faith, and learn how to live out Biblical principles in their daily lives.

Textbook: Positive Action Bible Curriculum, *Wise Up*

### *English and Language Arts*

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#### 6th Grade

This course synthesizes the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Into Literature* and outside selected texts to reflect on a coming-of-age theme. Throughout the year we will incorporate various genres of literature to evaluate this theme, at the same time emphasizing grammar and vocabulary skills through our Classical Roots and Wordly Wise curriculums. We will introduce and continue to improve on essential writing skills.

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Into Literature*, Classical Roots, Worldly Wise  
Novels: *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*; *The Bronze Bow*

## 7th Grade

This course develops students' reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking skills through a blend of classic and contemporary texts. Students will practice close reading, literary analysis, and comprehension strategies while strengthening vocabulary, grammar, and usage. Writing assignments will span narrative, expository, persuasive, and analytical forms, with an emphasis on supporting ideas with evidence. Class discussions, projects, and presentations will foster collaboration and oral communication, while connections between literature, history, and personal experience will encourage deeper engagement with themes of identity, culture, and morality.

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Into Literature*, *Classical Roots*, *Worldly Wise*

Novels: *Tangerine*; *The Hobbit*

## 8th Grade

This course utilizes the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Into Literature* and other selected texts to examine various themes such as coming-of-age, identity, and the transformative power of faith. Throughout the year we will examine varying genres of literature with a focus on text analysis and improving writing skills. This course also emphasizes grammar and vocabulary understanding through our *Wordly Wise* and *Classical Roots* curriculums.

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Into Literature*, *Classical Roots*, *Worldly Wise*

Novels: *The Count of Monte Christo (abridged)*; *The Hiding Place: Young Reader's Edition*

## Math

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## 6th Grade

This course with iReady Mathematics combines teacher-led instruction, interactive practice, and online learning tailored to each student's needs. Topics include fractions, ratios, decimals, percentages, integers, expressions, equations, geometry, and statistics. The goal is to help students grow in confidence, deepen understanding, and prepare for advanced math.

Textbook: *iReady Classroom and Diagnostic*

## 7th Grade

This course continues building problem-solving and reasoning skills through i-Ready Classroom Mathematics. They explore ratios and proportions, rational numbers, expressions, equations,

inequalities, geometry, and probability. Instruction blends teacher-led lessons, interactive practice, and personalized online learning to prepare students for 8th grade math and Algebra.

Textbook: *iReady Classroom and Diagnostic*

## 8th Grade

This course continues using i-Ready Classroom Mathematics to prepare students for high school algebra and beyond. They study linear equations, functions, systems of equations, exponents, scientific notation, geometry, and statistics. Lessons combine teacher instruction, collaborative practice, and personalized online learning to strengthen understanding and problem-solving skills.

Textbook: *iReady Classroom and Diagnostic*

## Science

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### Earth Science (6th grade)

This course will explore the Earth's systems, from its structure to weather patterns, and the forces that shape our planet. The Purposeful Design curriculum covers topics like rocks and minerals, plate tectonics, the water cycle, and climate. Through hands-on activities, investigations and biblical integration, students will develop a deeper understanding of Earth's processes and how humans interact with the environment.

Textbook: *Earth and Space Science by Purposeful Design*

### Life Science (7th grade)

This course will dive into the fascinating world of living organisms and their interactions with the environment. The Purposeful Design curriculum covers topics including cell biology, genetics, ecosystems, human body systems, and the diversity of life on Earth. Students will engage in hands-on experiments and activities that help them understand the complexity and interconnectedness of life on our planet. They will see how fearfully and wonderfully God made us and the living things in our world.

Textbook: *Life Science by Purposeful Design*

### Physical Science (8th grade)

This course explores the foundational concepts of physics and chemistry, helping students understand the properties and behavior of matter and energy. The Purposeful Design curriculum covers topics including forces and motion, the structure of matter, energy transformations, and

the laws of physics. Through experiments, interactive learning and biblical integration, students will develop a deeper understanding of the physical world around them.

Textbook: *Physical Science by Purposeful Design*

## *Social Studies*

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### *Ancient Civilizations (6th grade)*

This course covers the world's earliest civilizations. Through engaging articles, maps, primary sources, and activities, students will study Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, India, and other ancient cultures. Lessons focus on how people lived, what they believed, and how their ideas shaped the modern world. Students will practice reading and critical thinking skills while learning to connect the past to the present.

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Into Social Studies magazines*

### *US History (7th grade)*

This course covers the early history of the United States, from Native American cultures to the formation of the nation. Using the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt curriculum, students will explore key events like European exploration, the American Revolution, and the creation of the Constitution, while developing critical thinking skills and an understanding of America's diverse history.

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *American History*

### *Modern World History (8th grade)*

This course examines major political, cultural, economic, and social transformations from the Middle Ages to the Modern Era. Using the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt curriculum, students will delve into the development of Western Civilization. Students will examine global trends and global conflicts, and they will use key skills such as critical thinking and analysis while obtaining a broader world view of history.

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *World Civilizations*

## *Enrichments*

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### Art (6th-8th grade)

This course develops students' skills of the elements of art and principles of design through hands-on projects in drawing, painting, sculpture, and other media. Students explore various historical and cultural perspectives, learn the art-making process of planning, producing, and reflecting, and develop their critical analysis and personal expression skills while building a foundational understanding of art concepts.

### Broadcast (8th grade)

This course will teach students the elements of broadcast. They will gain experience in the roles of editor, film, and anchor, with a focus on collaboration. Each week the students will be responsible for designing, creating, and editing the broadcast to be viewed school-wide.

### Creative Writing (8th grade)

This course is designed to give students a creative outlet while refining their writing skills. Over the course of the year, students will have the opportunity to write from various narrative perspectives and utilize various literary devices. They will examine a variety of genres, including poetry, memoirs, and fiction. As a culmination to the course, students will create a portfolio that showcases their best work.

### Music (6th-8th grade)

This course teaches the fundamental concepts of music by training students in the skills of pitch, rhythm, melody, harmony, and music theory by learning notation. They will gain hands-on experience with several instruments, applying the knowledge they have learned and experimenting with how to make music together as a group. This class also emphasizes singing as, regardless of musical background or interest, each of us has been created to use our voice to the glory of God. The goal is to encourage each student to use their voice to praise Jesus for the rest of their life, as singing is both a gift and a command in the Bible.

### Physical Education (6th-8th grade)

This course introduces middle school students to team sports like soccer, kickball, flag football, and volleyball, focusing on their rules, techniques, and strategies. Through practical drills, skill-building exercises, and competitive games, students will develop core skills like kicking, running, and throwing. The course emphasizes teamwork, strategic thinking, and physical fitness, while promoting respect and communication in both competitive and recreational settings.

### Spanish (6th-8th grade)

This course is designed to introduce students to beginner level Spanish. Throughout the year, students will develop a positive and strong foundation in reading, writing, and listening comprehension that will set them up for success as they enter Spanish 1. Students will become very familiar with common vocabulary in Spanish, explore different cultural aspects of Spanish speaking countries, as well as learn to conjugate verbs and build sentences in the present tense. The goal is to increase interest and confidence in other languages and cultures, while also establishing a solid foundation for overall language acquisition.

Textbook: *Auténtico Level 1* by Savvas

### Study Skills (6th-8th grade)

This course is designed to help students identify and embrace their unique learning styles, strengths and weaknesses. Students will use this information to develop individual strategies for academic success in upper grades. Topics will include time management and organization.

### That's Life (6th-7th grade)

This course encourages students to learn practical skills to prepare for everyday life and future success. Topics include writing checks, addressing envelopes, practicing good manners, interviewing, exploring careers and colleges, managing time, and developing responsibility. This course equips students with confidence and real-world skills they can use at home, in school, and beyond.

### Yearbook (8th grade)

This course will teach elements of visual design, photography, graphic design, editing, journalism, and teamwork. Students will obtain experience with publishing, and they will create a tangible product for the school community. Throughout the year, students will gain real-world experience by meeting deadlines and working collaboratively to produce a high-quality finished product.