

C u r r i c u l u m a n d A c t i v i t i e s

True Light seeks to instill in each student a desire to learn and fulfill his/her potential for learning. Teachers at True Light are discipling the next generation by setting high academic standards in an encouraging environment.

B i b l e

Weekly chapel services are held for all True Light students, staff, and families where the weekly Scripture and character trait are emphasized.

Kindergarten through Fourth grade: Our students and staff focus on weekly Scripture memory, character traits, and Bible stories. Each teacher begins the school day with prayer, worship, and testimonies shared with and by their students. Bible curricula used include; the Bible, Summit Ministries worldview curriculum, and children's picture Bibles.

Fifth through Eighth Grade: Summit Ministries world view curriculum is used at these grade levels. Students complete Old and New Testament surveys, study basic Bible doctrines and principles, and do in-depth book studies with an emphasis on life application. Students begin to memorize larger portions of Scripture. They also develop daily habits of personal devotions and prayer journaling.

R e a d i n g

Kindergarten through Second Grades: Students get a solid foundation in the use of phonics while being taught Christian principles through the Abeka reading series for Christian schools. The reading program is supplemented by Raz Plus, an individualized program that allows students to read and practice at their own level.

Third and Fourth Grades: Students use a Christian reading curriculum from Bob Jones University Press to develop fluency and comprehension while being exposed to a variety of literature types and styles that appeal to young people. Selected novels and related curricula are used at these grade levels. The reading program is also supplemented by Raz Plus, an individualized program that allows students to read and practice at their own level.

Fifth through Eighth Grade: Students continue in the Bob Jones curriculum for strengths in classical literature, strong values, and colorful formats. Students begin to analyze character development, setting, plot, and theme. Throughout their junior high years, students are exposed to selected full-length novels and biographies. The reading program is also supplemented by Raz Plus, an individualized program that allows students to read and practice at their own level.

L a n g u a g e & G r a m m a r

Kindergarten through Second Grades: Abeka Book phonics and Zaner-Bloser handwriting techniques are used to lay the foundations of writing for our youngest students. Personal writing is emphasized by using daily journals. Students are also frequently asked to orally share their journal writings.

Third through Sixth Grades: Students review phonics concepts through Words Their Way spelling curriculum. They also learn and practice cursive handwriting and begin to learn keyboarding using Typing Tutor programs. Language concepts are also taught using the Bob Jones grammar series, composition workbooks, and daily oral language drills. Personal writing is emphasized using daily journals. Students also gain experience in written and spoken communication through creative writing assignments, oral reports, and research papers.

Seventh and Eighth Grade: Students go deeper into the complexities of grammar and composition using the Bob Jones work texts. The practice activities are filled with Scripture as well as quotes from respected authors and literature texts. Also at this level, students expound on their experience in written and spoken communication through creative writing assignments, oral reports, and research papers.

M a t h

ACSI math curriculum is used in grades K-6. This was implemented as a school wide change in 2017 for its Biblical integration, rigorous content, and alignment to standards. The curriculum also has options for chapter projects, extension activities and retention activities to accommodate each ability level. Students in 7th and 8th grade use the Holt McDougal math curriculum, which is recommended by Marshall High School. Select students in 7th and 8th grade can test out of their grade level math course and take the 8th or 9th grade course.

S p a n i s h

Students in first through eighth grades are introduced to the Spanish language and culture through *Pasaporte al Español*, a Christian foreign language series from Bob Jones University Press. Students are taught conversational vocabulary and commands through songs, games, and activities along with a variety of teacher developed resources and hands-on materials. Cultural awareness is implemented through lessons focusing on Latin American countries and Spain. Spanish classes meet two times each week and are held throughout the school year.

S o c i a l S t u d i e s a n d S c i e n c e

Kindergarten through Second Grades: Students use Abeka and Bob Jones curriculum and a variety of teacher-developed resources and activities, many of which are hands-on for maximum learning and enjoyment.

Third through Eighth Grade: Students use materials from several Christian publishers with a Biblical worldview. Humanistic and evolutionary-biased ideals along with culturally relevant topics are discussed in light of a Biblical worldview. Teachers also incorporate topic-specific resources and hands-on materials into the curriculum.

H e a l t h a n d P h y s i c a l E d u c a t i o n

Kindergarten through Eighth Grade: Physical education classes are held on our playground or in the gym and follow the Minnesota State Standards for Physical Education. Occasionally, special trips are planned for physical education activities.

F i n e A r t s

Classroom art is taught at all grade levels using materials and activities primarily developed and/or chosen by the teachers. Resources from Bob Jones University Press are used as part of each classroom curriculum.

The True Light band director provides instrumental music lessons as part of the band program. Music classes are held each week with the elementary music teacher.

Each spring, kindergarten through sixth grade students put on a Christ-centered musical with a Gospel message. We have found musicals to be one of our biggest outreach tools for drawing new families to the school and witnessing to our neighbors and families.

The seventh and eighth grade students host an annual dinner theatre or a theatre arts evening. This is a production written and performed entirely by our seventh and eighth grade students. Proceeds from tickets sales are designated for missions.