



# **Preschool, Elementary, & Middle School Curriculum and Program Guide 2016 – 2017**

*Welcome to Gladeview Christian School,*

*Our school was established with the goal of providing an academically rich and challenging education for our students built upon the foundation of the Word of God. Admission is offered based on a strict range of academic abilities and readiness levels. Developmentally based with a hands-on approach to learning, our programs offer age-appropriate experiences through a variety of exciting activities and lessons incorporating the use of various teaching styles.*

*Gladeview Christian School is standing strong at the forefront of Christian Schools. We are committed and focused on successfully providing all students with an excellent Christ-Centered educational experience. This is made possible through our great teachers alongside a comprehensive and challenging curriculum. At GCS, we are developing and cultivating the great leaders of tomorrow.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Torralbas', is positioned above the name of the school principal.

*Teresa Torralbas  
School Principal*

**Summary of Program Services****Classroom Instruction Time**

Pre-school students are in school 6.5 hours a day.

Elementary School students are in school 7 hours a day. (6 hours of instructional time daily on core subject areas such as Language, Reading, Math, Science, etc.)

Middle School students are in school 6 hours a day. (4 hours of instructional time daily on core subject areas such as Language, Reading, Math, Science, etc.)

**Foreign Language Program**

GCS currently offers an elite foreign language program that provides French and Spanish instruction to all students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Each class is 40 minutes and they meet three times per week. Upon registering at GCS, you must select the program of your choice (pending availability). Your child will remain in the selected foreign language program throughout their elementary years. Our foreign language classes are considered core classes and students are expected to complete homework assignments and study for tests and quizzes.

**Performing Arts Program**

GCS currently offers a performing arts program that provides students with the opportunity to explore different facets of the arts. Students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade have several types of music classes from which to choose. Their options are: Violin and Keyboarding. These alternative courses include an additional fee. Students enrolled in these classes receive an academic grade for their work and participation. Students are expected to complete assignments and study for tests and quizzes related to the subject matter.

**Weekly Chapel Services**

GCS is committed to proclaiming God's Word through weekly chapel services and to transforming lives through the work of the Holy Spirit. Chapel services provide an opportunity for corporate worship and praise through prayer, singing, testimonies, special music, and Biblical teaching. Services are designed to minister to the student body and to encourage personal growth and service to God. Visiting pastors, guest speakers, musical groups, drama groups, faculty, and students all have opportunities to speak in chapel throughout the school year. Parents are always welcome to attend chapel services. In Middle School, a week is set aside each semester for Spiritual Emphasis. Chapel is held every day during these weeks as the school focuses on what it means to love and serve God.

**P.O.P. Program – Preparing Our Pre-Schoolers Program**

One Child at a Time partners with Gladeview Christian School to bring Preparing Our Preschoolers Program to GCS. The goal of the program is to develop emergent readers at the preschool level. By providing high quality instruction through evidence based practices in a rich learning environment, students can develop early reading skills. Small group instruction is provided during the school day. This program is available for an additional fee.

Our program consists of five components.

1. Phonological Awareness- ability to manipulate sounds
2. Phonemic Awareness- ability to hear the smallest unit of sound
3. Alphabetic Principle- letter/sound association and recognition of letters
4. Text Concepts- understanding the aspects of a book
5. Writing- develop writing skills

**Curriculum Areas Listed by Grade**

<p><b>K1:</b> Bible Math Language Oral Reading Sensory Development</p> <p><b>K2:</b> Bible Oral Reading Language Arts/Phonics Math</p> <p><b>K3:</b> Bible Reading/Language Math Social Studies Science Writing</p> <p><b>K4:</b> Bible Language/Reading Math Social Studies Science Writing</p> <p><b>Pre-School Electives:</b> Music and Movement Playground Art (K2-K4) Computer Lab (K4 Only) Library (K4 Only) Special Activities &amp; Field Trips</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Bible Language/Reading Math Social Studies Science/Lab Handwriting</p>
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<p><b>First Grade:</b> Bible Language Arts Reading Math Social Studies Science/Lab Handwriting</p> <p><b>Second Grade:</b> Bible Language Arts Reading Math Social Studies Science /Lab Handwriting</p> <p><b>Third Grade:</b> Bible Language Arts/Reading Math Social Studies Science /Lab Handwriting</p> <p><b>Fourth Grade:</b> Bible Language Arts Reading Math Handwriting Social Studies Science/Lab</p> <p><b>Fifth Grade:</b> Bible Social Studies/History Science/ Lab Language Arts Handwriting Reading Math</p>
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<p><b>Elementary Electives K-5<sup>th</sup>:</b> Physical Education Computer Lab Art Music Library Special Activities/Field Trips Spanish (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> only) French (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> only)</p> <p><b>Sixth Grade:</b> Bible Language Arts/Literature Math Geography Science/Lab</p> <p><b>Seventh Grade:</b> Bible Language Arts/Literature Pre-Algebra Civics Biology/Lab</p> <p><b>Eighth Grade:</b> Bible Language Arts/Literature Algebra 1 American History Physical Science/Lab</p> <p><b>Middle School Electives:</b> Home Economics Keyboard Music Physical Education Computer &amp; Library Art Drama Yearbook</p>
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**Early Childhood Education - Grades K1-K4**

Our Early Childhood Education program designed to enhance the developmental stages of growth. The student's spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development is carefully considered as they are nurtured, instructed, guided, and encouraged.

**Pre-School Electives**

Music & Movement (K1-K4) – This special program develops motor skills through music by providing exposure to a variety of multicultural musical experiences. Students discover the world around them through age-appropriate activities. The fun-filled activities include movement stories, musical instruments, puppets, hula-hoops, bubbles, balls, parachute, and trampoline.

Playground (K1-K4) - Preschool students experience the joy of free play daily through use of the playground. Students have access to tricycles, a climbing structure, and an interactive chalkboard station. This safe facility with a padded floor allows students to explore their creativity through unstructured play time.

Art (K2-K4) –The art curriculum includes paper cutting, play-dough, painting, shaving cream table art, finger painting, introduction to color/coloring, color mixing, art projects relating to fall, winter, and the holiday seasons.

Computer Lab (K4 Only) – Students learn about the parts of a computer, software and its function, the use of websites to develop language, and computer sorting and memory games.

Library (K4 Only) – Students visit the library weekly to learn about different book genres, parts of a book, and elements of a story. Additionally, students participate in story time, puppet fun, and age-appropriate, language-rich books.

**1 Year Old Program:**

Bible- Children are introduced to key stories in the Bible through books, songs, and verses. Teachers work to build a solid foundation of Bible stories and most basic understanding of God's love for all people.

Math- In the 1-year old program, students build their mathematical thinking by recognizing patterns and understanding shapes. For example, students notice that night is followed by day and socks go on feet before shoes. Students begin to sort and categorize items and use developmental tools such as puzzles and stacking toys.

Language- Language skills in 1 year olds typically progress from noises and pointing to speaking single words and experimenting with simple word combinations. Teachers focus on pronunciation and building vocabulary by helping students absorb the language around them. Students are able to understand common phrases and simple directions used in routine class time.

Reading- Students are introduced to story time and reading through nursery rhymes and books with single pictures of familiar and related items. Teachers focus on improving vocabulary by instructing students to name pictures in books read to them. Students begin experimenting with marks and scribbles on a surface to learn gross motor skills for writing.

Sensory Development: One-year-olds are just discovering their creative abilities. Their interest in art is focused on the sensory exploration of art materials, such as paint and clay. With music, teachers guide students so they can respond with their whole bodies to rhythm, beat, and melody. Students make an important developmental leap by beginning to pretend during play, often by imitating teacher movements.

**2 Year Old Program:** The 2-year old program follows a K3 curriculum to provide a solid educational base for every child. Students are not required to be potty trained to enroll. The teachers work together to help potty train students.

Bible – The Bible program is designed to instill the love of Jesus in our children. As children listen to stories of God’s Word, they begin to learn who God is, and that He cares for them. The Bible curriculum encourages the development of Christian character. Weekly Chapel visits also reinforce spiritual growth and development.

Reading – The students in our K2 program are provided with circle time reading twice a day. This is designed to promote phonemic awareness and comprehension skills through the use of oral reading by the classroom teacher.

Language Arts - Using authentic text to anchor the core instruction, this curriculum weaves the skills of close reading into a practical routine that is designed to have students read and reread for a variety of purposes, giving them time to dig deeper into the text. The practice notebook includes phonics, words to know, vocabulary strategies, comprehension, spelling, grammar and writing.

Math – The math program enriches awareness of numbers as children relate to everyday life. This course includes number recognition, shapes, pairs, and opposites. The children learn through creative methods that make pre-school math fun and stimulating.

**3 Year Old Program:** The 3-year old program follows a K4 curriculum to provide a solid educational base for each child.

Bible – The Bible program is designed to instill the love of Jesus in our children. As children listen to stories of God’s Word, they begin to learn who God is, and that He cares for us. The Bible curriculum encourages the development of their Christian character. Weekly Chapel visits also reinforce spiritual growth and development.

Reading – Students are introduced to reading concepts. They will learn to go through a book from front to back, page by page. Many children learn to memorize the text to simple books they hear often. Teachers guide students to improve letter recognition and memory skills.

Language Arts – Students develop their vocabulary and make major improvements in pronunciation. They communicate in simple sentences and refine their use of grammar through classroom activities. Teachers encourage students to initiate conversations and talk about areas of interest. Students will begin to relate personal experiences to others with the support of some prompting from teachers. Language is explored through story time and daily speech patterns.

Math – The K3 Math program teaches students verbal counting, counting sequences, number patterns, and much more. During the second half of this year, children will be able to recognize or read one-digit numerals "0" to "9". Teachers will guide students as they begin to connect some numerals to both number words and the quantities they represent.

Social Studies – In the K3 program, students are guided as they begin to show interest in other children and copy what they do. Students learn to play cooperatively with one another and develop real friendships. Teachers encourage students to help to peers who are in need, upset, hurt, or angry.

Writing - The writing curriculum develops fine motor skills through activities such as tracing, cutting, gluing, tearing, lacing, stacking, and molding with clay.

**4 Year Old Program:** The K4 program focuses on Kindergarten Readiness by using Kindergarten math, science, social studies, and language and reading.

Bible – The Bible program is designed to instill the love of Jesus in our children. As children listen to stories of God’s Word, they begin to learn who God is, and that He cares for them. The Bible curriculum encourages the development of their Christian character. Weekly Chapel visits also reinforce spiritual growth and development.

Reading - The reading program is designed to promote phonemic awareness through the use of educational materials. It provides the basic understanding of letter recognition and phonemic awareness.

Language Arts - This program teaches children to acquire communication skills and vocabulary necessary for the expression of their thinking and problem solving skills. The students develop their language skills as they watch, listen, talk, and interact with the world around them. Topics covered include science, health, safety, manners, community helpers, geography, history, family, colors, and shapes.

Math – The math curriculum teaches children a basic understanding of numbers and how they are used to represent addition, subtraction, and measurement. The program makes learning fun and incorporates age-appropriate stories, colorful illustrations, and connections to real-world problems. The pages are intended to be teacher-guided and provide practice as well as application from the lesson. Chapter reviews and cumulative reviews are included as well as a section entitled “Math in the Home” that suggests ways parents can make practical applications of math concepts.

Social Studies - The Social Studies curriculum is designed for students to build friendships and bonds with each other. The class will learn group decision making, how to share their emotions, and how to accept others.

Science - The Science program is designed to promote curiosity in children in order to expand their understanding of the world God created. Science in preschool includes activities such as hands-on experiments, cooking, exploratory table, mixing colors, playing with sand, and playing with sound.

Writing - The writing curriculum develops fine motor skills through activities such as tracing, cutting, gluing, tearing, lacing, stacking, and molding with clay.

### **Elementary Education / Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#### **Kindergarten**

Bible –The Bible curriculum teaches students Christian principles through the study of God’s relationship to mankind. Through dramatization, storytelling, music and participation in weekly chapel, students learn the life and message of Christ.

Language/Reading – This course empowers students to achieve high expectations in reading and writing. These foundational skills are integrated throughout each lesson with a focus on rigorous student engagement. It delivers research-proven strategies for accessing complex texts, analytic writing, and performance tasks in every lesson. These strategies help to develop reading, writing, spelling, and a robust vocabulary.

Math – Kindergarten students use a first grade curriculum to develop math concepts. Some of the methods in this course include the use of manipulatives, hands-on group activities, and problem solving skills. The class will learn to recognize, compare, and order numbers 0 to 100, and understand addition and subtraction. These strategies will help students apply concepts to real life situations to make learning math meaningful.

Social Studies –This course studies family life, neighborhoods, seasons, and prominent American figures. Additionally, students are taught to love and accept those in their community.

Science – This course studies the human body, the five senses, plants and seeds, land and water, earth and weather, the solar system, stars, light, sound, heat, and shadows rainbows.

Handwriting –Kindergarten students practice penmanship daily. Through regular practice, the class will become proficient in recognizing and writing letters and words.

### **First Grade**

Bible – This course teaches students to find knowledge, wisdom, and understanding from the Word of God. The primary goal of this curriculum is to allow the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of students to teach them about Jesus Christ.

Language Arts/Reading – This course is an integrated literature-based reading and writing program that allows students to read and enjoy literature. A strong emphasis is placed on the skills associated with the use of textbooks and non-fiction material. These strategies help to develop reading, writing, spelling, and a robust vocabulary. Practice and review of language skills are systematically built-in to the curriculum to ensure mastery.

Math –This challenging course allows students to learn number patterns as the foundations for all mathematics. Students will focus on critical thinking, problem solving, conceptual understanding, learning processes, and developing cooperative learning skills to apply in a group setting.

Social Studies – This social studies course is part of a developmental social studies program used to teach history, geography, government, economics, and cultural skills. The course also focuses on knowledge of God and Christian character.

Science - This course focuses on God’s wonderful creation through a study of living and non-living things, animals with bones, insects, spiders, the human body, rocks, fossils, water cycle, and weather. Students will enrich their critical thinking skills through hands-on activities and the use of diagrams, charts, and visuals.

Handwriting –This curriculum lays a foundation of writing skills. The program provides meaningful Pre-Cursive writing activities. Pre-Cursive handwriting provides an age-appropriate form of writing where children use a natural slant, elliptical movements, and a smooth flow of writing. The letters look enough like the print they read so they can make the connection between reading and writing.

### **Second Grade**

Bible –The curriculum focuses on the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the Word of God. Different books of the Bible are emphasized throughout the year to teach the story line of the Bible and discover scriptural truths. Students learn to relate the Bible to everyday life with a Christian worldview.

Language Arts –This course develops advanced reading and writing skills. Students will demonstrate a grasp of the language and their knowledge through speaking and writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. Key topics include grammar, parts of speech, proofreading, and an understanding of the writing process.

Reading –This course teaches students phonics, word knowledge, comprehension skills, reading strategies, and cause and effect. Additional skills such as editing, critical thinking, comparing and contrasting, and reading comprehension are also emphasized.

Math – This challenging course allows students to learn number patterns as the foundations for all mathematics. Students will focus on critical thinking, problem solving, conceptual understanding, learning processes, and developing cooperative learning skills to apply in a group setting.

Social Studies –This curriculum teaches about neighborhoods, communities, history, geography, economics, citizenship, and humanities. Students discover the use of calendars, pictographs, and bar graphs. They also discuss important events, people, and holidays.

Science –This curriculum includes a variety of Life Sciences such as animals with and without bones, life cycles, experiments, plant lifecycle, and the human body. The fundamental principles of Earth Science covered are earth's resources, and the solar system. The course concludes with an introduction to Physical Science.

Handwriting- Students in second grade learn to write in cursive. Cursive penmanship is practiced and mastered throughout the school year.

### **Third Grade**

Bible –This course is designed to teach students to love God's Word. Mapping concepts are used to teach students about the land of Israel and the Patriarchs of the Christian faith. Additionally, Students move from memorizing single verses to memorizing entire passages of Scripture.

Language Arts & Reading –Students are introduced to a variety of genres such as realistic fiction, biography, expository text, and fantasy. Through research-proven strategies, students will discover analytic writing, improve their vocabulary, and develop writing, listening, reading, and speaking skills. The use of a glossary, dictionary and a thesaurus are introduced to improve language and reading. Students advance their reading comprehension through skills such as prediction, visualizing, monitoring and clarifying, cause and effect, and compare and contrast. The course includes access to multiple online tools such as lessons and practice materials to support learning.

Math –The math curriculum introduces students to complex math problems and how to solve them. Students evaluate methods of solving to determine the best choice. The methods include

math manipulatives, mental math, written solutions. Many topics are covered such as addition, subtraction, time, graphing, multiplication, division, fractions, measurement, and geometry.

Social Studies –This course introduces students to the regular use of maps and globes to explore continents and oceans. They learn to read a compass rose and mapping symbols to make charts showing different topographies. In addition, the class is introduced to America’s first communities: the Spanish and the Pilgrims. Students distinguish the similarities and differences in the types of communities such as rural, urban, and suburban.

Science –This course includes vertebrate animal groups, the five senses, plant life cycles, food chains, and food webs. It will also cover earth’s ecosystems, soils, solids, liquids, gases, measuring matter, and physical and chemical changes.

Handwriting – Third grade students continue developing cursive handwriting skills. Penmanship is improved and mastered throughout the school year.

**Fourth Grade: In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, students are required to have a tablet for school in order to use their EBooks.**

Textbooks, workbooks and the Bible must be in the classroom for daily use. The school provides school-owned books and workbooks for every student. These books must be suitably covered in order to preserve them as best as possible. Teachers will advise students as to which books covers are suitable.

Bible –This curriculum helps students understand God’s plan of salvation and understand the need for repentance, faith, obedience, praise, and service. Students participate in weekly chapel services and prepare two special presentations for chapel each year. The Bible program includes defining a character quality and analyzing it in the life of a Bible character, memorizing scripture, and studying the birth, life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ.

Language Arts & Reading- This program empowers students to achieve high expectations in reading, writing, and the critical foundational skills that afford access to complex texts. Through research-proven strategies, students will discover analytic writing, improve their vocabulary, and develop writing, listening, reading, and speaking skills. The course includes access to multiple online tools such as lessons and practice materials to support learning. Students will learn to engage in meaningful discussions, speak constructively, create fact-based presentations, listen and respond, and use media in useful ways.

Math –This mathematics class helps students learn to reason mathematically and become confident in their abilities. Students will analyze word problems and implement the correct

operation to solve the problem. The course also includes the study of estimation, place value, multiplication, division, time, data, graphs, geometry, fractions, decimals and measurement.

Social Studies –This course covers the regions, states, and cities of the United States. The program also focuses on developing mapping skills. Through use of the computer lab, students are able research and prepare a report on Florida’s industries. In addition to historical field trips, students assemble a Florida notebook to outline what they have studied.

Science –This course covers cells, animals, plants and fungi, the human digestive system and nutrition, bird adaptation, minerals, rocks, fossils, landforms, forces, motion, simple machines, and sound and light energy.

Handwriting – Fourth grade students continue developing cursive handwriting skills. Penmanship is improved and mastered throughout the school year.

**Fifth Grade: In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students are required to have a tablet for school in order to use their EBooks.**

Our 5th grade curriculum prepares students academically, spiritually, and socially for a successful transition to middle school.

Bible – This course highlights Bible characters from the Old Testaments and focuses on modern day applications. The students learn how Old Testament scriptures point toward Christ as the Savior. Scripture verses are discussed and memorized each week. Skits are also prepared and presented in chapel 2-3 times each year.

Social Studies/History- Fifth graders learn about United States history. Students will study Native Americans, European explorers, settlements of English colonies, the American Revolution, our Constitution, federal government, the Civil War and reconstruction, U.S. in the 20th century, and current events such as the electoral process. Geography skills are also taught in each chapter.

Science – The fifth grade science curriculum explores God’s creation in a study of weather, ecosystems, fossils, minerals and rocks, matter and heat, sound and light, and the respiratory and circulatory systems. Students also participate in a science fair competition and perform science experiments throughout the year.

Handwriting – Fifth grade students continue developing cursive handwriting skills. Penmanship is improved and mastered throughout the school year.

Language Arts & Reading –The fifth grade curriculum includes foundational skills such as fluency, vocabulary strategies, language and building word knowledge, and learning and applying grammar. The writing process is perfected through practice in narrative, informative, opinion, and persuasive writing assignments. The course includes access to multiple online tools

such as lessons and practice materials to support learning. Students will learn to engage in meaningful discussions, speak constructively, create fact-based presentations, listen and respond, and use media in useful ways.

**Math** –The 5th grade curriculum offers an engaging and interactive approach to covering new mathematical topics. Students have access to digital resources to support learning such as lessons and practice questions. Every student is supported through the universal access features of the program as they learn to think critically and apply their math knowledge. The course reviews basic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, and fractions. Students also learn geometry skills such as calculating perimeter, area, and volume. Problem solving skills are practiced every day, and ratio, percent, and probability are introduced.

### **Elementary Electives**

**Physical Education** - In Physical Education, students are introduced to a variety of sports, health-related fitness activities, and original games. Gross motor skills serve as a foundation of learning for grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>. In 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, sport specific skills are emphasized. All students gain a foundation of knowledge, skills, and motivation that prepare them to live a healthy and active lifestyle.

**Art** - Students attend Art Class once a week. The curriculum includes: implementing the use of drawing and coloring skills, paper cutting, painting, clay figure drawing, and various art projects. Students will review and expand their knowledge on color and simple perspective.

**Music** - During Music class, students learn both music theory and prepare for musical performances. The curriculum includes basic studies in ear training, notation, dynamics, rhythm and the treble clef notes. In addition to this, students participate in two musical performances a year.

**Library**- Students visit the library weekly to learn about different book genres, parts of a book (for younger grades), and elements of a story; they are also introduced to a variety of subjects, and have access to award-winning books for every age. Students utilize critical thinking skills as they compare and contrast elements of various stories and characters. Students who are exposed to such an assortment of reading materials are sure to find something they are enjoy.

**Computers**- Each week, students are given the opportunity to strengthen typing skills and expand their knowledge of the computer's hardware and software. Younger grades improve their use of the mouse and keyboard while reinforcing letters and number skills. The older grades showcase their creativity and knowledge while completing projects using Microsoft Word, Excel, Paint, and PowerPoint. All students are also taught basic research skills, along with internet safety.

Spanish (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) - This program develops Spanish vocabulary as the students work on thematic units three days a week. As the students are being exposed to the different genres they increase their Spanish vocabulary, develop their reading comprehension skills, and are introduced to basic grammar skills.

French (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) - French students prepare all year to take the D.E.L.F. exam, a comprehensive French test recognized worldwide. This program develops French vocabulary as the students work on thematic units three days a week. As the students are being exposed to the different genres they increase their French vocabulary, develop their reading comprehension skills, and are introduced to basic grammar skills.

### **Middle School**

**All middle school students are required to have a tablet for school in order to use their EBooks.**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Language Arts- This program is an engaging online technology including an E-book that prepares students to master the writing process, key writing forms, Six Traits, and grammar. The course provides instruction, practice, and assessment designed to promote student success. The activity pack provides step-by-step instruction and practice for each step of the writing process. Multimedia grammar games, videos, and assessment extend and reinforce grammar, and mechanics skills for each unit of instruction.

Math- This mathematics course provides a seamless digital path and workbook to ensure students can access content at appropriate levels of depth and rigor. The program provides resources such as unlimited practice through dynamic items and assignments, real-time feedback on every question they answer and a variety of question types, including entering expressions and equations, graphing lines, fill-in-the-blank, and short response.

Science- This course focuses on God's wonderful creation through a study of concepts about earth science, life science, physical science, and the human body. Topics covered include new and current technology, earthquakes, volcanoes, weathering and erosion, natural resources, the human body, and astronomy. Students will enrich their critical thinking skills through hands-on activities and the use of diagrams, charts, and visuals.

History- In this course, students will tour the lands, peoples, and cultures of ancient civilizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Students will learn the history and influences of these peoples on religion and the world today. They will expand their Christian worldview as they compare ancient beliefs and religions with Christianity. Students will enrich critical thinking skills through the use of maps, charts, primary sources, and activities.

Bible- This course provides a basic introduction to the structure and themes of the Word of God. As students journey through this fast-moving survey, they will discover truths and applications that God placed in each book of the Bible. God's gracious work is clear—from creation to the cross to the consummation of time. The content includes thought-provoking inductive Bible study that challenges students to grow closer to God through His Word.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Language Arts- This program is an engaging online technology including an E-book that prepares students to master the writing process, key writing forms, Six Traits, and grammar. The course provides instruction, practice, and assessment designed to promote student success. The activity pack provides step-by-step instruction and practice for each step of the writing process. Multimedia grammar games, videos, and assessment extend and reinforce grammar, and mechanics skills for each unit of instruction.

Math- This mathematics course provides a seamless digital path and workbook to ensure students can access content at appropriate levels of depth and rigor. The program provides resources such as unlimited practice through dynamic items and assignments, real-time feedback on every question they answer and a variety of question types, including entering expressions and equations, graphing lines, fill-in-the-blank, and short response.

Science- Students will study cell biology, genetics, the history of life, microbiology, botany, zoology, ecology, and human anatomy and physiology, all within a biblical framework. This science course material includes colorful images to reinforce content, fun facts and helpful explanations, thought-provoking questions, and extra material to prepare students for high school science.

History- Students will learn civic responsibility through a balanced course that features the principles of government, active citizenship, and responsible economic participation. With a standards-based narrative, easy-to-navigate design, and instructional visuals, students will be engaged and interested in the study of civics. Skills features focus on media investigation, civic participation, application of common law, and making informed economic choices.

Bible- Students will journey through the Gospel of John, and develop not only a deeper knowledge of Christ, but also a deeper relationship with Him. Featuring maps, photographs, and recreations of biblical landmarks, this course examines the ministry and work of God's Son within Israel's historical and geographical context.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Language Arts- This program is an engaging online technology including an E-book that prepares students to master the writing process, key writing forms, Six Traits, and grammar. The course provides instruction, practice, and assessment designed to promote student success. The activity pack provides step-by-step instruction and practice for each step of the writing process.

Multimedia grammar games, videos, and assessment extend and reinforce grammar, and mechanics skills for each unit of instruction.

Math- Algebra 1 offers an engaging and interactive approach to math. This truly innovative high school mathematics program is designed for today's students with seamless integration of digital features for in-class and on-the-go learning. Focused, balanced, and rigorous instruction encompasses the philosophy and intent of all required standards.

Science- This course covers classical mechanics, work and energy, wave phenomena, electricity and magnetism, and light and optics. These transition naturally into the chemistry topics, beginning with the atomic model, then to elements and compounds, chemical reactions, and finishing with solutions, and acids, bases, and salts. Additionally, teachers implement a Christian worldview into the subject material.

History- This history program leads students on a tour of our nation's history starting with the first interactions between Native Americans and European explorers and ending with present day America. Students are encouraged to interpret the present based on knowledge of our nation's past, using text, illustrations, art, and photographs.

Bible- This study gives students the tools to begin their journey toward spiritual maturity. They will gain an understanding of introductory Christian doctrine, including salvation, the study of the Bible, and the power of prayer. Students will learn how to live out their love for God and share Him with others.

### **Middle School Electives**

Home Economics- Home economics focuses on improving daily life skills that impact individuals, families, and communities. In this class, students will learn the basics of home care, crafting, and nutrition in order to live a more independent and balanced life. Some topics covered include relationships, shelter, clothing, and nutrition.

Keyboard- This class is designed for both beginning and moderately advanced Keyboard students who are interested in learning basic playing and music terminology.

Music- During Music class, students learn music theory and prepare for musical performances. The curriculum includes basic studies in ear training, notation, dynamics, rhythm and the treble clef notes. In addition to this, students participate in two musical performances a year.

Physical Education - In Physical Education, students are introduced to a variety of sports, health-related fitness activities, and original games. Fitness and sport specific skills are emphasized daily. All students gain a foundation of knowledge, skills, and motivation that prepare them to live a healthy and active lifestyle.

Computer & Library- Students learn about different book genres, elements of a story; they are also introduced to a variety of subjects, and have access to award-winning books. Students utilize critical thinking skills as they compare and contrast elements of various stories and character. In the computers, students are given the opportunity to strengthen typing skills and expand their knowledge of the computer's hardware and software. Middle School students showcase their creativity and knowledge by completing projects using Microsoft Word, Excel, Paint, and PowerPoint. All students are also taught basic research skills, along with internet safety.

Art- Students will study two and three dimensional art production. Basic design, drawing, painting, and sculpture techniques will be explored. A concentration on the principles and elements of design, incorporated with art history, will be integrated into various art projects throughout the year.

Drama- Students will learn basic acting skills, develop theater terminology, receive an introduction to theater history, and become familiar with basic stage areas. In addition, students will learn basic elements of a skit/scene and a play. Students will perform individually and in a group setting throughout the course.

Yearbook- Yearbook is course that gives students experience in print media publishing. During the class, students will create, publish, and sell Gladeview Christian School's yearbook. In class, students compose, construct, and edit all elements of computerized page layout, graphic art, and digital photography. Out of class and after school, students will shoot digital photos and distribute yearbook order forms.