

Riverdale Baptist Middle School

Program Overview

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Riverdale
BAPTIST SCHOOL

“A great place to be!”

Proverbs 3:5-6

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OPENING LETTER

Dear Parents and Middle School Students:

Welcome to the Middle School of Riverdale Baptist School. Our middle level learners are going through many physical, emotional, and social changes, all at different times and rates. They are looking at the world in which they live and are forming views and opinions that will be solidified in the next few years. In order to meet the needs of our unique learners, our middle school employs a faculty and staff who have a shared vision and will provide a supportive, safe, and challenging learning environment that will glorify God. We will encourage and support our students as they discover God's will for their lives and learn more about the world He has created. As a school community, we will strive to live Riverdale Baptist School's vision statement:

The vision of Riverdale Baptist School is to develop students whose Christian faith, character and God-given gifts will impact and influence lives in their communities and around the globe. RBS is devoted to developing the whole person and instilling a life-long passion for learning, leading and serving.

I am extremely enthused to return home to RBS, to continue the plan that God has called me into. Riverdale is very near and dear to my heart and I look forward to continue the Riverdale Baptist Legacy.

In Christ,

Mrs. Karyn Baines

Riverdale Baptist Middle School Principal

SUPPLY LIST

Please see the last page in this document.

SIXTH GRADE: COURSE OF STUDY

- English (Springboard)
- Math Course 1*
- Integrated Science Course 1**
- World Cultures & Geography
- Bible
- Gym
- Elective

** Students who have maintained a “B” average in Math Course 1 and score no lower than an 85 on the post assessment are eligible for Pre-Algebra in 7th grade.*

*** Students who have been accepted into Pre-Algebra and have maintained a “B” average in Integrated Science are eligible for Honors Science in 7th grade.*

SEVENTH GRADE: COURSE OF STUDY

- English (Springboard)
- Math Course 2 or Pre-Algebra*
- Integrated Science Course 2 or Honors Integrated Science Course 2
- World History
- Bible
- Elective
- Elective

** Students who are in the Pre-Algebra course have the option of taking the Honors Integrated Science Course 2.*

EIGHTH GRADE: COURSE OF STUDY

- English (Springboard)
- Math Course 3 or Algebra 1*
- Integrated Science Course 3 or Honors Integrated Science Course 3**
- US History
- Bible
- Elective
- Elective

* *Algebra 1 is considered a high school course and is weighted differently.*

** *Middle school honor classes are weighted heavier than the average class.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TRACK

6th: Course 1

Description: Ratio and Rates, Fractions, Decimals, Percents, Coordinate Planes, Expressions, Equations, Functions and Inequalities, Volume, Surface Area, Statistical Displays

Students who maintain a “B” average in Math Course 1 and score no lower than an 85 on the post assessment are eligible for Pre-Algebra in 7th grade.

7th: Course 2

Description: ratios and proportional relationships, the number system, expressions and equations, geometry, statistics and probability

Math Accelerated: A Pre-Algebra Program (Honors)

8th: Course 3

Description: Rational Numbers, Powers and Exponents, Multiply and Divide Monomials, Scientific notation, Roots, Real Numbers, Solve two and three step equations, rate of changes, Slope, polygons, volume of cylinders, rotations, reflections, statistics, measures of variations

Algebra 1 (High School Credit)

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TRACK

Grade Level

HS Math (Honors)

HS Math (Regular)

9th Grade

Geometry HN

Algebra 1 or Geometry

10th Grade

Algebra 2 Trig HN

Algebra 2 or Geometry

11th Grade

Math Analysis HN

Trigonometry or Algebra 2

12th Grade

AP Calculus

Math Analysis or Trigonometry

Note: To receive the College Prep Diploma, a student is required to take and pass a math every year of his/her high school career. For example, if a student takes Algebra 1 in the 8th grade, he/she would need five years of math. If a student takes Algebra 1 in the 9th grade, he/she would need four years of math.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES 2016-17

Elective Description	Grade Level	Weight (Grade)	Length
Art The foundational elements form and value are introduced and reinforced in drawing, painting, and printmaking. Several art mediums are used, and the basic techniques on handling and controlling the materials are shown and stressed.	6-8	A-F	Year long
Drama/Speech The Middle School Drama/Speech class provides students with a variety of experiences in theater production, including set building, theater make-up, choreography, stage direction, blocking and terminology. Students will participate in dramatic exercises including improv and various speeches. Students will also participate in the middle school play.	6-8	P/F	Semester
Sign Language MS: American Sign Language (ASL) 1 is an intensive introduction to ASL emphasizing communicative based listening, speaking, reading, and writing in ASL. The emphasis is on the rudiments of the receptive and productive skills of American Sign Language (ASL) and awareness of Deaf culture, famous people who are Deaf, and hearing loss.	8	A-F	Year long
Physical Education The Middle School sports and PE program will introduce students to a variety of sports and offer all students the chance to participate at a level that best meets their individual needs. Some students will participate competitively against other area schools. We will strive to develop good sportsmanship and an appreciation and understanding of the rules of a variety of games and activities. Healthy lifestyle choices will be stressed.	6-8 *	A-F	Year long
Choir Students in Choir will receive instruction and gain experience in choral singing. They will be required to memorize musical selections which will be performed at school concerts, the Fine Arts Festival, and several other concerts during the school day or after school hours. Part of the grade will be contingent on attendance and participation at all scheduled performances. Students will also study basic music theory concepts and be tested for understanding.	6-8	A-F	Year long

Journalism/Yearbook 6-8**P/F****Semester**

The Middle School Journalism/ Yearbook class provides students the opportunity to develop and create a middle school newsletter for print and electronic copy. By working cooperatively, students will develop an appreciation of working together to achieve shared goals. Students will elect an editor in chief, department heads, and various jobs for the publication of a quarterly edition. Students will create, research, and schedule to ensure that their publication is credible, relevant, grammatically correct, and printed in a timely manner.

STEM/Weather Bug 6-8**P/F****Semester**

This course is designed to introduce students to core concepts essential to science, technology, and engineering, the construction set, activity packs, and add-on sets illustrate fundamental principles of simple machines and mechanisms. Students will be using the BrickLab program to explore the various STEM topics.

Band**6-8****A-F****Year long**

In Band, instrumentalists apply the basic skills they have learned in the early years on their instrument to an ensemble environment. Techniques such as phrasing, intonation, interpretation, and critical listening are introduced and applied at an intermediate level. It is expected that students will continue with private music lessons so that technical facilities continue to mature in preparation for High School Band.

Middle School (6-8)

Books

- 1 New King James Version (NKJV) Bible

General Supplies

- Pens
Pencils
1 12 pack, Colored Pencils
1 12 pack, Markers
2 Highlighters
2 Red Pens
1 12 inch Wooden Ruler

Folders/Organization/Misc

- 1 2" or 3" Three-Ring Binder
1 Set, Dividers for Binder
4 Bright Colored Pocket Folders
3 Boxes, Facial Tissues
2 Bottles, Hand Sanitizer
2 Boxes, Clorox wipes

Paper

- 2 Graphing Composition Books
1 Packages, Construction Paper
4 Cornell Notebooks
2 Packages, Post-It Notes

Loose-Leaf Paper

Clothing (Sold in Bookstore)

- 1 PE Uniform (Sold in RBS Bookstore)

Please check RenWeb ParentsWeb for individual class supply lists.

The most current copy of this list is available at www.rbschool.org under Academics/Middle School.



**Note: Some supplies will need to be replenished during the year.
Thank you for ensuring that your child has all of his/her supplies for the first day of school!**