



JUNIOR HIGH

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Junior High program at RSM Christian School (RSMCS) offers a comprehensive education that balances academic achievement with spiritual growth. Core subjects, including Bible, math, science, language arts, and history, are taught through a Christian worldview while meeting or exceeding California State Standards. Students can further explore interests through our diverse elective offerings. Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), RSMCS prepares students for high school and beyond, promoting intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development. Extracurricular opportunities include after-school sports, ASB, Spirit Squad, worship band, musical productions, and community service projects that allow students to put their faith into action.

SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL

Bible

This Bible course connects students with God's Word through study, engagement, and application fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Instruction includes group discussions, independent assignments, assessments, and scripture memorization, promoting a growth mindset and Christlike qualities. The weekly chapel features student-led worship and a relevant message.

- 7th Grade Textbooks: NLT Bible with Concordance, *The Case For Christ* – Lee Strobel Student Edition
- 8th Grade Textbooks: *Bible in Life for Middle School*, David C. Cook, NLT Bible with Concordance

Social

RSMCS emphasizes Christian character development, biblical conflict resolution, and recognizing exemplary traits. It also focuses on study habits, organizational skills, and academic and social responsibilities in preparation for the rigors of high school. Through the Prayer Partners program, older students mentor younger ones in prayer, fostering connections across age groups.

ACADEMICS

Mathematics

Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1 are the focus, laying the groundwork for higher-level math by introducing students to algebraic concepts. Both Pre-Algebra and Algebra 1 focus on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills, setting students up for success in more advanced math courses.

- 7th Grade Curriculum: *Reveal Math, Course 2* (McGraw-Hill)
- 8th Grade Curriculum: *Reveal Math, Algebra I* (McGraw-Hill)

English Language Arts

Junior High ELA enhances reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. The focus is on critical thinking, comprehension, and communication, preparing students with more complex texts and ideas for high school ELA.

- 7th Grade Curriculum: *Excursions in Literature* (Bob Jones); *Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes Bronze Level* (Prentice-Hall); *Wordly Wise 3000, Writing and Grammar Worktext* (Bob Jones); various novels and texts
- 8th Grade Curriculum: *Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes Silver Level* (Prentice-Hall); *Fundamentals of Literature* (Bob Jones); *Writing and Grammar* (Bob Jones); *Worldly Wise 3000*; various novels and texts

Science

Junior High science introduces foundational topics in life, earth, and physical sciences with a biblical worldview. The curriculum encourages students to appreciate the natural world as God's creation and use scientific inquiry and critical thinking to explore the relationship between science and faith.

7th Grade: The course examines life science from a Christian perspective, rooted in God's Word, to deepen students' appreciation of God's creation. Focusing on biology, it uses scientific inquiry to explore the natural world and demonstrate how studying life glorifies God.

–Textbook: *Life Science for Christian Schools, 5th edition* (BJU Press)

8th Grade: The course explores the physical universe and its laws from a Christian perspective, covering motion, forces, matter structure, density, buoyancy, chemical bonding, reactions, and the lithosphere and geosphere. Students will apply scientific theories and laws through demonstrations and lab exercises.

–Textbook: *Space & Earth Science for Christian Schools* (BJU Press); *Science and Technology, Physical Science* (Holt, Rinehart, Winston)

History

7th Grade World History: The course examines social, cultural, and technological changes in Europe, Africa, Asia, and parts of the Americas from A.D. 500 to 1700. Students will explore major civilizations and economic interactions while evaluating historical figures against God's standards, fostering personal values rooted in historical knowledge.

–Textbook: *World History* (Holt)

8th Grade US History: In this course, students will explore key topics in American history, including the Founding, the U.S. Constitution, the Early Republic, Slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Industrial Revolution, along with current political issues. They will think critically, connect history to the present, and recognize God's sovereign hand in His creation.

–Textbook: *The American Republic for Christian Schools* (BJU Press)

–Field trip: Weeklong trip to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia

Physical Education & Athletics

Students engage in cardiovascular and strength-building exercises while learning fundamentals in sports like flag football, volleyball, basketball, hockey, pickleball, and soccer, with fitness testing at the start and end of the year.

RSMCS competes in the Christian Athletic League of Orange County, emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork, offering programs in girls' and boys' volleyball, flag football, basketball, coed soccer, and track.

Electives

Our Junior High electives program lets students explore interests beyond core academics, integrating faith and learning. These courses promote growth, creativity, and practical skills, reinforcing Christian values. RSMCS offers the following electives:

- Art
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Media
- Drama
- Music
- Spanish (1A & 1B)
- STEAM
- Yearbook

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