

8th Grade Curriculum

Areas of Self-Growth

Concern for others
Positive self-esteem
Problem solving skills
Mastery of curriculum
Communication skills
Self-directed learner

Religion

Church history
Beliefs and practices
Doctrines and creeds
Teaching role of the Church
Types of prayer
Morality
Responsibility for actions
Stewardship
The Mass
Participation in weekly school Mass

Reading

Comprehend deeper story elements: conflict symbolism, mood, predicting outcome, cause/effect, point of view, and theme
Poetry appreciation
Experience stories and novels from US and other cultures
Shakespeare
Vocabulary development

English

Develop writing with a thesis, and full essay writing format with transitions
Research writing with documentation and works cited
Writing to inform, invite, persuade or entertain
Parts of speech, sentence structure, and punctuation
Oral communication

Algebra

Solve linear equations
Graphing
Parabolas
Systems of equalities and inequalities
Quadratic equations
Probability

Spelling

Spelling accountability in everyday writing
Weekly spelling development

Science

Physical Science:

Physics
Chemistry

Social Studies

World history/US history (on alternating years)
Washington State: history and geography

Handwriting

Promote legible cursive in spelling
Promote legible handwriting in all other work

Special Programs

Computer class
PE
Art
Library
Spelling and geography bees
Service projects
Education on the road
Exit project