



CHES Christian School Course Descriptions 2024-2025

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

3rd-5th Grade Electives

Art

Art for 3rd-5th grades will reinforce the principles of art and expression. Students will explore art themes and artists while developing artistic skill and strengthening understanding of supplies, textures, and mediums for artistic expression. A new project will be featured each week, and examples of student work will be displayed at the Christmas Expo and Royal Expo. *This class qualifies as a CHES fine arts class.*

Outside commitment: minimal to moderate (1-2 hours a week)

Coding

Appropriate for beginners to more experienced technology users, this class will allow students to explore the language of computers at a self-directed pace. Students will learn basic keyboarding skills if needed but can also progress through more advanced programming and coding skills, including game and app development.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Cooking

Cooking for 3rd-5th grades will reinforce basic kitchen skills and nutrition concepts. Students will learn to follow recipes, identify and select ingredients, and to share skills with family and friends.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Drama

Drama for 3rd-5th grades will introduce students to creative expression and performance. Using games and movement, students will identify drama terms and basic rules of performance and audience behavior, while also developing skills of public speaking, emoting, creative thinking, and projection. Short performances or presentations will be featured at the Christmas Expo and Royal Expo. *This class qualifies as a CHES fine arts class.*

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week) - moderate (1-2 hours a week)

Grounded in the Word

This class will offer students the opportunity to learn and explore the principles of worship, prayer, and evangelism through discipleship. Students will be encouraged to experience and demonstrate the transformative power of the gospel. Young students will be encouraged to move, sing, and express themselves creatively as they learn about God's Word, His truth, and their place in His Kingdom.

This class does not fulfill the core Bible requirement.

Outside Commitment: moderate (1-2 hours a week)

Life Skills

Students in Life Skills will engage with a variety of practical skills and topics at age-appropriate levels. Skills discussed will be chosen from a range of topics including cooking, sewing, etiquette, physical and digital safety, money management. Hands-on learning opportunities will be featured each week, and creative expression will be encouraged.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

MakerLab

MakerLab will allow students to explore topics of science, nature, math, and technology through hands-on projects created each week. Students will be encouraged to develop their creativity and imagination while also learning how to create and design safely and intentionally. *This class does not qualify as a CHES fine arts class.*

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Music

Music for 3rd-5th grade will build on the fundamentals of music, adding concepts of tempo, dynamics, and notation, while continuing to develop perception and listening skills. Students will be encouraged in musical expression using song and instruments and will be introduced to the principles of worship through music. Performances will be featured at the Christmas Expo and Royal Expo. *This class qualifies as a CHES fine arts class.*

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Nature Quest

Nature Quest for 3rd-5th grades will cultivate a love of God as Creator, encourage and direct natural curiosity, and continue to develop a foundation for formal science studies. Students will explore the outdoors with nature walks whenever possible and will engage in crafting, nature journaling, and nature research when indoors. Students may be asked to choose and complete an at-home activity each week from a list of related learning opportunities.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

P.E.

Physical Education for 3rd-5th grades will explore a range of organized games and athletic activities. Students will be encouraged to build energy, stamina, and strength while also strengthening skills of cooperation and team play. *This class qualifies as a CHES physical education class.*

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

6th-8th Grade Electives

Art

Art for 6th-8th grades will reinforce the principles of art and expression. Students will explore art themes and artists while developing artistic skill and strengthening understanding of supplies, textures, and mediums for artistic expression. A new project will be featured each week, and examples of student work will be displayed at the Christmas Expo and Royal Expo. *This class qualifies as a CHESS fine arts class.*

Outside commitment: minimal to moderate (1-2 hours a week)

Captivating Faith

The primary goal of Captivating is for young women to discover their identity in Christ and to know belovedness and wholeheartedness. Students in this course will gain a greater understanding of identity and community through weekly encouragement and exhortation, peer relationships, and physical challenges.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Coding

Appropriate for beginners to more experienced technology users, this class will allow students to explore the language of computers at a self-directed pace. Students will learn basic keyboarding skills if needed but can also progress through more advanced programming and coding skills, including game and app development.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Cooking

Cooking for 6th-8th grades will reinforce basic kitchen skills and nutrition concepts. Students will learn to follow recipes, identify and select ingredients, and to share skills with family and friends.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Drama

Drama for 6th-8th grades will introduce and reinforce drama terminology and principles. Through classroom learning opportunities and discussion, students will develop skills in public speaking, expression, creative thinking, and projection. Students will perform or present at the Christmas Expo and Royal Expo and in a separate Drama performance at some point in the year. *This class qualifies as a CHESS fine arts class.*

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Heart of a Warrior

The primary goal of Heart of a Warrior is for young men to discover their identity in Christ and to know belovedness and wholeheartedness. Students in this course will gain a greater understanding of identity and community through weekly encouragement and exhortation, peer relationships, and physical challenges.

Outside commitment: moderate (2-3 hours a week)

MakerLab

MakerLab will allow students to explore topics of science, nature, math, and technology through hands-on projects created each week. Students will be encouraged to develop their creativity and imagination while also learning how to create and design safely and intentionally. *This class does not qualify as a CHES fine arts class.*

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Nature Studies

Nature Studies for 6th-8th grades will cultivate a love of God as Creator, encourage and direct natural curiosity, and continue to develop a foundation for formal science studies. Students will explore the outdoors with nature walks whenever possible and will engage in hands-on learning opportunities, nature journaling, and nature research when indoors. Students may be asked to choose and complete an at-home activity each week from a list of related activities.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

P.E.

Physical Education for 6th-8th grades will explore a range of organized games and athletic activities. Students will be encouraged to build energy, stamina, and strength while also strengthening skills of cooperation and team play. *This class qualifies as a CHES physical education class.*

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Sharing the Word

This class will offer students the opportunity to learn and explore the principles of worship, prayer, and evangelism through discipleship. Students will be encouraged to experience and demonstrate the transformative power of the gospel. Students will be encouraged to develop critical thinking skills and discernment through investigation, discussion, and reflection as they learn about God's Word, His truth, and their place in His Kingdom.

This class does not fulfill the core Bible requirement.

Outside commitment: minimal (less than 1 hour a week)

Worship Band: Advanced (7th-12th)

Students will have the opportunity to explore different roles and responsibilities of a worship band based on their abilities (vocals, guitar, drums, piano, bass, etc). Students will lead worship during school events throughout the year as available during the year. Students must already possess knowledge on vocals and instruments (not taught in course). Students will also perform at the Christmas Expo and Royal Expo.

Auditions are required and will be held prior to the start of classes. Please note that schedules are subject to change depending on audition results.

This class qualifies as a CHES fine arts class.

Outside commitment: moderate/high (Vocal and instrument practice required outside of class and performances.)

Worship Band: Beginner (6th-12th)

Students will have the opportunity to explore different roles and responsibilities of a worship band based on their abilities (vocals, guitar, drums, piano, bass, etc). Students will lead worship during school events throughout the year as available during the year. Students must already possess knowledge on vocals and instruments (not taught in course). Students will also perform at the Christmas Expo and Royal Expo.

Auditions are required and will be held prior to the start of classes. Please note that schedules are subject to change depending on audition results.

This class qualifies as a CHESS fine arts class.

Outside commitment: moderate/high (Vocal and instrument practice required outside of class and performances.)

Yearbook (6th-12th)

Open to students from 6th to 12th grade, this hands-on class will guide students in the art and skill of yearbook production, including photography, graphic design, journalism, marketing, and project management. As they collaborate to design and assemble the yearbook, students will not only capture the memories of the school year but also gain valuable real-world skills in teamwork, communication, and creative expression. The course culminates in the creation of our annual yearbook, a tangible showcase of our school's unique story and spirit.

Please note that only students in 9th-12th grades may use this course as a high school credit. Additional coursework may apply.

Outside commitment: moderate (1-3 hours a week)

Immersion Offerings

Leadership (7th-12th)

7th-12th Innovation Lab - \$105

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Faith Finders (7th-8th)

Compass Crew (9th-10th)

Voyagers (11th-12th)