

Middle School Plan (6th, 7th, and 8th grade prep for high school)

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Reference:

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/academic-standards/standard-course-study> *

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Language Arts			
Mathematics			
Science			
Social Studies			
Phys Ed / Health			
Bible			
Art / Music			
Computer Literacy			

* Home schools are not required to match public school curriculum but it's worthwhile to consider what is being taught.

See <https://www.doa.nc.gov/divisions/non-public-education/home-schools>

"G.S. 115C-563(a) gives the legal definition of a home school. It allows the parent, legal guardian, or a member of the two-family home school the discretion to determine the scope and sequence and sources of the academic instruction including, but not limited to, the use of professional educators, tutors, and other persons knowledgeable about the subject of instruction."

Curriculum Recommendations

Language Arts

6th-8th:

[Jump In: Middle School Composition](#) (WSW)
[The Harp and Laurel Wreath](#) (IP)

6th:

[Daily Grams: Grade 6](#) (EGS)
[Wordly Wise 3000® 3rd Edition Student Book 6](#) (EPS)
[All About Spelling Level 6](#) (AALP) or [Building Spelling Skills Book 6](#) (CLP)
[Italic Handwriting Series Book G: Basic and Cursive Italic](#) (GDP)
[What Your Sixth Grader Needs to Know](#) (CKF)
[Realms Of Gold Volume 1](#) (CKF)
[Reading Comprehension, Book 4](#) (EPS)
[The Hobbit](#) by J.R.R. Tolkien
[The Iliad](#) and [The Odyssey](#) by Homer
[Julius Caesar](#) by William Shakespeare
[The Phantom Tollbooth](#) by Norton Juster
[The Prince and the Pauper](#) by Mark Twain
[The Voyage of the Dawn Treader](#) by C.S. Lewis

7th:

[Applications of Grammar Book 1: Basics for Communicating Effectively](#) (CLP)
[Wordly Wise 3000® 3rd Edition Student Book 7](#) (EPS)
[All About Spelling Level 7](#) (AALP) or [Building Spelling Skills Book 7](#) (CLP)
[Realms of Gold Volume 2](#) (CKF)
[Reading Comprehension, Book 5](#) (EPS)
[The Call of the Wild](#) by Jack London
[Cyrano de Bergerac](#) by Edmond Rostand
[Diary of a Young Girl](#) by Anne Frank
[Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson
[The Lord of the Rings](#) by J.R.R. Tolkien
[The Silver Chair](#) by C.S. Lewis

8th:

[Applications of Grammar Book 2: Structure For Communicating Effectively](#) (CLP)
[Wordly Wise 3000® 3rd Edition Student Book 8](#) (EPS)
[Building Spelling Skills Book 8](#) (CLP)
[Writing Skills Book 2](#) (EPS)
[Realms Of Gold Volume 3](#) (CKF)
[Reading Comprehension, Book 6](#) (EPS)
[Animal Farm](#) by George Orwell
[The Good Earth](#) by Pearl S. Buck
[Twelfth Night](#) by William Shakespeare
[The Last Battle](#) by C.S. Lewis

Mathematics

- 6th-8th: *the Art of Problem Solving, Volume 1: the Basics* (AoPS)
6th: *RightStart Mathematics Level G* (RSM)
 plus *Algebra: A Complete Course Module A* (VTI)
 or *Saxon Math 7/6 with DIVE instruction* (DIVE)
7th: *Algebra: A Complete Course Modules B, C, D* (VTI)
 or *Shormann Pre-Algebra* (DIVE)
8th: *Algebra: A Complete Course Modules E, F* (VTI)
 or *Shormann Algebra 1 with Integrated Geometry* (DIVE)

Science

- 6th: *Science in the Age of Reason & Science in the Industrial Age* (BB)
7th: *Science in the Atomic Age* (BB)
8th: *Discovering Design with Earth Science* (BB)
 or *Conceptual Physics* <https://learnsience.academy/physics/>

Social Studies

- 6th:
All American History Vol II: The Civil War to the 21st Century (BIP)
Core Knowledge History and Geography, Grade 6 (CKF)
Maps, Globes, and Graphs (CLP)
Striker Jones: Elementary Economics for Elementary Detectives (CLP)
Striker Jones and the Midnight Archer (CLP)
7th:
The Mystery of History Vol IV: Wars of Independence to Modern Times (BIP)
Core Knowledge History and Geography, Grade 7 (CKF)
North Star Geography (BIP)
8th:
Foundation for Freedom: A Study of the United States Constitution (CLP)
Core Knowledge History and Geography, Grade 8 (CKF)

Physical Education / Health

- 6th: *Choosing Good Health* (ABB)
7th: *Total Health: Talking About Life's Changes* (PD)
8th: *Health in Christian Perspective* (ABB)

Bible

- 6th:
Studying God's Word Book G: The Gospels (CLP)
Journey Through the Bible: Book 1 - Pentateuch and Historical Books
7th:
Studying God's Word Book H: Acts (CLP)
Journey Through the Bible: Book 2 - Wisdom and Prophetic Books (CLP)
8th:
Shorter Catechism with Scripture Proofs (CLP)
Journey Through the Bible: Book 3 - New Testament
(Catholic)
6th: *Following Christ* (IP)
7th: *The Life of Grace* (IP)
8th: *Our Life in the Church* (IP)

Art / Music

6th- 8th:

[Feed My Sheep - 4 Year Curriculum](#) (HGTA)

[Line Upon Line: An Incremental Approach to Drawing](#) (CLP)

[Singing the Great Hymns](#) (SCM)

[A Young Scholar's Guide to Composers](#) (BIP)

Computer Literacy

6th- 8th:

[code.org Middle School curriculum](#)

Resources for Recommendations

AALP	All About Learning Press	http://www.allaboutlearningpress.com/
ABB	A Beka Book	http://www.abeka.com/
AEM	Apologia Educ Ministries	http://www.apologia.com/
AoPS	Art of Problem Solving	https://artofproblemsolving.com/
BB	Berean Builders	https://www.bereanbuilders.com/
BIP	Bright Ideas Press	https://www.brightideaspres.com/
CKF	Core Knowledge Foundation	http://coreknowledge.org/
CLP	Christian Liberty Press	http://www.shopchristianliberty.com/
DIVE	Digital Interactive Video Ed	http://www.diveintomath.com/
EGS	Easy Grammar System	https://www.easygrammar.com/
EPS	Educators Publishing Service	http://eps.schoolspecialty.com/
GDP	Getty-Dubay Productions	http://www.handwritingsuccess.com/
HGTA	How Great Thou ART	http://www.howgreatthouart.com/
IP	Ignatius Press	http://www.ignatius.com/
PD	Purposeful Design	https://your.acsi.org/pdp-store
RSM	RightStart Mathematics	http://rightstartmath.com/
SCM	Simply Charlotte Mason	https://simplycharlottesmason.com/
VTI	VideoText Interactive	http://videotext.com/
WSW	Writing w/ Sharon Watson	https://writingwithsharonwatson.com/

Curriculum Sites of Interest

Ambleside Online	http://amblesideonline.org/
Cathy Duffy Reviews	http://cathyduffyreviews.com/
Core Knowledge Foundation	http://coreknowledge.org/
Easy Peasy All-In-One Homeschool	https://allinonehomeschool.com/
Khan Academy	https://www.khanacademy.org/
Ron Paul Curriculum	http://www.ronpaulcurriculum.com/
Simply Charlotte Mason	https://simplycharlottesmason.com/planning/
Total Language Plus	https://totallanguageplus.com/