

St. Paul's Lutheran School - Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum is much more than just the textbook series that we use. It is "the course we have our students run." Instructional materials from national publishers are used, and God's Word is infused into each subject area to provide students with the proper perspective and motivation.

While Michigan state standards serve as our overall guide, we are not bound by them. As a nonpublic school, we have the ability to take the good and discard the bad. The standards are the minimum attainment points, but we aim much higher.

Our professional educators make decisions about:

- When in the year to teach each part
- What order to go in
- How long to spend on each topic
- Depth or intensity
- What to use for instruction
- What to use for assessment
- What field trips or supplemental resources will enhance the learning

We also set clear exit goals for our graduates that include:

1. The attitudes we desire them to have
2. The knowledge they should believe to be true
3. The things we encourage them to continue doing beyond graduation

The students receive instruction in all subjects required by the Michigan Department of Education. Teachers strive to integrate God's Word into all subject matter. The faculty continues to maintain current methodology and pedagogy of educating students for their lives today and for eternity through ongoing workshops, in-service trainings, conferences, and continued education. The various subjects are taught under the following topics:

Religion

Bible History
Catechism
Hymnology
Christian Doctrine
Memory Work

Language Arts

Reading/Literature
Oral Language
Phonics
Spelling
English
Writing

Science

General Science
Physical Science
Life Science
Earth Science

Mathematics

General Math
Pre-Algebra
Algebra I (*advanced 8th grade*)

Physical Education

Fitness & Health
Cooperative Play
Sports Skills

Foreign Language

Spanish (*5th-8th grade*)

Social Studies

Geography
Michigan State History
World History
U.S. History
Current Events

The Arts

Music/Choir
Drama
Art History/Visual Art
Band (optional)
Piano (optional)

Technology

Keyboarding
Software Applications
Cloud Computing
Internet Safety

The following charts list which publisher-made materials we use in K-8th grade:

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Religion	Math	Language Arts (Spelling, Grammar, Phonics, Reading, Writing)	Social Studies	Science	Physical Education
Memory Treasures Bible History ChristLight	Saxon	Superkids	Thematic Units Scholastic News	Pearson Interactive Science	Locomotor Movements Sports Fundamentals

3RD-4TH GRADE

Religion	Math	English & Spelling	Reading
Memory Treasures Bible History Hymnology	Saxon	Houghton Mifflin	MacMillan McGraw-Hill Abeka
Social Studies	Science	Physical Education	Music
Pearson My History (Communities, Regions, MI)	Interactive Science	Cooperative Games Sports Fundamentals	Music Theory Recorders

5TH-8TH GRADE

Religion	Math	English	Spelling	Reading
ChristLight Hymnology Christian Doctrine	Saxon (up to Algebra 1)	Houghton Mifflin (Grammar and Writing)	Houghton Mifflin	Novel-Based Interdisciplinary Units, Book Reports
Social Studies			Science	
Pearson My History (World History, World Geography, American History)			Pearson Interactive Science (Earth & Space, Physics, Life Sciences)	
<p>*Special P.E. Events – Cross Country Meet, Floor Hockey Mixer, Softball Mixer</p> <p>*Foreign Language – Video-Based Conversational Spanish</p> <p>*Music – Theory, Composition, and Appreciation w/ optional Choristers</p> <p>*Fine Arts Fair (visual arts, math bowl, math contest, spelling bee, & forensics) at Huron Valley Lutheran High School</p> <p>*Drama/Performing Arts – Living History, Spring Play</p>				