



MIDDLE SCHOOL

At Faith Christian Academy, our vision is “Inspiring and equipping students with an excellent education, as they use their unique gifts to passionately represent Christ.”

What makes 6th grade special at FCMS

Our 6th grade strives to create positive, lasting memories through quality academics, learning experiences and special events. Proverbs 22:6 (NASB) tells us to “Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.” That is the heart of our 6th grade.

Our teachers truly love and delight in your child and make it a priority that each child be known! Learning to “Love God and Love Others” through all areas of life - academic, physical/athletic, social/emotional, spiritual and in interactions with our community – compels us to create a productive, positive, and rewarding climate in which your student will learn and grow, while navigating the next phase of life. Teachers partner with parents to make this transition to middle school a positive, successful experience.

Teachers do this by:

- Coaching for the introductory weeks of 6th grade, coming alongside students to enhance success in adapting to the middle school environment
- Coaching on class transitions – moving classrooms for every subject, including crossing the bridge
- Coaching/training on personal responsibility – use of lockers, managing personal belongings and school supplies, time management, binder management and organization skills
- Providing an abundance of grace and nurturing during the first semester during the elementary to middle school age transition, and preparing students to be fully engaged in 7th grade!

Our 6th grade students are transitioned from elementary school with their own hallway where they can enjoy the freedom of figuring out middle school life and how to use a locker without the busyness of additional students in the hallway.

Social/Emotional:

Teachers spend time with students before the start of the school day, as well as after school, enjoying life and conversation together, creating a sense of community and letting the students know they are truly loved, valued and appreciated! These times provide guided freedom, social interaction and developing community. Our Chaplain program provides an adult confidant who will listen, guide, and assist in navigating early adolescent years.

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Academic:

Academic opportunities that meet a variety of learning needs through differentiation and a variety of course opportunities:

- Challenging, thought-provoking academics, designed to develop problem-solving, writing, creativity, communication, and collaboration skills.
- Hands-on, interactive, creative and collaborative labs, activities and group projects, student-led fishbowl discussions, as well as guided use of technology in the classroom, all providing foundational skills for post-graduation success.
- Expanded elective options, providing opportunities to explore new things.
- Opportunities to learn homework and time management skills in completing daily homework requirements for core classes.
- Scheduled study hall time to complete homework at school, helping free up the after-school schedule.
- Opportunity for after school Homework Club, providing after school supervision while students complete homework (a service offered for students requiring late pick-up.)
- Grace opportunities on assignments (oops slips) for those times when the assignment did not get done on time.
- In-class incentives, such as treats, extra points, free lessons, and game times.
- Introduction to taking finals – an opportunity to learn how to prepare for and study for finals before the pressure of finals at the higher level.

Spiritual:

- Biblical illumination is incorporated into all classes.
- Bible classes focus on character development and practical application of the Word, as well as providing a safe environment for life application discussion.
- Weekly, students attend Chapel, with student-led worship, guest speakers from the community, special presentations from outside groups, interactive activities.
- Students also participate in outreach opportunities, such as Food Bank, Ralston House, Operation Christmas Child, Jeffco Action Center, and other ad hoc opportunities to teach service and love for our community and our world.
- Lunch time “devo” groups for boys and for girls, providing for additional spiritual and social growth and interaction, opportunities for student led discussions (with adult guidance and oversight), and mini-parties!
- Lunch time prayer group, teaching students a love for prayer, and commitment to interceding on behalf of others.

Physical:

There are daily opportunities for physical activity.

- Through PE class, we raise the bar in educating students how to maintain physical health through rigorous exercise and healthy/nutrition education, all of which support healthy brain function and academic growth.
- We also offer a variety of competitive extracurricular sports activities through middle school league and club sports; many of these activities practice during scheduled PE classes. Transitions between class periods and in-class activities allow for movement and exercise.