

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

### Overview

Santa Rosa Christian School seeks to provide an excellent academic program for its students. Since the overall goal is Christian in nature, the majority of curricula comes from Christian textbook publishers such as *Abeka* and *BJU Press*. While *Abeka* is the most heavily used, other texts have been chosen to better enhance academic excellence and rigor.

In general, SRCS follows a traditional Christian curriculum of which Bible classes and Biblical integration are central. Teachers are encouraged to bring in Biblical principles whenever possible, and Bible classes and chapels promote this emphasis. From a traditional standpoint, all truth is God's truth, and therefore, truth is objective and to be taught by an authoritative teacher. SRCS believes the combination of a traditional curriculum and a Christian worldview is the best approach to educating the mind and heart.

### Programs

*Learning Center and Day Care:* The SRCS Learning Center is more than a day care facility; using the *Abeka* curriculum, teachers instruct the two to four-year children in a variety of foundational skills. Our caring teachers and aides provide guidance and understanding while encouraging new challenges, developing self-confidence, and building positive relationships in a warm Christian atmosphere. Special attention is given to training in proper school habits, building good attitudes toward learning, and laying a strong foundation in academic basics. Our facility is equipped with age-appropriate furniture, a spacious fenced playground, and secure magnet-locking doors at the entry.

*Elementary School:* The student forms most of his basic beliefs, concepts, and life principles before he reaches the secondary level of education. In the elementary school, great emphasis is placed on the basic fundamentals of education. Each day begins with Bible time where the students enjoy the pledges, singing, sharing prayer requests, and hearing a Bible story; Bible memorization begins in kindergarten. In the lower elementary, a strong phonics emphasis teaches sounds and blends to prepare the child for reading subjects in upper elementary. Spelling and handwriting (including cursive) are also taught throughout the elementary including rigorous grammar beginning in second grade. The math curriculum focuses on traditional methods of memorization and drill in order to build a foundation for future mathematical concepts. We believe that the basics must be mastered in the elementary grades, and parental cooperation in grade accountability and building study habits is essential. Christian character, patriotism, and American Christian heritage is also integrated in the program.

*Middle and High School:* The Bible-based foundation from elementary school is continued in the Academy. Bible classes become more rigorous with textbooks, memorization, testing, and projects. Students learn to balance homework, studying, and assignments with extra-curricular activities in preparation for college. Through the Google classroom and chromebook system, students are able to see assignments, submit them, and receive feedback electronically, similar to the platforms many colleges use. The Academy follows the state requirements for credits and

graduation in a college preparatory program. Furthermore, social habits, friendships, goals, and desires are established for life during these important formative years. Self-discipline, obedience, respect, submission to authority, honesty, and dependability are taught from a Christian perspective.

## **Curriculum**

While SRCS understands that curriculum is more than a published set of textbooks, the school has chosen to utilize several different publishers to provide an academic program for the students. Below is a summary of the program

- Bible classes with an evangelistic and character emphasis in the elementary
- A chapel program for the academy with higher level Bible classes such as doctrines and worldview
- Phonics-based instruction in lower elementary enhanced by reading subjects in upper.
- Penmanship classes that teach cursive
- Shurley Grammar beginning in second grade
- Traditional history and science through *Abeka* publishers
- Chromebook technology classes with projects
- Traditional skill-based mathematics with *Abeka* through sixth grade
- Rigorous Larson texts (Holt McDougal) for Pre-Algebra through Calculus
- High school Spanish electives
- Choir and music starting in elementary
- Library activity and reading program for the elementary
- Chromebook-based technology integration through Google Classroom for high school
- Physical education classes
- Athletic opportunities in the academy through several sports teams

Elementary Curriculum (K5-5<sup>th</sup>)

Academy Curriculum (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)