

2025 - 2026 Foundation Christian Academy Middle School Electives and Selective Core Classes

Category	Course Number	Offered	Course Name	Description	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
English and Bible	Variety	Yearly	Varies	These course are offered to all students in a standard order of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.		Yearly	6th - 8th
Math							
Math	2007	Yearly	6th Grade	The sixth-grade curriculum covers simplifying expressions containing parentheses, graphing functions, and understanding ratios and proportions. The sixth grade students will perform GCF, LCM and prime factorization. The sixth grade curriculum will introduce geometry, measurement, and probability. Students will be introduced to Pythagorean Theorem.		Yearly	6th
Math	2008	Yearly	Pre-Algebra	Pre-algebra is a course that bridges basic arithmetic with the concepts of algebra, preparing students for Algebra I. It introduces fundamental algebraic ideas like variables, equations, and inequalities, building a foundation for more advanced math.		Year	7th - 8th
Math	2009H	Yearly	Honors Algebra 1*	This course is the same as the standard course but offered at an accelerated pace. This course is required for all students. In this course, topics will include basic families of functions, solving linear equations, graphing linear equations, writing linear equations, solving linear inequalities, graphing linear inequalities, solving systems of linear equations, exponents, exponential functions, and factoring quadratic expressions. An emphasis will be placed on connections between the numerical, algebraic, and graphic approaches to problem solving. Characteristics of functions, transformations, and applications will be emphasized throughout the course.	1	Year	8th Grade of 85 or higher in Pre-Algebra; STAR Math score of 1000 or above; Teacher Recommendation
Science							
Science	3001	Bi-Annual 2025-2026 2027-2028	Earth & Space Science	Earth and space science encompasses the study of our planet Earth, its environment, and its place within the solar system and the universe, including the Earth's land, oceans, atmosphere, and the processes that shape them		Year	7th - 8th
Science	3002	Bi-Annual 2026-2027 2028-2029	Life Science	Students explore the world of living organisms, from cells to ecosystems, learning about biology, genetics, ecology, and the interactions between organisms and their environment.		Year	7th - 8th
Science	3003	Yearly	Physical Science	Physical Science provides students with a foundational understanding of physics and chemistry. In the fall semester, students will explore key concepts in physics, such as motion, forces, energy, & waves. During the spring semester, the focus shifts to chemistry, where students will study atomic structure, the periodic table, chemical reactions, and the properties of matter. While learning these concepts, students are challenged to further develop critical thinking and scientific literacy skills.	1	Year	8th Grade of 90 or higher in MS Life Science; STAR Math score of 1000 or above
Social Studies							
Social Studies	4001	Yearly	Ancient Studies	Course is a study of the Ancient Civilizations of the World beginning in the Fertile Crescent and continuing through Greece, Egypt, Rome and beyond.		Year	6th - 7th
Social Studies	4002	Yearly	World Studies	A broad look at the cultures and history of people and civilizations across the world from Middle Ages to Modern Times. Students will explore African, European, Asian, South American history and peoples.		Year	7th - 8th
Social Studies	4003	Yearly	Early United States	Beginning with the arrival of Native American tribes; this course examines a look at the beginning foundations of America and continues to the start of the Civil War.		Year	7th - 8th
Fine Arts							
Course Number	Offered	Course Name	Description	Credit	Length	Prerequisite	
Music	8000	Yearly	Falcon Chorus	This course is open to all middle school students who desire to learn music notes, rhythm, and sing in a group setting. Students will perform in at least three choral performances throughout the year. Some evening rehearsals may be required.		Year	6th - 8th
Music	8001	Yearly	General Music	Students will learn the basics of music notes, rhythm, beats, and theory. The mode of learning is usually with buckets.		Year	6th - 8th
Music	8003	Yearly	Beginning Band	This course is designed as an introduction to the basics of performing on a wind, string, or percussion instrument. Students prepare for and participate in concerts, developing skills specific to the instrument they play. The course includes note reading, basic music vocabulary, and beginning music theory.		Year	6th - 8th

Music	8004	Yearly	Jr. Falcon Band	This course is designed to continue the education through wind, string, or percussion instruments. Students prepare to perform for multiple concerts and events throughout the school year. Students will be exposed to music of different styles and increase in difficulty. The course includes music vocabulary and advanced music theory.		Year	6th - 8th
Music	8005	Yearly	Pep Band/Marching Band	This course is offered to students who want to participate in the FCA parade marching band and pep band. It will require commitment from student to attend events in the evening, occasional Saturdays, and some practices after school. Students will learn the fundamentals of marching. Students will participate in local parades and perform at basketball games.		Year	6th - 8th Teacher Recommendation
Theatre	8010	Yearly	Drama	This introductory course provides a comprehensive overview of the various aspects of theatre arts, including acting, directing, stage design, and technical theatre. You'll develop essential skills in improvisation, script analysis, character development, and public speaking. Through hands-on exercises, scene work, and collaborative projects, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the theatrical process and discover the joy of storytelling.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Art	8011	Yearly	Art	This introductory course allows students the opportunity to learn the art elements of point, color, value, etc. No previous art experience required, just a willingness to learn and try.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Business							
Business	9000	Yearly	Keyboarding	Students will learn the basics of keyboarding utilizing an online keyboarding program.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Business	9001	Yearly	Jr. Achievement	In this course students will be exposed to the basics principles of business. Several guests speakers from various fields of work will come and speak to students.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Language Arts							
Language Arts	9400	Yearly	Creative Writing	In this course students are allowed to explore their creativity by working with a genre of writing prompts. Students will share their thoughts and ideas in a setting that encourages growth and participation.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Language Arts	9410	Yearly	Book Club	Students will read age appropriate novels as a class and participate in group discussions.		Quarter	6th - 8th
World Exposure and Language	Course Number	Offered	Course Name	Description	Credit	Length	Prerequisite
Foreign Language	10001	Yearly	Chinese	Students are introduced to the Chinese language and culture. Students will learn letters of alphabet, numbers, and other introductory elements of the Chinese language.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Foreign Language	10002	Yearly	Chinese 1	This introductory course is designed for students with little to no prior knowledge of Mandarin. Throughout the course, students will learn the basics of Mandarin, including pronunciation (Pinyin), tones, essential vocabulary, and common phrases used in everyday conversation. Students will also be introduced to Chinese characters and will learn to read and write basic ones. Additionally, exploring Chinese culture and traditions, for building a better understanding of both Chinese language and culture.	1	Year	8th STAR Reading Score of 1130 or higher
Culture	10003	Yearly	Cultural Studies	Students will explore indepth different cultures from around the world. Each student will pick a culture to complete a research based project on and will present at the end of the course.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Science							
STEM	9202	Yearly	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math	This course will allow students the opportunity to explore these academic fields in a hands on style learning environment. Students will complete projects in class like designing and building a game and constructing a roller coaster for marbles.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Robotics	9203	Yearly	Robotics/Coding	Students will work with robots and learn the basics of coding.		Quarter	6th - 8th
Physical Education							
Physical Education	11000	Yearly	Physical Education	Students will be introduced to a variety of sports/games including: badminton, basketball, soccer, volleyball, etc. Students will be expected to learn the rules of the games and put forth effort to participate. Students will be expected to change into clothing appropriate for working out.		Quarter	6th - 8th

Physical Education	11001	Yearly	Physical Education	This class is designed to be a step above the quarterly physical education class. Students will in addition to the regular PE also develop cardio workouts and fitness strengthening. Students will be expected to change into clothing appropriate for working out.		Year	6th - 8th
Other							
Intervention	20000	Yearly	S.O.A.R.	This class is designed to allow students who need additional assistance in a smaller classroom setting. Generally the focus is on additional math assistance.		Quarter	Teacher/Counselor Recommendation
BETA	20001	3rd Quarter Yearly	BETA	The class will meet during 3rd quarter only and is for those students who have registered for the State BETA Convention in March 2026. The time will be spent preparing for the various competitions that students have signed up for.		Quarter	Member of Jr. BETA Registered for State 2026 Convention
Study	20002	Yearly	Personal Learning Time	This is a study hall class designed to allow students a quiet setting where they focus on completing assigned work. Student is expected to be able to work independently and not be a distraction to others.		Quarter	6th - 8th