



EIGHTH GRADE

Religion

[Spirit of Truth by Sophia Institute for Teachers](#) is a beautiful series that introduces the Catholic faith to each grade in a way that helps students both understand and internalize our Catholic faith so they can apply it to their lives. Catechesis, scripture study, sacred art reflections, and lectio divina guide class lessons and activities. Eighth Graders also study virtues through the [Virtues in Practice](#) curriculum and develop a foundational understanding of our identities as sons and daughters of God through the [ROOTED Theology of the Body curriculum](#).

English Language Arts

- **Vocabulary:** Eighth Graders will be tested on cross-curricular vocabulary lists drawing from new words being introduced in their religion, literature, history, and science courses to assess spelling and comprehension.
- **Grammar & Latin:** Studying English grammar is important to English speakers for obvious reasons, but studying Latin grammar is also incredibly foundational for developing a deep understanding of the English language which is so heavily influenced by Latin. Memoria Press publishes outstanding curricula which are designed to teach English grammar and Latin grammar side-by-side. Eighth Graders study English grammar with [English Grammar Recitation IV](#) and corresponding Latin concepts with [Third Form Latin](#). *Eighth Graders who have not previously taken First Form Latin will join Sixth Graders for grammar and Latin, and students who have not previously taken Second Form Latin will join Seventh Graders for grammar and Latin.
- **Literature:** Our Connecting with History curriculum provides literature guides and activities for fiction and non-fiction novels related to the time period being studied. We may also incorporate non-historical literature, but that is yet to be determined.
- **Writing:** In this age of artificial intelligence, it is more important than ever for children to learn how to formulate and present independent thoughts, ideas, and opinions in an effective manner. Eighth Graders study and implement writing strategies using [Jump In: Middle School Composition](#) to learn this valuable skill which preserves human writing proficiency, and these skills are further practiced through writing assignments based on the literature in Connecting with History.

Mathematics

[Math Mammoth's Light Blue Series](#) focuses on teaching a conceptual understanding of math through mastery-based lessons which ensure students receive a thorough understanding of each concept before progressing. Daily student work covers mastery-reinforcing problems while each chapter contains spiral review to help students retain previous concepts. Free video lessons and online math games accompany this curriculum to offer families extra support. Beginning in Fifth Grade, students will take a placement test to determine their math level and will be placed in classes according to their level.



Science

Novare Science promotes wonder, integration, and mastery to capitalize on students' innate curiosity for learning, help students see how their science education is relevant to other subjects and vice versa, and truly retain information rather than simply memorizing material for a test. Seventh Graders will study [Earth Science](#) through integrated lessons, hands-on experiments, data journaling, and scientific writing.

History

[Connecting with History by RC \(Roman Catholic\) History](#) is a cyclical, family-based approach to studying history through a Catholic lens. We are using the co-op version of Connecting with History which involves a university-type structure with Seventh and Eighth Graders reading and writing at home and spending class time diving more deeply into the content through Socratic discussion and presentations. The 2025-2026 school year will study the first cycle which covers the Old Testament and Ancient Cultures Before Christ time period. We will also take a break from Connecting with History in the spring for the entire school to spend a unit studying Tennessee state and U.S. History using [TN History for Kids](#) and a local field trip.

Specials

All students in First through Eighth Grades will attend one special per school day. These classes have not yet been determined for the 2025-2026 school year.

