

Bible Curriculum

(revised 2011-2012 school year)

I. Introduction

- A. Foundational Statements key to all curriculum strands include the school's:
1. philosophy of education as articulated in the CSI publication, The Beginning of Wisdom;
 2. statement of purpose;
 3. principles of instruction;
 4. mission statement

B. With the goal of developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the role of teaching Bible in a Christian school is to equip students with Bible knowledge, to encourage students to apply these truths to their lives, and to actively serve God and others in His world.

C. As we strive to fulfill this goal, we realize that teacher attitude and modeling is a key aspect to teaching our Bible curriculum in a genuine way. Our own personal relationship with Christ and with others, and how we demonstrate this in our classrooms and with our students, will influence them as they work to transform their Bible knowledge into tangible ways to apply these truths to their lives.

D. The truths outlined in our Bible curriculum should be integrated into other subject areas whenever possible for it to be the most beneficial to students.

II. Philosophy

The Bible is God's story, and teaching the Bible helps us to see how we fit into His story. I Peter 3:15b reminds us about the importance of learning the truths outlined in Scripture: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

At Sioux Center Christian School, we desire to have our students develop a personal relationship with Christ and His people, with the help of the Holy Spirit. We want our students to know the Word, believe the Word, and live the Word. We want them to develop faith-enriching habits to deepen their Christian lives, including personal devotions, daily prayer, and using Scripture to discern the cultural influences they encounter each day. We will encourage students to recognize God's plan and to see His grace in their lives and in the world.

III. Curriculum Standards for K-8 CSI Bible Curriculum

1. Students know key biblical passages, characters, and events.
2. Students know the historical and cultural context of the Bible.
3. Students understand various Christian and non-Christian religious views.
4. Students understand how geography and culture impacted the biblical story.
5. Students know how the Bible is organized, the types of literature the Bible includes, and how to read the Bible.
6. Students use a variety of reference materials.
7. Students understand what the Bible teaches about God.
8. Students understand what the Bible teaches about truth.
9. Students understand what the Bible teaches about God's creation.
10. Students understand what the Bible teaches about people.
11. Students will be encouraged to apply biblical teaching to all of life and learning.