

Home Study Assistance for Grades 1-8

Below you will find a list of the subjects and curriculum we use at RBCS for First through Eighth Grades. Use this **only as a guide** as there are many great resources for Christian homeschooling families to use in educating their students. Prayerfully consider which resources will be right for you and your child. Children have different learning styles and you, as the teacher, will find some resources more suitable for his learning style and your teaching style. You want the curriculum to be challenging, but not overwhelming. The more comfortable you and your child are with the curriculum, the greater success you will have with homeschooling!

Always begin with the basics of **Bible, Reading, Math and Language (this includes Phonics, Spelling, Grammar and Penmanship)** then add other subjects once you have a good routine of the core subjects established.

First Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible	English Standard Version (ESV) Bible <u>Enjoying God's Gifts</u> by Positive Action for Christ
English	<u>Language 1</u> by A Beka
Phonics/Spelling	<u>Letters and Sounds 1</u> A Beka <u>Spelling and Poetry 1</u> A Beka
Penmanship	<u>Writing with Phonics</u> by A Beka <u>Cursive Writing Tablet</u> by A Beka
Reading	<u>Reading for Christian Schools 1:1-1:2</u> from BJU Series of Reading books from A Beka that begin with <u>Open Windows</u> and go through <u>Widening Horizons</u> <u>Primary Bible Reader</u> by A Beka <u>Reading Skill Series Level A</u> by Barnell Loft <u>Reading for Comprehension A</u> by Continental Press Supplement with Accelerated Reading Books
Math	<u>Arithmetic 1</u> by A Beka
History/Geography	<u>My America and My World</u> by A Beka
Science	<u>Discovering God's World</u> by A Beka <u>Health, Safety and Manners</u> by A Beka

Additional Subjects to consider would be Art, Music, P.E., Spanish, and Computer Technology

Second Grade Subjects

Bible

Curriculum Used

English Standard Version

Finding God's Promises by Positive Action For Christ

Pilgrim's Promise Simplified by A Beka

English

Language 2 by A Beka

Phonics/Spelling

Letters and Sounds 2 A Beka

Spelling and Poetry 2 A Beka

Reading

Reading Skill Series Levels A and B by Barnell Loft

Reading For Comprehension AA-C by Continental Press

Reading 2A/2B by BJU

Continue with A Beka reading series

Supplement with Accelerated Reading Program

Math

Arithmetic 2 by A Beka

History/Geography

Our America by A Beka

Science

Enjoying God's World by A Beka

Health, Safety and Manners 2 by A Beka

Additional Subjects to consider are Art, Music, P.E., Spanish and Computer Technology

Third Grade Subjects

Bible

Curriculum Used

English Standard Version

Growing with God by Positive Action For Christ

English

Language 3 by A Beka

Spelling

Spelling and Poetry 3 by A Beka

Penmanship

Cursive Writing Skillbook by A Beka

Reading

Reading Skill Series Levels C-D by Barnell Loft

Read and Think 3 by A Beka

Reading For Comprehension C-D by Continental Press

Once Upon and Open Book 3A/3B by BJU

Pilgrim's Progress Simplified by A Beka

Continue with A Beka reading series

Third Grade Continued

Math	<u>Arithmetic 3</u> by A Beka
History/Geography	<u>Our American Heritage</u> by A Beka
Science	<u>Exploring God's World</u> by A Beka

Additional Subjects to consider are Art, Music, P.E., Spanish and Computer Technology

Fourth Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible	<u>English Standard Version</u> <u>Building Life Castles</u> by Positive Action For Christ
English	<u>Language A</u> by A Beka
Spelling	<u>Spelling and Poetry 4</u> by A Beka
Penmanship	<u>Penmanship Mastery I</u> by A Beka
Reading	<u>Reading Skill Series</u> Levels D-E by Barnell Loft <u>Read and Think 4</u> by A Beka <u>Reading For Comprehension</u> D-E by Continental Press <u>I Met You in a Story</u> by BJU <u>Pilgrim's Progress</u> and <u>Song of the Brook</u> by A Beka, <u>Mountain Born</u> and <u>Medallion</u> by BJU Supplement with Accelerated Reading Program
Math	<u>Arithmetic 4</u> by A Beka
History/Geography	<u>The History of the United States</u> by A Beka
Science	<u>Understanding God's World</u> by A Beka <u>Developing Good Health</u> by A Beka

Additional Subjects to consider are Art, Music, P.E., Spanish and Computer Technology

Fifth Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible	<u>English Standard Version</u> <u>Possessing the Land</u> by Positive Action For Christ
English	<u>Language B</u> by A Beka
Spelling	<u>Spelling and Poetry 5</u> by A Beka
Penmanship	<u>Penmanship Mastery I</u> by A Beka
Reading	<u>Reading Skill Series Levels D-F</u> by Barnell Loft <u>Read and Think 5</u> by A Beka <u>Adventures in Nature Speed and Comprehension</u> <u>Pages In My Head</u> by BJU <u>Little Pilgrim's Progress</u> by Moody Press <u>Derwood</u> by BJU Supplement with Accelerated Reading Program
Math	<u>Arithmetic 5</u> by A Beka
History/Geography	<u>Old World History and Geography</u> by A Beka
Science	<u>Investigating God's World</u> by A Beka <u>Enjoying Good Health</u> by A Beka

Additional Subjects to consider are Art, Music, P.E., Spanish and Computer Technology

Sixth Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible	<u>English Standard Version</u> <u>Wise Up! Wisdom in Proverbs</u> by Positive Action Christ
English	<u>Language C</u> by A Beka
Spelling	<u>Spelling, Vocabulary and Poetry 6</u> by A Beka
Penmanship	<u>Creative Writing</u> by A Beka
Reading	<u>Reading Skill Series Levels F-G</u> by Barnell Loft <u>Read and Think 6</u> by A Beka <u>Reading For Comprehension F-G</u> by Continental Press <u>As Full As the World</u> by BJU <u>A Father's Promise</u> by BJU <u>Message of the Mountain, On His Own, Billy Sunday,</u>

and Rosa, and Martha of California by A Beka
Adventures in Greatness Speed and Comprehension ABeka

Math Arithmetic 6 by A Beka

History/Geography New World History and Geography by A Beka

Science Science 6 by BJU and Choosing Good Health by A Beka

6th grade advanced

Curriculum List

Bible Holy Bible English Standard Version
Route 66:Travel Through Bible by Positive Action Christ
Christian Adventure by Positive Action for Christ

English Grammar and Comp I by A Beka

Literature Explorations in Literature by BJU
Of People by A Beka
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
Christian Adventure

Spelling Spelling, Vocabulary and Poetry I by A Beka

Math Math 8/7 or Course 2 by Saxon

History/Geography Old World History A Beka

Science Life Science for Christian Schools by BJU

Seventh Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible Holy Bible English Standard Version
Route 66:Travel Through Bible by Positive Action Christ
Christian Adventure by Positive Action for Christ

English Grammar and Comp I by A Beka

Literature Explorations in Literature by BJU
Of People by A Beka
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

Spelling Spelling, Vocabulary and Poetry I by A Beka

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Curriculum Used

Math

Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1/2 3rd Ed by Saxon

History/Geography

Story of the Old World Christian Schools International
Geography for Christian Schools by BJU

Science

Life Science for Christian Schools by BJU

Additional Subjects to consider are Art, Music, P.E., Foreign Language, Computer Technology, Drama, Home Economics and Auto Mechanics

***A student must successfully complete six of the above subjects in order to advance to the next grade.**

Eighth Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible

Holy Bible English Standard Version
Character Quest Positive Action for Christ
Grammar and Comp II by A Beka

English

Literature

Themes in Literature by A Beka
Of Places by A Beka

Spelling

Spelling, Vocabulary and Poetry II by A Beka

Math

Algebra 1/2 or Algebra I by Saxon

History

World History I by BJU

Science

Earth Science for Christian Schools by BJU

Additional Subjects to consider are Art, Music, P.E., Foreign Language, Computer Technology, Drama, Home Economics and Auto Mechanics

***A student must successfully complete six of the above subjects in order to advance to the next grade.**