

Home Study Assistance Guidelines for Grades 1-8

Below you will find a guideline of the subjects and curriculum we use at RBCS for First through Eighth Grades. This is only a guide as there are many great resources for Christian homeschooling families to use in educating their elementary and junior high students. (You will find a list of recommended curriculum included in this packet.) Again, we recommend you 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 to your liking. It is your choice. You want the curriculum to be challenging, but not overwhelming. The more comfortable you and your child are with the curriculum you are using the greater success you will have in homeschooling. Always begin with the basics of Bible, Reading, Language (this includes Phonics, Spelling, English and Penmanship) and Math. Add other subjects according to you and your child's ability/interest level.

First Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible

English Standard Version used in our classrooms
A Beka Bible Curriculum

English

Language 1 by A Beka

Phonics/Spelling

Letters and Sounds 1 A Beka
Spelling and Poetry 1 A Beka

Penmanship

Writing with Phonics by A Beka
Cursive Writing Tablet by A Beka

Reading

Reading for Christian Schools 1:1-1:2 from BJU
Series of Reading books from A Beka which begins with
Open Windows and go through Widening Horizons
Primary Bible Reader by A Beka
Reading Skill Series Level A by Barnell Loft
Reading for Comprehension A by Continental Press
Supplement with Accelerated Reading Books

Math

Arithmetic 1 by A Beka

History/Geography

My America and My World by A Beka

Science

Discovering God's World by A Beka
Health, Safety and Manners by A Beka

Additional Subjects to consider: Art, Music, P.E., Spanish, 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 as listed in 1st Grade 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: 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 Arithmetic 3 by A Beka
History/Geography Our American Heritage by A Beka

Science Exploring God's World by A Beka

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

Fourth Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible English Standard Version
Building Life Castles by Positive Action For Christ

English Language A by A Beka

Spelling Spelling and Poetry 4 by A Beka

Penmanship Penmanship Mastery I by A Beka

Reading Reading Skill Series Levels D-E by Barnell Loft
Read and Think 4 by A Beka
Reading For Comprehension D-E by Continental Press
I Met You in a Story by BJU
Pilgrim's Progress and Song of the Brook by A Beka,
Mountain Born and Medallion by BJU
Supplement with Accelerated Reading Program

Math Arithmetic 4 by A Beka

History/Geography The History of the United States by A Beka

Science Understanding God's World by A Beka
Developing Good Health by A Beka

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

Fifth Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible King James Bible
Possessing the Land by Positive Action For Christ

English Language B by A Beka

Fifth Grade Continued

Spelling

Spelling and Poetry 5 by A Beka

Penmanship

Penmanship Mastery II by A Beka

Reading

Reading Skill Series Levels E-F by Barnell Loft

Read and Think 5 by A Beka

Reading For Comprehension E-F by Continental Press

Pages In My Head by BJU

Little Pilgrim's Progress by Moody Press

Derwood by BJU

Supplement with Accelerated Reading Program

Math

Arithmetic 5 by A Beka

History/Geography

Old World History and Geography by A Beka

Science

Investigating God's World by A Beka

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

Sixth Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible

English Standard Version

Wise Up! Wisdom in Proverbs by Positive Action Christ

English

Language C by A Beka

Spelling

Spelling, Vocabulary and Poetry 6 by A Beka

Penmanship

Creative Writing by A Beka

Reading

Reading Skill Series Levels F-G by Barnell Loft

Read and Think 6 by A Beka

Reading For Comprehension F-G by Continental Press

As Full As the World by BJU A Father's Promise by BJU

Message of the Mountain, On His Own, Billy Sunday,

and Rosa, and Martha of California by A Beka

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

Seventh Grade Subjects

Curriculum Used

Bible	<u>Holy Bible New International Version</u> <u>Route 66:Travel Through Bible</u> by Positive Action Christ <u>Christian Adventure</u> by Positive Action for Christ
English	<u>Grammar and Comp I</u> by A Beka
Literature	<u>Explorations in Literature</u> by BJU <u>Of People</u> by A Beka <u>Pilgrim's Progress</u> by John Bunyan
Spelling	<u>Spelling, Vocabulary and Poetry I</u> by A Beka
Math	<u>Pre-Algebra</u> or <u>Algebra ½ 3rd Ed</u> by Saxon
History/Geography	<u>Story of the Old World</u> Christian Schools International <u>Geography for Christian Schools</u> by BJU
Science	<u>Life Science for Christian Schools</u> by BJU

Additional Subjects to consider: 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	<u>Holy Bible New International Version</u> <u>Route 66:Travel Through Bible</u> by Positive Action Christ <u>Christian Adventure</u> by Positive Action for Christ
English	<u>Grammar and Comp II</u> by A Beka
Literature	<u>Themes in Literature</u> by A Beka <u>Of Places</u> 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: Art, Music, P.E., Foreign Language, Computer Technology, Drama, Home Economics and Auto Mechanics

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