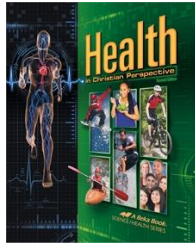


7th/8th Grade Curriculum

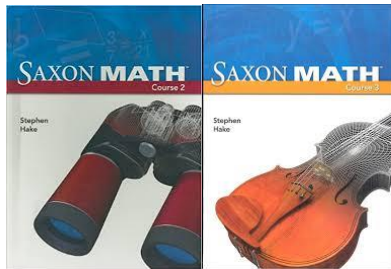
English	
	<p>The 7th grade writing and grammar include the eight parts of speech, sentence patterns, subject/verb agreement, clear pronoun reference and mechanics and introduces adjective clauses and complex sentences. Reference chapters include dictionary, library, and study skills. Writing projects include biographical sketch, in-class essay, a letter to the editor, book report and poetry.</p> <p>The 8th grade grammar continues with subjects covered in 7th grade and adds elements such as participles, gerunds, and infinitives. Writing projects include a news report, character profile, short fable and an essay.</p>
Vocabulary	
	<p>Students in 7th and 8th grade combine for vocabulary studies. One year Vocabulary A is used. Students study etymology, Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes to learn recognition of word families. Students also study, antonyms, and homonyms as well as positive/negative context clues to determine meaning. The next year Vocabulary B includes Latin word parts presenting new words in word families that share prefixes, roots, and suffixes. This book includes reinforcement exercises that help students retain vocabulary.</p>
Literature	
	<p>These two literature texts are used alternate years in a combined 7th/8th grade. Explorations in Literature include a variety of authors grouped by themes to develop critical thinking. The curriculum includes vocabulary skills as well as four levels of learning: comprehension, interpretative, analysis and appreciation. The Excursions in Literature text include a variety of genres and cultures. Students learn to appreciate literature for its creative and aesthetic quality but also study themes and moral tone.</p>

Health



This textbook emphasizes staying healthy through proper diet, exercise, and personal hygiene; also, this text gives tips for preventing disease and administering first aid. Biblical discernment is also encouraged as it applies to health regarding suicide, abortion, euthanasia, and organ donation

Math



Students are placed into Saxon Course 2, Saxon Course 3, or Algebra I based on a placement test. Saxon math has been adopted because it provides incremental, research-based pedagogy across grade levels and develops a deeper understanding of the required standards and how to apply them. The incremental approach, continual review and cumulative assessments help to ensure mastery

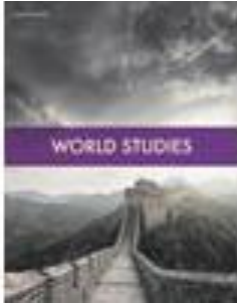
Science



The student edition takes the student from cells to plants and animals and finally to the pinnacle of God's creation: humans. All of this is a quest to understand the life that God has created. Clear, accurate scientific images help students picture the structures they study. Case studies, lab activities, ethics boxes, and questions help them think like scientists and view life science from a biblical perspective.

Earth Science (5th Edition) Student Text moves the student from the lithosphere of the earth itself to the hydrosphere in and on the earth to the atmosphere surrounding the earth and finally out into space visiting the solar system and the rest of the universe. All of this is a quest to understand God's created world. Case studies and other activities encourage students to think like scientists as they develop a biblical perspective of earth and space.

Social Studies



Written with the goal of stirring the interest and imagination of the students who will read it, the *World Studies* (4th ed.) student text provides a chronological narrative of world history that should reveal the hand of God at work in the nations, beginning with the birth of the Church, the rise of Islam, and a survey of nations around the world from 1,000 A.D. to the present.

Carefully chosen photos, maps, art, and margin boxes enhance the student's learning experience and spark interest for further study.

The *American Republic Student Text* (4th ed.) leads students on a tour of our nation's history starting with the first interactions between Native Americans and European explorers and ending with present day America. Students are encouraged to interpret the present based on knowledge of our nation's past, using text, illustrations, art, and photographs.