

Sacred Heart Academy Curriculum

Right Start Math: This superior math program integrates the three aspects Sacred Heart Academy requires of each math class -1) begin with manipulatives, 2) written practice, and 3) reinforcement through games. Right Start develops an incredible foundation of mental math in children, using manipulatives and visuals as the basis for understanding and grasping of all math concepts. Students learn to think in "5"s on the Abacus (rather than the slow American finger-counting), a foundational skill taught to Asian students, whose math skills are stronger than American children. Our students interact with the abacus, tally sticks, scales/weights/measures, tile squares (for area/perimeter), and measuring tools - our students call this math the "fun" math! :) For the third reinforcement through games section, Right Start provides hundreds of games to reinforce each concept - (card games using money, fraction and multiplication cards) based on games such as War, Go Fish, Old Maid, and Memory that reinforce mental math, including multiplication tables, in a superb and engaging way. We love this program! Please see rightstartmath.com for more information.

IEW/Write Shop: IEW (Institute for Excellence) and Write Shop are the main two writing programs used at Sacred Heart Academy. IEW's excellent and rigorous program for developing writing skills based on examples of superior writing, is utilized along with Write Shop's focus on creativity and love of writing. Classes include brainstorming, writing, peer-editing, and writing presentations.

Shurley Grammar: SHA utilizes the grammar portion of this comprehensive language arts program. Shurley Grammar is known for its use of songs and chants to help make grammar come alive for students! Students learn how to classify the parts of sentences, and identify and use the major parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, prepositions, conjunctions, etc), in a fun way.

Jolly Phonics/IEW/Diane Craft: Jolly Phonics is a solid visual, movement, and song-based phonics program. IEW has a solid reading program we integrate, as well as the Diane Craft methods to assist right-brain learning.

Apologia Science A Christian-based science program that delves into each subject (Astronomy, Botany, Physics/Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, and Zoology) in detail (one subject per year) using exciting experiments and narration (re-telling) of what is learned! Kinder may supplement Apologia next year with an additional curriculum that covers multiple sciences in one year.

Salvation History: Great Adventure Timeline for Kids (Younger Children – basic story, Older Children Learn 6 Covenants God makes with his People), and Bible/Art.

Virtues Program: 3 year cycle of Virtues: Year of Faith, Year of Hope, Year of Charity
<https://www.nashvilledominican.org/apostolate/evangelization-and-catechesis/virtues-in-practice/>