



MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8

Potential Christian Academy

12401 Stirling Road

Cooper City, FL 33330

(954) 434-1550 | ilovepcacc.com

ASCI & Cognia Accredited

Dr. Julia Elliott
Head of School

Mrs. Jessica Garcia
Dean of Academic &
Student Affairs

2025 - 2026



POTENTIAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Middle School 2025-2026

School Community

Potential Christian Academy (PCA), a ministry of Potential Church, has faithfully served the Broward County community since 1983. Rooted in a vision to provide a Christ-centered education, PCA began its preschool in 1984 and has grown into a vibrant institution for learning, serving over 500 students from preschool through 9th grade, with plans to expand to 10th grade in 2026. Grounded in Biblical principles, PCA is committed to academic excellence and guiding students to achieve their God-given potential. With a rich history of dedicated leadership and a mission to impact the next generation for Christ, PCA continues to thrive as a cornerstone of faith-based education in South Florida and is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and Cognia.

Our Mission

PCA is partnering with students to reach their God potential in order to impact the world for good.

School Hours:

8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

Help Class:

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

CEEB# 097485

Dr. Julia Elliott

Head of School

Mrs. Jessica Garcia

Dean of Academic &
Student Affairs

12401 Stirling Road
Cooper City, FL 33330

Phone: 954-434-1550
ilovepca.com

Diplomas

Academic Diploma PCA's college prep program is geared to help students develop the skills they need to succeed in college and their careers. (26 credits)

PCA's Baccalaureate Diploma This program cultivates inquisitive, knowledgeable, and compassionate young people and offers a more in-depth learning experience. (28 credits)

Electives and Clubs

Middle School students have the opportunity to select an elective based on their individual interests, allowing them to explore new skills and passions. In addition, dedicated time has been added to the Friday schedule for students to participate in one club per semester—one in the fall and one in the spring. These opportunities are designed to help students discover their interests, build a sense of community, and begin developing their personal resumes in preparation for their Upper School experience.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

GPA is computed using quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 26 credits is required for graduation. In addition, each student must complete a 100-hour community service hours in high school. AP and Scholars are weighted at 2 points, and Honors classes are weighted at 1 point. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January, and June.

*Completion of the AP exam is required for students to earn the AP weight. AP will grant a quality point for a "C".

Grade	Quality Points	% Range	College Prep	Honors	AP/DE*/Scholars
A+		96.50–100	4.33	5.33	6.33
A	4	92.50–96.49	4.00	5.00	6.00
A-		89.50–92.49	3.67	4.67	5.67
B+		86.50–89.49	3.33	4.33	5.33
B	3	82.50–86.49	3.00	4.00	5.00
B-		79.50–82.49	2.67	3.67	4.67
C+		76.50–79.49	2.33	2.33	2.33
C	2	72.50–76.49	2.00	2.00	2.00
C-		69.50–72.49	1.67	1.67	1.67
D+		66.50–69.49	1.33	1.33	1.33
D	1	62.50–66.49	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-		59.50–62.49	0.67	0.67	0.67
F		0–59.49	0	0	0
I (Incomplete)		0	0	0	0

Middle School Course Overview

Subject Area	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Bible	Foundations of a Biblical Worldview	The Story of the Old Testament	The Life of Christ
Language Arts	Language Arts I	Language Arts II	Language Arts III
Social Studies	Ancient History	Civics	U.S. History
Science	Earth Science	Life Science	Physical Science
Mathematics	Math 6 & Honors	Pre-Algebra & Honors	Algebra I Honors High School Course
Academic Wheel	Study Skills Computer Coding Spanish	Spanish Computer Coding	Spanish I High School Honors Course
Electives	Band Art Portfolio Broadcasting Sports Leadership Drama /Theater Dance Servant Leadership	Band Art Portfolio Broadcasting Sports Leadership Drama /Theater Dance Servant Leadership	Band Art Portfolio Broadcasting Sports Leadership Drama /Theater Dance Servant Leadership

Academic Levels

Academic Levels and Course Placement

Potential Christian Academy's Upper School offers three academic levels—College Prep, Honors, and Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment/Scholar's Program—to support a range of student goals and college pathways.

College Prep

Prep courses cover core subjects (English, math, science, world language, and social studies) and provide a solid foundation for admission to most colleges.

Honors

Honors courses offer deeper content, faster pacing, and increased independent work. They require teacher recommendation and may have prerequisites. Honors courses are weighted by 1.0 GPA points and prepare students for competitive colleges.

Course Planning

Students and parents should consult with counseling staff when selecting course levels. The Upper School does not offer a traditional drop/add period. Note: Some colleges and the Bright Futures Scholarship Program consider only core academic grades when calculating GPA.

2025-2026 Course Catalog

Bible Studies

Worldview Foundations – Grade 6—1.0 credit

In a world full of competing beliefs, this course equips students to recognize and respond to false worldviews through the lens of Scripture. Worldview Foundations helps students understand the essential elements of a biblical worldview and how it shapes identity, work, relationships, society, and belief. Students will learn to connect biblical truths with real-life challenges, grounding their faith in God's Word and preparing them to live with discernment and purpose.

The Story of the Old Testament – Grade 7—1.0 credit

This course provides a sweeping overview of the Old Testament, tracing the unified narrative of God's redemptive work from creation to covenant. Students will see how individual Bible stories fit into the larger framework of God's plan to glorify Himself by redeeming His fallen creation. Through engaging lessons and relevant application, students will develop a strong foundation for biblical literacy and a deeper understanding of the relevance of Scripture in their daily lives.

The Life of Christ – Grade 8—1.0 credit

Focusing on the Gospels, this course leads students through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan revealed in the Old Testament. Students will strengthen their Bible study skills by learning how to interpret and apply Scripture in meaningful ways. With a theological emphasis tailored to middle school learners, this course challenges students to grow in Christlikeness and equips them to live out their faith with conviction and clarity in today's world.

English Language Arts

English Language Arts (Grade 6)—1.0 credit

Our ELA 6 curriculum develops students' foundational grammar, writing, vocabulary, and reading comprehension skills. Students analyze literature from a biblical worldview and engage in various writing forms—including narratives, essays, and reports—while expanding their ability to express ideas clearly and effectively.

English Language Arts (Grade 7)—1.0 credit

ELA 7 emphasizes critical thinking and clear communication through grammar instruction, advanced writing techniques, and literary analysis. Through BJU Press materials, students explore fiction, poetry, drama, and nonfiction while building research and citation skills to prepare for high school-level writing.

English Language Arts (Grade 8)—1.0 credit

In ELA 8, students refine their skills in grammar, composition, and literary interpretation. The curriculum emphasizes persuasive and analytical writing and introduces literary criticism through BJU Press texts. Students explore complex themes in literature, preparing them for the rigors of upper-level English courses.

Social Studies

Ancient History (Grade 6)—1.0 credit

Students explore the foundations of civilization—from Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt to Greece, Rome, and early Asian cultures. Using HMH's dynamic curriculum, students examine historical texts, analyze artifacts, and develop a global perspective on the ancient world's contributions to modern society.

Civics (Grade 7)—1.0 credit

This course introduces students to the structure and functions of American government, citizenship, and civic responsibility. Through HMH's interactive resources, students learn about the Constitution, democratic principles, and the role of individuals in a free society.

U.S. History (Grade 8)—1.0 credit

Beginning with early exploration and colonization, this course guides students through the founding, expansion, and development of the United States. HMH's engaging texts and primary source documents help students understand historical events, their causes and effects, and the enduring principles that shape our nation.

MATHEMATICS

Math 6—1.0 credit

Our Math 6 curriculum reinforces arithmetic skills and introduces pre-algebra concepts such as integers, ratios, proportions, and basic geometry. Emphasis is placed on problem-solving and logical reasoning to lay a strong foundation for future math courses.

Math 7—1.0 credit

This course bridges elementary arithmetic and pre-algebra, covering concepts like expressions, equations, geometry, and data analysis. Math 7 through BJU Press fosters confidence in multi-step problem-solving and real-world application of mathematical principles.

Algebra 1 (Grade 8)—1.0 credit

Algebra I introduces variables, expressions, equations, inequalities, functions, and polynomials using BJU Press's rigorous curriculum. Students learn to solve linear and quadratic equations, analyze graphs, and apply algebraic reasoning to real-life problems. Successful completion earns high school credit.

Geometry (Grade 8)—1.0 credit

This high school-level course, built on a biblically integrated curriculum, provides a comprehensive study of Euclidean geometry. Students will explore the properties and relationships of geometric figures through deductive reasoning, logical proofs, and real-world applications. Topics include points, lines, planes, angles, triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, polygons, congruence, similarity, transformations, coordinate geometry, and trigonometric ratios. The course emphasizes precision, problem-solving, and geometric reasoning while encouraging students to recognize the order and design in creation.

SCIENCE

Earth Science (Grade 6)—1.0 credit

Earth Science offers students a dynamic exploration of Earth's systems, including geology, meteorology, oceanography, and astronomy. Through the HMH Science Dimensions program, students investigate Earth's processes and natural phenomena using interactive simulations, hands-on activities, and data analysis. The course encourages critical thinking and problem-solving as students examine the forces shaping our planet and consider their role in environmental stewardship.

Life Science (Grade 7)—1.0 credit

PCA's Life Science course engages students in the study of living organisms and their environments through an inquiry-based approach. Students explore key topics such as cell structure and function, genetics, ecosystems, and the diversity of life. Emphasis is placed on scientific investigation, evidence-based reasoning, and real-world applications. Hands-on labs, interactive digital tools, and collaborative projects help students build a strong foundation in life sciences while developing essential 21st-century skills.

Physical Science (Grade 8)—1.0 credit

PCA's Physical Science curriculum introduces students to the principles of chemistry and physics through engaging, inquiry-driven learning. Students investigate the properties of matter, energy, forces, motion, and chemical interactions. With an emphasis on lab experimentation, real-world connections, and conceptual understanding, the course prepares students for success in high school-level chemistry and physics while fostering curiosity and scientific literacy.

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

Study Skills – 6th Grade (Quarter 1)—0.25 credit

This foundational course equips students with essential academic and personal strategies to foster effective learning and success in middle school and beyond. Students will develop key skills in time management, organization, note-taking, textbook study, test preparation, and critical thinking. In addition to building academic habits, students will be encouraged to cultivate a biblical worldview, practicing integrity, honesty, and humility in their daily lives.

Computer Coding – 6th & 7th Grade—0.25 & 0.5 credit

In this hands-on course, students will be introduced to the fundamentals of computer science and programming. Topics include computing systems, coding logic, data analysis, internet safety, and the role of technology in daily life. Students will explore programming languages such as Scratch and Python, gaining confidence in creating basic programs and interactive applications. This course empowers students to think critically and creatively while preparing them for more advanced technology courses.

Spanish – 6th & 7th Grades—0.5 credit

This introductory Spanish course builds a foundation in basic vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and conversational skills. Students will learn to communicate and comprehend spoken and written Spanish through thematic units and interactive activities. The course also introduces students to the cultures, traditions, and geography of Spanish-speaking countries, fostering cultural awareness and appreciation. The curriculum in both 6th and 7th grade is designed to support continued language development and global understanding.

Spanish I - 8th Grade—1.0 credit

Spanish 1 introduces the student to the Spanish language and its culture. Spanish vocabulary and grammar are included. An understanding, both written and spoken, of basic conversational Spanish is emphasized. If the student makes an “A” or “B” in this course, it will count as a High School Honor’s course.

Electives

Art Portfolio I, II, III (Grades 6–8)—.5 credit

This course series allows students to explore and express their creativity while building a personal portfolio of artwork. Students will develop foundational skills in a variety of media, including pencil, ink, pastels, chalk, watercolor, and tempera. Each level introduces new techniques and deepens understanding of the elements of art and principles of design. Students are encouraged to see their artistic talents as gifts from God, using their creativity to glorify Him through the visual arts.

Broadcasting (Grades 6–8)—.5 credit

Broadcasting provides students with hands-on experience in media production while serving the school community through digital communication. Students will plan, script, and record content such as the National Anthem, daily announcements, Bible verses, and current events. Recordings are distributed to homeroom teachers for daily viewing. The course fosters public speaking, teamwork, technical skills, and a sense of school spirit and service.

Sports Leadership (Grades 6–8)—.5 credit

This course blends physical education with character and leadership development. Students will participate in a variety of sports and games while learning teamwork, sportsmanship, and the fundamentals of leadership. Emphasis is placed on the historical and modern role of leadership in athletics, as well as the importance of glorifying God through physical activity, discipline, and positive attitudes on and off the field.

Drama I & II (Fall Elective, Grades 6–8)—.5 credit

Drama introduces students to the fundamentals of theatre arts through creative expression, performance, and collaboration. Students build confidence and communication skills through improvisation, role-play, stage movement, and theatre games. Drama vocabulary, stage presence, and character development are emphasized. Students may have opportunities to perform in class productions and participate in Junior Thespian events.

Introduction to Band / Music (Grades 6–8)—.5 credit

This course introduces students to instrumental performance with a focus on wind, percussion, and keyboard instruments. Students develop musical literacy, ear training, and ensemble skills through regular rehearsals, music theory study, and performance opportunities. With an emphasis on excellence and worship, students are encouraged to use their musical gifts for personal growth and to honor God.

Dance (Grades 6–8)—.5 credit

This course provides students with the opportunity to express creativity through movement while honoring God with their bodies. Students will learn choreography, explore various dance styles, and prepare performances for school events and chapels. The course emphasizes discipline, teamwork, and self-expression, integrating biblical truths such as worship through movement (Psalm 149:3) and using one's gifts to glorify the Lord (1 Corinthians 10:31). Dance fosters physical coordination, confidence, and a spirit of joy and excellence in service to God and the school community.

Servant Leadership (Grades 6–8)—.5 credit

This course equips students with the mindset and skills to lead by serving others, following the example of Jesus Christ. Students will explore principles of leadership, teamwork, empathy, and responsibility through hands-on projects that support the school and local community. The course integrates biblical values such as humility (Philippians 2:3–4), love in action (1 John 3:18), and servant-hearted leadership (Mark 10:45). Students will develop communication, organizational, and problem-solving skills while growing in character and influence as Christ-centered leaders.