

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Curriculum in Mathematics

“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone...?”

Job 38:4-6

Scriptural Rationale:

God’s pattern in nature shows itself in spatial and quantitative works of God. The universe itself shows an intelligent design from our omniscient God. God shows us that he ordered all things so that each part works within the whole. The Bible refers to mathematical concepts.

Math is a necessary skill we need in order to live a life of service to God and our fellow man. The use of math can have implications involving Christian ethics and stewardship. Real world discussions and problem solving in math and finance might be one of the best places to teach children about honesty, fairness, and generosity from a Christian point of view. Math also has relevance to the students’ future careers in which they will put their talents to use serving God and others. Finally, math patterns and orderliness display the wisdom and orderliness of our Creator God.

General Objectives:

Through a study of mathematics students will:

- Improve their understanding that God’s world is interrelated—each part working within the whole.
- Develop an appreciation of how God brought various systems together in complementary equilibrium.
- Realize that creation’s organization is based on the plans and decrees of God.
- Gain understanding of how something is “unique”—each thing assigned its place, given a role by God.

- Appreciate math as a system by which God runs His world.
- Learn perseverance in difficult tasks.

Curriculum Resources

Teachers use a variety of resources to teach Mathematics at St. John's, including resources they create themselves to meet the needs and interests of their students. Please see below for a selection of the resources used at St. John's:

- [Math Expressions](#) (Grades K4-5th)
- [Big Ideas Math](#) (Grades 6th-8th)
- [YouCubed Learning Resources](#) (Grades 6th-8th)
- [IXL](#) (Grades 2nd-8th)
- Teacher-Created Resources