

ENGLISH 7 - 1 YEAR COURSE - 1 LANGUAGE CREDIT

I. Introduction

Grammar skills developed in the seventh grade include capitalization, punctuation, contractions, parts of speech, verb tenses, verbals, adjective and adverb clauses, complex and compound-complex sentences, and correct word usage. Spelling focuses on basic spelling rules, root words, prefixes. Composition study includes the structure of sentences, the formation of paragraphs, preparation and writing of reports, letters, summaries, essays, and research papers. Vocabulary consists of word definitions, use in sentence context, and synonyms and antonyms. The English curriculum also develops a love for good literature, knowledge of literary terms, and an appreciation for poetry as well as for sound, moral values which are presented in the reading selections. The scope of the language program is broad in spectrum and substantial.

II. Educational Philosophy

"These words are written that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). The study of English serves the high purpose of preparing the student for the grammatical and literal interpretation of the Bible. This underscores that English is both foundational and vital. The communication skills of grammar, spelling, and composition are developed "line upon line and precept upon precept" year after year.

III. Scope and Sequence

Many of the following units are taught concurrently.

Grammar units (these include capitalization, punctuation, sentences, parts of speech, and sentence structure)	14 weeks
Spelling and vocabulary lessons	25 weeks
Composition unit on summaries, letters, and book reports	4 weeks
Composition unit on research paper	4 weeks
Varied speeches	1 week
Complete reading of a novel	3 weeks
Literature units:	19 weeks
Unit 1 "Families and Friends" - 3 weeks	
Unit 2 "People and Animals" - 3 weeks	
Unit 3 "Pilgrims" - 1 week	
Unit 4 "Patriots" - 2 weeks	
Unit 5 "Time Out for Christmas" - 1 week	
Unit 6 "Explorers and Pioneers" - 2 weeks	
Unit 7 "Men of Women of Genius" - 3 weeks	
Unit 8 "Sportsmen" - 2 weeks	
Unit 9 "Legendary Heroes" - 2 week	

IV. Time Frame: 5 – 45 minute periods per week – 36 weeks in duration