

Grades 1-8 FAQs

This fact sheet addresses the most commonly asked questions about our Grade 1-8 program.

How is the education program validated?

- We are accredited through the National Lutheran School Accreditation program.

What qualifications do teachers have?

- All teachers have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and are certified instructors. Homeroom teachers have been educated at Lutheran or other Christian colleges and universities.

What is the student-teacher ratio?

- The average student-to-teacher ratio is 14:1. Our teachers know their students well!

How is the school faith-based?

- The Christian faith is taught formally, integrated into the curriculum, and woven into all school activities. We practice our faith continuously, and we pray daily. We worship as a school family weekly, usually Wednesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

How are classes structured?

- Grades 1-5 follow the contained-classroom model, with students spending most of their day with their homeroom teachers.
- Grades 6-8 are departmentalized, and students change classrooms, by schedule, throughout much of the day.
- Instruction in Spanish and music is provided 1-2 days per week, depending on grade level, by professional specialists.
- Physical activity through PE classes and recesses is scheduled daily.

What co-curricular activities are offered?

- Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in band, and students in grades 5-8 are generally eligible to participate in athletics. Other co-curricular opportunities are also scheduled on a needs or availability basis.

How is lunch managed?

- Hot lunch is available for purchase daily, or students may bring their own lunch.

What is expected in regard to student dress?

- Students do not wear uniforms at Redeemer, but we have a dress code that details appropriate clothing and footwear standards for our Christian school.

What are the parameters of the school day?

- The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:50 p.m.
- Extended School Care is available, for a fee, from our 2:50 p.m. dismissal until 6:00 p.m.

How is transportation managed?

- Bus transportation is available for students who reside within the Wayzata School District. We help families who transport students from outside the district process transportation reimbursement applications through resident school districts.