

## Religion

- Weekly participation in school Mass
- Describe different ways to pray
- Evaluate the consequences of one's choices
- Identify church doctrines
- Participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist
- Describe the work of the Church and its members
- Analyze the meaning and significance of the Holy Trinity
- Apply the Fruits of the Spirit to everyday interactions
- Discover ways to promote peace and justice
- Serve others through the outreach programs of our school and church
- Character education to establish a strong foundation of good morals, values, and ethics in our students
- Family life to bring an awareness of the importance of belonging to a family, school, and community

## Specialized Programs

The following areas are taught by content area specialists:

- **Foreign Languages:**  
*French and Spanish*
- **Technology (iPads)**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Physical Education**
- **Music**
- **Library/Media Center**

## The Sisters' Connection

The mission of the Institute of Union-Chrétienne de Saint Chamond is to provide a positive educational experience for children grounded in Christ, according to the charisma of the Institute.

The Sisters' involvement and primary goal is first to provide a foundation for our teachings of the Catholic faith and to provide foreign language skills to enable growth in each child's abilities in the following years.

**Catholic Faith:** Provide examples in everything we do at NDA in relationship to Christ. Display God's love throughout the day and teach the Catholic faith within all levels at school.

**Foreign Languages:** French & Spanish

**All grades: Preschool-8<sup>th</sup>:**

- Prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

**Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten:**

- Learning through songs, basic greetings, numbers 1-20, the family, conversation

**Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>:**

- Basic greetings, formal and informal "you", colors, months of the year, numbers 0-100, conversation, vocabulary list, basic phrases that are useful in classroom
- From 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Introduction to grammar, the uses of foreign language knowledge in today's society

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# Notre Dame Academy

## Curriculum Guide



*A private Catholic school of the Sisters de L'Union-Chrétienne de Saint Chamond*

## Summary of Fifth Grade Skill Expectations

Notre Dame Academy Grade Level Standards meet the California State and Diocesan Standards. For more information, please refer to [www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/) and [www.ndasd.org](http://www.ndasd.org).

## Language Arts

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### Reading:

- Word Analysis, Fluency, and Systematic Vocabulary Development
- Reading Comprehension
- Literary Response and Analysis

### Writing:

- Write clear, coherent, and focused essays
- Write narrative, expository, persuasive, and descriptive texts
- Write research reports about important ideas, issues, and events
- Write persuasive letters or compositions
- Writing to inform

### English Language Convention:

- Write and speak with a command of standard English conventions
- All parts of speech
- Spell roots, suffixes, prefixes, contractions, and syllable constructions correctly

### Listening and Speaking:

- Deliver well-organized formal presentations
- Deliver informative presentations about an important idea or issue
- Deliver oral responses to literature

## Math

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### Number Sense:

- Compute with large and small numbers, positive integers, decimals, and fractions and understand the relationship between decimals, fractions, and percents.
- Perform calculations and solve problems involving addition, subtraction, and simple multiplication and division of fractions and decimals

### Algebra & Functions:

- Use variables in simple expressions, compute the value of the expression for specific values of the variable, and plot and interpret the results

### Measurement & Geometry:

- Understand and compute the volumes and areas of simple objects
- Identify, describe, and classify the properties of, and the relationships between, plane and solid geometric figures

### Data, Probability, and Statistics:

- Display, analyze, compare, and interpret different data sets, including data sets of different sizes

### Mathematical Reasoning:

- Make decisions about how to approach problems
- Use strategies, skills, and concepts in finding solutions

## Science

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### Physical Sciences:

- Classifying matter
- Changes in matter
- Motion and forces

### Life Sciences:

- Simple living things- cells, protists, and fungi
- Animals without backbones
- Plant growth and adaptations
- Human body- skeletal, muscular, and nervous system

### Earth Sciences:

- Solar System- sun, planets, and space travel

### Investigation & Experimentation:

- Apply scientific process to experimentation
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## History-Social Science

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- Maps and globes
- U.S. History to the Civil War
- Exploring and Settling America
- How life was in Southern, Middle, and Northern Colonies
- Revolutionary War
- Civil War
- States and Capitals