



# Curriculum Guide to Seventh Grade



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# Child Development



## Seventh Grade at Bader Hillel Academy...

builds on middle school foundations, emphasizing critical thinking, independence, and personal responsibility. Students engage with increasingly complex content while strengthening study skills, collaboration, and self-advocacy. Learning is both challenging and supportive, grounded in academic excellence and Jewish values.

## Social and Emotional Development

Social-emotional learning focuses on self-awareness, resilience, and responsible decision-making. Students develop skills in time management, collaboration, and self-advocacy as they navigate increasing academic and social expectations. Teachers foster a respectful, inclusive environment where students feel supported and challenged.

## Seventh Grade Experience

### LANGUAGE ARTS

Seventh graders read and analyze a broad range of literary and informational texts, developing deeper comprehension and analytical skills. Students explore themes, author's purpose, and literary elements while learning to support ideas with textual evidence. Writing instruction emphasizes organization, argument, and clarity across narrative, informational, and persuasive writing. Discussion and presentation skills are strengthened through collaborative learning.

### MATHEMATICS

Math instruction focuses on advancing problem-solving and abstract thinking skills. Students work with ratios, proportions, expressions, equations, and geometry, building a strong foundation for algebraic reasoning. Lessons emphasize precision, reasoning, and the ability to explain mathematical thinking clearly.

### SCIENCE/ SOCIAL STUDIES

Students explore scientific concepts through inquiry, experimentation, and analysis. Science units deepen understanding of life, earth, and physical sciences while developing skills in observation and critical thinking. Social studies focuses on history and geography, encouraging students to examine civilizations, cultures, and global connections through analysis and discussion.

### JUDAIC STUDIES

Seventh Grade Judaic Studies engages students in deeper exploration of Jewish texts, history, and ethical questions. Students analyze Torah, rabbinic texts, and Jewish history while discussing responsibility, justice, and personal values. Learning encourages thoughtful reflection and meaningful connections between Jewish learning and contemporary life.

### HEBREW

Hebrew instruction strengthens reading comprehension, writing, and conversational fluency. Students engage with more advanced texts, expand vocabulary, and refine grammar skills. Instruction supports confident use of Hebrew as both an academic language and a tool for cultural connection.

### SPECIALS

Seventh graders participate in enrichment classes that support creativity, wellness, and balance. Art, music, physical education, and library experiences complement academic learning and provide opportunities for exploration and personal expression.