

San Marcos Academy Lower School

CURRICULUM AND RESOURCE OVERVIEW

The approved SMA Lower School curriculum and resources are listed below. Supplemental materials may be used to enhance instruction but may not replace the adopted curriculum.

- **PreKindergarten:**

- *Frog Street* – A program that bridges early learning and elementary expectations through foundational academics, vocabulary development, social-emotional growth, positive peer relationships, and consistent classroom routines.
- *Heggerty* – A Phonemic Awareness Curriculum that provides explicit, systematic instruction covering all phonological awareness skills as a foundation for reading.

- **ELAR (English Language Arts and Reading):**

- *Savvas MyView Literacy* – A comprehensive literacy program designed with an explicit and systematic approach based on the Science of Reading
- *From Sounds To Spelling* - A phonics, phonological awareness, and spelling intensive curriculum providing instruction for early readers.

- **Mathematics:**

- *Big Ideas Math* – A research-based program that develops a deep understanding of math concepts through a balanced approach of procedural skills and conceptual reasoning.
- *Hand To Mind* - A differentiated Math supplement, which includes standards-based activities and manipulatives that help students deepen their understanding of key math concepts.

- **Science:**

- *STEMscopes* – A hands-on, inquiry-based science curriculum aligned with standards that encourages critical thinking and exploration.
- *Generation Genius* - A teaching resource that brings science standards to life through fun and educational videos, lessons, activities, quizzes, and reading materials.

- **Social Studies:**

- *Studies Weekly* – A print and digital curriculum that integrates history, civics, geography, and economics through engaging weekly readers.

- **Bible:**

- *Deep Roots* – A biblical curriculum that builds a solid foundation of faith by teaching students God’s Word and how to apply it to their lives.

- **STEM:**

- *Wonder Workshop* – A coding curriculum where students embark on coding adventures with Dash the robot in a virtual or real-world setting.

- **Art:**

- *Meet the Masters* - A program that brings art history to life through interactive, multimedia lessons that students remember for decades.

- **Music:**

- *Quaver Christian* - A program that engages students and reinforces understanding at every grade and skill level, containing movement videos, activities, interactives, games, and assignments.

- **Spanish:**

- *Let’s Learn Spanish* with Teacher-Created Supplements – A beginner-friendly Spanish curriculum supported by teacher-designed resources for language and culture exploration.