**8th Grade Religion**

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**Religion Grade Weighting Policy**

 \*These items listed are examples of work to be graded

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| **Homework/Class** **Participation** | **Formative** **Assessments** | **Summative Assessments** |
| Primarily evidenced by:* Homework
* Student participation
* Teacher observation
* Welcome Work
 | * In-class activity/assignment
* Quizzes
* Small projects
* Group Activities
* Service Hours
* Gospel Reflections
 | * Tests
* Large projects
* Reflections on service
 |
| 5% | 45% | 50% |

**Late Assignments for Social Studies**

* 1 Day Late Consequence: Less 12% from total grade. Highest possible grade is 88%.
* 2 Days Late Consequence: Less an additional 12% from total grade. Highest possible grade is 76%.
* 3 Days Late Consequence: Less an additional 12% from total grade. Highest possible grade is 64%.
* After 3 days the assignment receives a zero (0%).

 **Eighth Grade Religion Curriculum Overview: Emphasis on Morality**

**Text**:

*Catholic Connections Handbook*

Catholic Youth Bible

**Standards:**

* Human need for God based on Divine Revelation of Faith
	+ called by name
	+ God revealed through Jesus
	+ response and relationship with Jesus
* Understand/Apply Scripture to everyday life
	+ Gospels teach us about Jesus
	+ key themes in Gospels
	+ teachings of Jesus
	+ scripture reading as prayer
* Catholic Dogma and doctrine in light of The Creed
	+ Nicene Creed
	+ Paschal Mystery
	+ Feast of the Ascension
	+ Mary - Mother of God/Mother of the Church
* The Trinity as God
	+ Trinity as three in one
	+ Salvation history
	+ Pentecost - Holy Spirit
* The Church
	+ Mystical Body of Christ
	+ ministries of word, worship, service, and community building
	+ Catholic beliefs are sound and rooted in tradition
	+ Scripture and Tradition = Church Teaching
* Prayer- come to know God and Community -sharing faith
	+ role of the Pope
	+ life, mission, and work of parish community and Family
	+ lay liturgical ministries
	+ tithing
	+ RCIA
* Stewardship - gift of Creation
	+ overcoming evil and being responsible stewards
	+ caring for the world
	+ distribution and use of resources
* The Sacraments - emphasis on Eucharist
	+ reverence for the Eucharist
	+ God’s grace
	+ God’s presence in the mass
	+ Penance/Reconciliation
	+ Eucharist - sacrifice of Christ
* Vocations as response to baptismal call
	+ call to discipleship
	+ role of religious
	+ three levels of ordination (deacon, Priest, bishop)
* Dignity of the human person and Community
	+ life as sacred - conception to natural death
	+ discrimination/prejudice = injustice
	+ divers cultural expressions enrich our church
	+ pro-life activities
* Catholic Principles to interpersonal relationships
	+ chastity/sexual moral values
	+ Jesus’ commandment
	+ service to others
	+ build friendship and handle peer pressure
	+ responsible relationships/necessary communication skills
* Social Justice
	+ justice, peace, equality, stewardship
	+ Beatitudes
	+ respond to world challenges through corporal/spiritual works of Mercy
* Service in the Community
	+ Jesus’ life
	+ service is essential to discipleship
	+ service as prayer in action
* Develop a moral conscience by Church teachings.
	+ Catholic morality based on Christ’s example
	+ moral teachings of Christ
	+ realistic and strong concept of self when we grow in faith
	+ basis of moral decision making is conscience, sin, and reconciliation
	+ theological and cardinal virtues
	+ deny self and take up the cross
* Traditions of Prayer
	+ personal prayer - relationship with God
	+ openess to God’s call
	+ Gospel affirms and challenges
	+ spontaneous prayer
	+ prayer for vocations
	+ participate in devotions
* Demonstrate a basic understanding of Church history.
	+ spread of the Gospel
	+ Church councils
	+ Great Schism
	+ Protestant Reformation and Catholic Counter-Reformation
	+ lives of Saints