

2021 ADJUSTMENTS FOR 7-12 GRADES | FAQ

WHY WERE THESE CHANGES MADE?

As we have worked hard over the past summer and first semester after stepping into leadership at Get REAL, some of our biggest goals have been speaking and sharing God's truth in a fun and engaging way, consistency, safety, and creating a program that works towards sustainability. As we continue to pursue these goals, it became clear that the best next step was to consolidate our programming efforts. The teaching and activities offered during the 7-8 and 9-12 grade programs have been consistently identical in content and approach. Combining their experience allows us to pull our financial resources into one cohesive evening each week and ensures great speakers and teaching for both. Additionally, the space available to us at Journey Church allows us to continue to do this in a safe, distanced way during the weeks we are able to meet in person.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT THE PROGRAM?

There will be little change to the program itself. The biggest changes will be our 7-8 graders adjusting to meeting on Tuesday nights instead of Monday nights and more girls in the room (or on the Zoom call) than previously experienced. Both our 2-4 grade program and our 5-6 grade program have consistently been experiencing the same number of girls present as we would expect to see if all students combined in the 7-12 grade environments based on previous attendance.

When in person, girls will be divided in the room as they enter into 7-8 grade and 9-12 grade to connect with their peers. They will also be divided into their age appropriate groups online and on Zoom for their small group times. They will be collectively together as a large group during the teaching time to maximize the availability of guest speakers and our own efforts and finances as well.

IS THIS A PERMANENT DECISION?

We will use this semester to assess the change. After a lot of prayer, we do believe that it can help assist our resources and finances, but will assess as we work to combine into a collective teaching effort for the first time.

Our summer camp will remain set for students entering 5-8 grades, and 9-12 grade students will still have the opportunity to apply to serve in a leadership role at camp this summer.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email or phone. We'd be happy to talk through this with you and are excited for all God has in store for the future!