

## **Course Description**

### **Grade 4 Guidance**

**Philosophy Statement:** The Des Moines Christian School K-12 guidance and counseling program facilitates spiritual, personal/social, educational, and career development in order to maximize a student's ability to understand self and relate to others in their lifetime service to Jesus Christ. We strive to assist parents and staff in equipping all students to learn skills and competencies that affect their current and future functioning and well-being. Designed to meet the needs of all students, the program provides preventative, remedial, and developmental instruction and resources.

**Course Description:** Guidance class helps students examine their lives and make lasting changes to achieve the maximum benefit from their talents and abilities. Students will be able to develop a realistic and Biblical concept of self, emotions, personal responsibility, communication, social skills, and personal safety skills.

**Textbooks:** None

**Materials:**

- Teacher provided and created
- Puppets

**Time Allotment:** Eighteen 30 minute lessons

**Course Content:**

- Understand the importance of beginnings and endings
- Understand strategies to utilize personal safety skills
- Understand what qualities and behaviors contribute to or hinder friendships
- Understand how to deal with loss
- Understand steps for conflict resolution
- Understand the concepts of bullying and harassment
- Understand the importance of communicating with respect

**Areas to be evaluated:**

- Teacher Observation
- Class Participation
- Various worksheets

**Additional activities:**

- Small and individual groups are available for extended lessons