

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW: MIDDLE SCHOOL (Gr. 6-8)

	SIXTH GRADE	SEVENTH GRADE	EIGHTH GRADE
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HISTORY MYTHOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY	The rise and fall of the Roman Empire and the study of Medieval history including the Feudal System and knighthood, the life of Mohammad, the rise of Islam and the Crusades. South American Geography, with an emphasis on ancient civilizations.	European Renaissance/Reformation African Geography and Ancient Civilizations Exploration & Colonization World Migrations	Slavery & Revolution Asian and Australian Geography French, American Revolutions Industrial and other modern revolutions
LANGUAGE ARTS	Strengthening reading and writing through novels, biographies, note taking skills, oral presentations, small group work.	Creative Writing Poetry Structure of a story, sensory details, plot and characterization.	Creative Writing Poetry Debate Long-term Research Papers
MATHEMATICS	Business math and percentages, complex decimal and fraction processes, precision geometry, and formulas with an emphasis on effort, determination and organizational skills.	Ratios and pre-algebra, two-dimensional Geometry, Pythagorean theorem.	Complex mathematical thinking including ratios, number bases, square root algorithms, loci, three-dimensional geometry, Pythagorean theorem & algebra continues.
SCIENCE	Mineralogy and geology, astronomy and the physics of sound, light, heat and magnetism cultivate observation and develop critical thinking.	Human Physiology: Sensory, Digestive Respiratory, Circulatory and Reproductive Systems. Chemistry, emphasizing combustion, acids and bases. Physics of sound, light, heat, electricity, and mechanics.	Anatomy of Muscular and skeletal systems. Organic chemistry and nutrition. Physics including sound, light, heat, electricity, fluid mechanics and aeromechanics. Meteorology.
MOVEMENT	Exploration of the balance between teamwork and individuality with a focus on courage and discipline. These activities lead to more formal sports. Circus skills are introduced to help define changing spatial awareness.	Advanced skills in spatial awareness, balance, and rhythm are learned through team sports, ballroom dance, cooperative games and ropes course elements.	Focus on gravity and rhythm. These elements are challenged through fitness and stretching, team building exercises, ballroom dance, and team sports.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	A German play presented to the school practices sentence structure, word order, vocabulary, pronunciation, and promotes reading, Speaking and cultural understanding.	Written and conversational German German play. History of the Reformation.	Written and conversational German. History of WWII.
PRACTICAL & VISUAL ART	Problem-solving skills, craftsmanship and artistry emphasized through hand sewing a doll, carving a wooden spoon, sculpting, and creating detailed geometric drawings and watercolor paintings. Calligraphy.	Woodwork project of carving a bowl. Wet and needle felting in Handwork. Perspective Drawing Charcoal Drawing Portraiture.	Woodwork project of an electric articulated desk lamp. Sewing with a sewing machine in Handwork. Watercolor painting Ink drawing
MUSIC	Choral instruction strengthens group responsibility. Focus on complicated bowings, hand positions, fingerings in Orchestra. Tenor, alto and bass recorders introduced into ensemble groups.	Chorus Recorder ensemble Further deepening of musical techniques in Orchestra.	Chorus Recorder Ensemble Orchestra

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