Middle School Course Description Handbook

Advisory & Exploratory Program

Advisory
Advisory class is designed to support the social, emotional and academic needs of Middle School Students. Students are supported in developing academic success skills such as goal setting, homework completion and organization. The Virtues Program aligns with our Mission and Guiding Statements. Students reflect upon the meaning of each virtue, while holding discussions and collaborating with their peers on projects that allow them to apply each virtue to themselves and everyday life.

Exploratory
Exploratory classes are designed to expose students to new skills that are typically the focus of extra-curricular activities. Students are grouped based on interest and collaborate in mixed

Specials

Art – Grades 6-8

The Middle School Visual Arts program is designed to give

This course builds upon existing language skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening, while introducing inferred reading, critical reading and thinking, as well as presentation skills. An emphasis on vocabulary development and writing skills will be included throughout the program. The course includes studies of various literary genres including: short story, poetry, novel, drama/role play with an introduction to Shakespeare's Macbeth, and non-fiction texts focusing on biography.

Grade 7 Language Arts
This course builds upon existing language skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening, while developing inferred reading, critical reading and thinking as well as presentation skills. An emphasis on vocabulary development and writing skills will be included throughout the program. The course includes studies of various literary genres including: short story, poetry, and novel with an introduction to the Dystopian Novel, drama/role play, and non-

text is <u>Mathematics/Grade 7</u> by Holt McDougal. Students are expected to come to class prepared with a notebook, pencil, eraser and calculator.

Algebra 1 (Grade 8 Mathematics)
This course advances