

WCS Select Middle School Options

Outdoor Education

Our Middle School Outdoor Education program invites students to step outside the classroom and experience learning in God's creation. Through hands-on exploration, students engage in activities that build confidence, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the world around them.

Whether hiking local trails, participating in team-building challenges, or exploring environmental science concepts in real time, students are encouraged to take healthy risks, solve problems collaboratively, and grow in resilience. Outdoor Education provides space for students to disconnect from distractions and reconnect with one another, their teachers, and the natural world.

6th Grade Art

This 6th grade art curriculum introduces students to foundational artistic skills and creative expression through a wide variety of hands-on projects and mediums. Students begin by learning class expectations and basic drawing skills, then explore color theory through a character design project using colored pencils, markers, and painting techniques. The course continues with drawing units such as contour drawing, figure drawing, and still life, followed by creative challenges such as Zentangle art and a "Chopped" design project. Students also gain experience with ceramics, printmaking, portrait drawing, and collaborative mural work, while experimenting with unique approaches like synesthetic art and drawing to music. Throughout the year, students build confidence, develop technical skills, and express their creativity through both structured lessons and opportunities for free choice.

7th Grade Art

This 7th grade art curriculum builds on foundational skills by exploring art through historical and cultural lenses while continuing to develop creativity and technique. Students begin with a review of expectations and drawing practice, then study ancient art forms through Egyptian mixed media projects and Greek-inspired ceramic pottery. They expand their skills with detailed mosaic work, including design, construction, and grouting, before moving into more expressive styles like surrealism through mixed media. The course concludes with impressionist painting, allowing students to explore color, light, and brushwork. Throughout the year, students engage in hands-on projects that combine art history, technical skill development, and creative expression, helping them grow as thoughtful and confident artists.

8th Grade Art

This 8th grade art curriculum focuses on refining technical skills while encouraging deeper creative expression and personal voice. Students begin with detailed drawing through animal Zentangles and watercolor techniques, then build a strong understanding of the elements and principles of design through group activities and applied projects like mixed media album covers. As the year progresses, students develop advanced skills in portrait drawing, printmaking (including reduction block prints), and ceramics through mask creation and glazing. Additional units in still life, painting, and creative design (such as shoe design) allow students to explore a variety of artistic styles and mediums. The course culminates with student choice projects and final presentations, giving students the opportunity to showcase their growth, creativity, and individual artistic identity.

MS Spanish

The Spanish program focuses on building foundational language skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening through a structured and interactive approach. Students learn vocabulary and grammar concepts such as *ser vs. estar*, verb conjugations (-ar, -er, -ir), stem-changing verbs, and expressions like *gustar* and *encantar*. Instruction includes a mix of activities like partner conversations, speaking practice, games (Quizlet, Gimkit, Kahoot), and reading from a class novel (*Piratas del Caribe*), helping students apply language in meaningful contexts. Throughout the year, students complete quizzes, tests, and projects that reinforce communication skills, with an emphasis on real-world usage and growing confidence in speaking and understanding Spanish.

MS Orchestra (7/8)

The Middle School Orchestra program develops students' abilities to read, understand, and perform the language of music while growing in confidence and collaboration. Students build foundational skills such as reading notes (including ledger lines), understanding key and time signatures, and performing increasingly complex rhythms. Through the Suzuki method (Books 1–4), students learn music symbols, refine technique, and develop strong tone and posture. They practice playing in multiple parts, matching style and articulation, and following conducting patterns, including understanding prep beats. Throughout the year, students participate in concerts, chapel performances, and community events—such as Christmas celebrations, Suzuki concerts, and graduation—using music as a way to serve others and glorify God. Emphasis is placed on teamwork, flexibility, and confidence as students perform alongside peers and larger ensembles, all while connecting their musical growth to faith and Scripture.

Beginner Band (anyone new to an instrument)

This is the perfect place to start your journey on a new instrument! Students will learn about a variety of band instruments and choose one. We work in small groups to provide individualized instruction, ideally alongside your own private lessons. Musical literacy, playing technique, and

ensemble skills are all taught. These rehearsals culminate in performances at the Christmas and Spring Concerts, where we demonstrate our musical progress to friends and family!

Middle School Band

This is a course for students who have at least one year of school band experience on a wind or percussion instrument. We build upon previous skills of music literacy and playing technique, developing our ranges, tone, reading, and ensemble skills. Students must provide their own instrument for this class and it is highly recommended to supplement this instruction with private lessons. As we grow in our musicianship, we look forward to performing more challenging and fun pieces at the Christmas and Spring Concerts for family and friends!

Middle School Choir

This course is the perfect place for anyone interested in singing - no experience required, but any singing experience is a plus! We work on developing our voices, breath support, and music reading skills as a group through warm-ups, repertoire study, and exercises. Games and activities that teach music skills are a frequent part of our rehearsal as students grow in connection with each other in this ensemble. These rehearsals culminate in performances at the Christmas and Spring Concerts, where we will sing a variety of songs!

Middle School Chapel Band

This course is a place where we focus on being part of a musical worship leading experience. A variety of songs, from traditional hymns to CCM, are chosen with input from students, rehearsed, and sung at middle school chapels. This course takes a limited number of vocalists as well as guitarists, drummers, bassists, and pianists, after an audition process. Instrumentalists must be taking private lessons or be able to read chord charts quickly enough to participate in the rehearsal process. This class requires a high musical skill level, but it is a fun, worshipful, and educational experience being on a worship team and leading our peers in singing God's praises.

MS PE (6-8)

This physical education curriculum focuses on building students' physical skills, teamwork, and overall fitness through a wide variety of activities throughout the year, including soccer, Frisbee, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and fitness-based exercises such as plyometrics and yoga. Students develop coordination, endurance, and sport-specific skills while also learning how to collaborate, communicate, and support their teammates. Regular activities like the monthly mile help track personal growth and encourage perseverance. Beyond physical skills, the program emphasizes character development through community building, servant leadership, and

reflection, helping students connect their participation in PE to a greater purpose and a positive, team-centered mindset.

6th Grade Math

Big Ideas Math - Modeling Real Life

This middle school math curriculum is designed to build strong foundational skills while helping students see the real-life purpose of mathematics. Throughout the year, students progress from numerical expressions and fractions to ratios, algebra, geometry, and statistics, with each unit building on the previous one. Instruction emphasizes conceptual understanding, problem-solving, and clear communication, encouraging students to explain their thinking and apply math in meaningful contexts such as budgeting, data analysis, and everyday decision-making. Through a combination of hands-on activities, collaborative work, projects, and regular assessments, students develop confidence and competence in math while also connecting their learning to real-world applications and a deeper sense of purpose.

7th Grade Math

Big Ideas Math - Modeling Real Life

This math curriculum outlines a full-year progression that builds students' understanding from rational numbers and integer operations into algebra, proportions, percent applications, probability, and geometry. Students begin by developing number sense through operations with integers and rational numbers, then move into algebraic expressions and solving equations and inequalities. In the second half of the year, they apply these skills to real-world concepts such as ratios, proportions, percentages (including discounts and interest), and probability, before finishing with statistics and geometry topics such as circles, surface area, and volume. Throughout the course, students are expected to explain their thinking, apply math to real-life situations, and grow in confidence through a structured sequence of lessons, practice, and assessments.

8th Grade Math

Big Ideas Math - Modeling Real Life

This math curriculum provides a comprehensive year-long progression that begins with solving equations and working with integers, then moves into transformations, geometry, and linear relationships, before advancing to systems of equations, functions, and data analysis. Students develop strong algebraic thinking through solving multi-step equations, graphing linear relationships, and analyzing functions, while also exploring geometry concepts such as congruence, similarity, and angle relationships. In the latter part of the year, students apply their

learning to statistics, exponents, scientific notation, and the Pythagorean Theorem, finishing with volume and real-world applications of three-dimensional figures. Throughout the course, there is an emphasis on problem-solving, reasoning, collaboration, and recognizing the order and patterns in mathematics as part of God's design, helping students connect their learning to both real-life situations and a deeper sense of purpose.

MS Algebra 1

The Algebra 1 class builds strong problem-solving skills and conceptual understanding through real-world applications and a structured progression of topics. Students begin by learning to solve linear equations and inequalities, then move into graphing and writing linear functions. As the year progresses, they explore systems of equations, exponential functions, polynomials, and quadratic equations, before finishing with radical functions and data analysis. Throughout the course, students develop skills in reasoning, modeling, and interpreting data, while using tools such as textbooks, Khan Academy, and interactive activities. Emphasis is placed on choosing appropriate strategies, explaining thinking, and applying math to real-life situations, helping students grow in confidence and mathematical independence.