

Middle School

At Upper Campus



School Day

Upper Campus hours (all students)

8:00 Homeroom begins

3:10 Last period ends (Carpool begins at 3:15)

7 periods/day

50 minute class periods

5 minute change between classes

What classes are offered?

ELA (Reading, Writing, and Conventions)

Science

Language (French & Spanish)

**Band/Chorus/Orchestra/Art

**Dependent on interest

Math

Social Studies

PE/Health



Curriculum

We are committed to keeping the constructivist approach to learning as much as we can while teaching the middle school curriculum.

Georgia Standards of Excellence

Georgia Frameworks

Supplemental Materials

Field Trips

Grading

Transition to letter grades in Infinite Campus

High School transcript

- Algebra I (8th)
- Language Courses*



English Language Arts

Ms. Abigail Letts - 6th
Mrs. Meg Libowsky - 7th
Mrs. Amanda Calvo - 8th

Theme based Literature Units

Integrated Writing

Grammar and Conventions

*Increase in independent novel work

Math

Ms. Marisha Gray - 6th
Mrs. Linda Flynn - 7th
- 8th

Grade Level, High Achievers, OR Accelerated Math

- Grade Level
 - not remedial math!
- High Achievers
 - Grade level standards; deeper exploration of concepts
 - Requirements: 85% math total on the MAP -AND- 3 on the Georgia Milestones
- Accelerated
 - 6th AB and 7th A (6th)
 - 7th B and 8th AB (7th)
 - Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry A - for high school credit (8th)
 - Requirements: 90% math total on the MAP -AND- 4 on the Georgia Milestones

Science

Mrs. Malka Schwarzmer - 6th
Mr. Zamani Smith - 7th
- 8th

Earth/Space Science - 6th

Inside the Earth
Earth, Sun, & Moon
Universe & Solar System
Weathering & Erosion

Water in Earth's Processes
Climate/Weather
Rocks & Minerals
Human Impact

6th grade trip to Space Camp

Life Science - 7th

Living Organisms
Dichotomous Key
Cell Function and Structure
Tissues, Organs, and Systems

Heredity, genes
Ecosystems
Natural Selection, Evolution, Fossils
Cycle of Matter and Energy

Physical Science - 8th

Matter
Acids/Bases
Electrical/Magnetic Forces
Properties of Waves

Atomic Theory
Laws of Conservation of Matter and Energy
Conceptual Energy Transformation
Laws of Motion and Forces



Social Studies

Mrs. Amy Newman - 6th
Mrs. Jet'aime McKinney- 7th
Ms. Tameika Morris - 8th

Social Studies - 6th

Latin America & the Caribbean
Europe
Economics

Canada
Australia

6th grade trips to Holocaust
Museum and JA Biztown

Social Studies - 7th

Africa
Middle East

Southern and Eastern Asia
Advanced Map Skills

7th grade trip to Finance
Park

*Geography, Government/Civics, Economy, History (major events during 20th & 21st centuries)

Social Studies - 8th

Georgia Geography
Georgia History

Georgia Economics
Georgia Government

Language

Mr. Daniel Deveault - French
Ms. Magnolia Hemingway - Spanish

French and Spanish*

- Accelerated track for DLI students
 - Level I/Level II in one year
- Differentiation within each classroom
 - ability-based
 - all new students will start at the beginning of the Level I course and progress through the state curriculum
- High School credit available for Language beginning in 6th grade
 - all teachers certified Grades 6-12

*Middle School Mandarin track starting 2018-2019

Connections

Ms. Rebecca Mashburn - Orchestra
Mr. Brian Gay - Band
Mrs. Tricia Patterson- Art
Ms. Shavonda Wright - PE/Health
Chorus

PE/Health - Every day

AND

Band, Orchestra, Chorus, OR Art Elective**

Sign up for Connections Classes here

<https://goo.gl/forms/wjDHdxYjBLtNA0zC2>

**All students will still have ART exposure through curriculum integration.

Sports/Clubs

Sports

- Girls/Boys Soccer
- Girls/Boys Basketball
- Co-Ed Cross Country
- Co-Ed Track & Field
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Flag Football*

Clubs

Yearbook

4H

Girls' STEM

Reading Bowl

See Beautiful

Science Olympiad

Math Club



*All clubs and sports teams require a parent lead and a teacher sponsor.

What Makes GLOBE's Middle School Different?

Constructivist approach

CREST

Smaller class sizes

Language tracking

High school credit for language beginning in 6th grade

Frequently Asked Questions (topics are alphabetical)

Curriculum

- Do middle school students have textbooks?
 - In most cases, no. Teachers will provide resources for instruction and review.
- Will there be a discrete gifted program?
 - GLOBE's gifted students will continue to be serviced through the Advanced Content model in their language classes.
 - Differentiation occurs in all classrooms.
- Will the middle schoolers continue to take field trips?
 - Yes, as curriculum correlation, time, and funding permit.

General

- Will there be a uniform for the middle schoolers? What will it be?
 - There will be a uniform for the middle schoolers. Please see GLOBE's Handbook for specific details. Spirit wear is available for purchase in the fall.
- Will the middle schoolers still have recess?
 - Middle schoolers will have recess on Friday, and PE class Monday-Thursday.
- What will the class sizes be?
 - approx. 24 (similar to current class sizes)
- What can students/parents expect in terms of homework? Will teachers be asked to coordinate homework?
 - Parents and students can expect an increase in homework commensurate with the level of academic rigor. Teachers will work together to coordinate long-term projects and tests.

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Math

- What is the entry/exit process for Accelerated Math?
 - Students meeting all qualifications will be invited to enroll in Accelerated Math at the beginning of 6th grade. There will be withdrawal options (parent- or school-initiated) at the 6-week mark and at the end of each school year. Students withdrawing from Accelerated Math will not be permitted to re-enroll.
- What Math course will Accelerated students take in 8th grade?
 - Coordinate Algebra/Analytic Geometry A will be offered in 8th grade for those students on the Accelerated track.

Sports/Clubs

- Will sports/clubs be available to all of UC, or just middle school?
 - Some activities will be available for all Upper Campus students, while others will be limited to the middle school students.
- What will be available?
 - All sports/clubs will require a parent lead and a teacher sponsor. Middle school sports teams will be available to all 6th-8th grade students. Some sports will hold try-outs. All teams will require a registration fee of \$100-\$150.
- When do sports teams practice/play?
 - We are a part of MAAC. Season schedules are created by the league. Practices and games take place after school. Parents are required to provide transportation to off-site practices and games.
- Child care and other after school activities are provided through ECP.

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World Languages

- Will students be able to switch language tracks?
 - Students will not be able to switch language tracks.
- Will Mandarin be available for middle school students?
 - Middle school Mandarin will be offered when the 50/50 students reach 6th grade.
- Why will the 50%/50% immersion program be discontinued after 5th grade?
 - The middle school curriculum delves deep into subject-area content. Grade level standards are more specific and do not lend themselves as easier to 2nd language instruction.
- Is there a possibility of teaching core subjects in the 2nd language in middle school?
 - Not at this time. As our 50/50 immersion students advance through the grade levels, we will continue to evaluate our course offerings to complement their language knowledge.