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MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION

Middle School at a Glance

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OVERVIEW

LONG-TERM MIDDLE SCHOOL VISION & GOALS

- Build a 6th-9th Middle School Campus
Target: 2017-18 School Year

Summer 2016 (18-month process):

- Receive state expansion approval
- MS enrollment continue to be strong this summer
- Purchase land close to our current campus
- Student buses, transport options between campuses
- Full size gym, locker rooms, sports facilities, drama facilities

Middle School Schedule

- 7 x 52-60 minutes periods Monday-Thursday
- All core classes daily Monday-Thursday
- 60-minute Elective/WL classes alternate Mon/Wed & Tues/Thurs
- A/B Friday schedule
- No mid-year/semester schedule changes
- Combined MS lunch period
- More elective course offerings
- Increased WL instruction in MS (compared elementary)

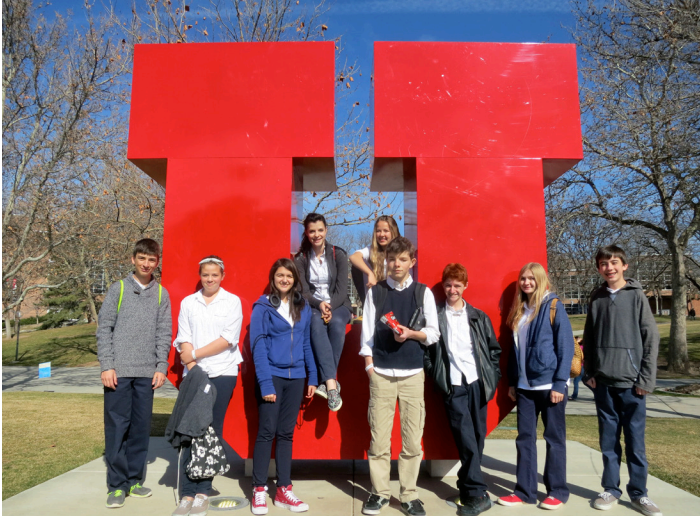
Experience Education & Adventure

3-year Adventure Plan

2014-15 California Science Adventure trip
2015-16 NYC & Washington DC Trip
2016-17 World Language trips (Spanish, Chinese and Arabic)



OVERVIEW



Student Government in Middle School

- After school program
- MS students will run for office
- Anyone can join and help out
- Plan more after school activities for MS students
- Ms. Julie Walker is the faculty sponsor

2015-16 MS Field Trips & Activities

- Leonardo Math Exhibit
- Service Nursing Home Visit
- State Capitol
- University of Utah
- BYU Ballet 'Alice in Wonderland'
- BYU campus visit
- BYU Engineering / Tech Fair
- BYU Junior High Day of Dance
- BYU Espanolandia
- Utah STEM Fest
- 'Peter & the Starcatcher' at Hale Center Theatre
- Momentum Indoor Climbing Gym
- Lagoon Physics Day
- La Caille 9th grade dinner



SUPPORT

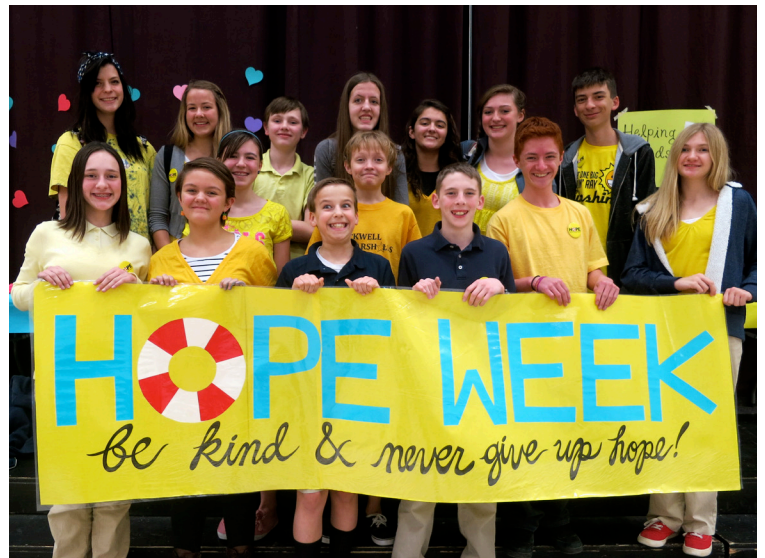
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

SERVICES

- Student social and emotional support and counseling
- Academic planning and counseling
- 504 student planning
- Social skills for grades (K-5)
- Small group counseling
- HOPE Squad & National Junior Honor Society

Friday School Academic Support

- Academic remediation program
- Required attendance on a Friday afternoon for students achieving D & F grades
- Student receive academic support from specific grade level teachers



National Junior Honor Society

NJHS society that recognizes students for:

- Scholarship (3.5 GPA)
- Leadership
- Service
- Character
- Citizenship
- Helps them to develop further through active involvement
- Recognized by high schools and colleges nationwide as one of the highest honors

HOPE Squad

- Peer support team whose goal is suicide prevention
- Squad members are nominated by peers
- Focus on developing listening skills and compassion
- Members are trained in;
 - Warning sign
 - Communication skills
 - Boundaries



COURSES

REQUIRED COURSES

7th Grade

- Math (Reg. or Hons)
- 7th Math Hons (accelerated 7th & 8th in one year)
- Language Arts (Reg. or Hons)
- Science (Reg. or Hons)
- Utah Studies
- Debate
- CTE
- PE
- Health
- World Language

8th Grade

- Math (Reg., Hons, i.e. Secondary Math I)
- Language Arts (Reg. or Hons)
- Science
- US History
- PE
- World Language
- Digital Literacy
- 8th grade elective options: Video Productions, Creative Coding, PE elective, Journalism

9th Grade

- Math (Secondary Math I or Secondary Math II)
- Language Arts (Reg. or Hons)
- Science
- World Civilizations
- Geography
- PE
- Life Skills
- World Language
- Computer Technology
- Yearbook



Career & Technical Education (CTE)

7th Grade - College and Career Awareness

Explore numerous career fields and develop a variety of skills through activity-centered lessons for work and life.

8th Grade - Digital Literacy

Students use technology and develop skills to encourage creativity, critical thinking, productivity and collaboration in the classroom and day-to-day life.

9th Grade - Computer Technology

Learn application software, fundamentals, and ethics for technology as a tool in the classroom and in life.



COURSES

World Language in Middle School

High School Credit

1. 2-ways to earn HS credit
 - a. STAMP Test (Pass/Fail)
 - b. Credit for 1B & 2 B (Now called 1st year / 2nd year)
2. Progress Measurements
 - a. Stamp sheets
 - b. Internal Proficiency Assessments
 - c. External Proficiency Assessments at key year marks



Elective Course Options

- Dance
- Ballroom
- Musical Theater I & II Choir
- Art Foundations I & II
- Painting
- Peer Leadership
- Chemistry
- Language Arts Support
- Math Support
- Musical Theaters I & II
- Choir
- Beginner Spanish 1A
- Athletics

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

- Course selection opens online next week - See Ms. McCappin email or contact Mrs. Naumann for course selection link.
- Online course selection request due Monday 23rd May
- Contact Mrs. Naumann (School Counselor) at nnaumann@renacademy.org with any questions regarding MS course selection



FACULTY

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