

Middle School

The Middle School division is an essential component of the School's overall mission. Students learn to meet the accelerating demands of the academic curriculum in a school setting that is, first and foremost, student-centered.

At OHES, we recognize that the Middle School years are a critical time for a student's overall development. We are committed to creating a safe environment that nurtures this transition from childhood to adolescence.

Curriculum

Sixth Grade

English: Using both Glencoe's *Literature: Reading with a Purpose* and *Writer's Choice: Grammar and Composition* programs, students study a variety of literature and improve the quality of their writing abilities. Grammar is a significant focus of this program as is spelling. Novel study includes *Number the Stars* and *Bridge to Terabithia*. Cross-curricular projects are implemented to enhance student learning.

World History: Sixth Grade students begin to study world history, early civilizations and Eastern and Western Civilizations. Interactive and meaningful hands-on projects supplement each unit.

World Geography: Students delve into the core concepts of geography as well as historical and cultural diversity in the Western hemisphere. Virtual field trips and a closer look at regional daily lives are some of the highlights for each unit of study.

Seventh Grade

English: Seventh Grade both builds on and extends the English curriculum of the previous school year. Glencoe's *Literature: Reading with a Purpose* and *Writer's Choice: Grammar and Composition* programs are again utilized with students studying a variety of literature and improving the quality of their writing abilities. Grammar is a focus of the program once again, as is spelling. Research skills are also emphasized. Novel study includes *Crispin*, *Johnny Tremain*, and *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. Cross-curricular projects are implemented to enhance student learning.

World History: Seventh Grade students continue their study of world history, gaining insight into late civilizations, the early modern world and global challenges. Writing and research as well as both individual and group projects complement the studies.

World Geography: Seventh Grade students continued study of world geography covers historical and cultural diversity in the Eastern hemisphere. Virtual field trips and a closer look at regional daily lives with an emphasis on are some of the highlights for each unit of study. Writing, research and projects complement the studies.

Eighth Grade

English: Glencoe's *Literature: Reading with a Purpose* and *Writer's Choice: Grammar and Composition* programs remain the foundation texts for the study of a variety of literature and units of study which continue to develop and improve the quality of student writing. Still an important focus in Eighth Grade are the areas of grammar and spelling. Novel study in the Eighth Grade includes such classics as *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *The Outsiders*, and *Across Five Aprils*. Student application of research skills are also enhanced when the students complete a cross-curricular research project.

Social Studies: Eighth Grade students finish the Middle School Social Studies curriculum with United States History. This arc of study encompasses both historical and geographical themes. Units include colonies, the American Revolution, government, expansion and wars as well as modern America. Writing, research, and projects complement the studies.

Other highlights of the Middle School curriculum include:

Chapel Acolytes and Readers

Regional class trip

Triennial Washington D.C. trip

Middle School Golf Team

YW8 - Healthy Lifestyles Program

S.W.A.T. - Students Working Against Tobacco