



Middle School

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2019-2020 Middle School Profile

School Mission

"Mount de Sales Academy, an independent Catholic School sponsored and inspired by the Sisters of Mercy, is a diverse college-preparatory community of learners—students and teachers alike—who are poised to discover, challenged to innovate, and motivated to serve."

Student Population

There are 185 students enrolled in the Middle School in grades 6-8. Notably, the MDS student body is comprised of an ethnically diverse population, with 37% students of color.

Middle School Essentials

- Create small communities of learning
- Teach a core academic program
- Ensure success of all students
- Empower teachers and parents
- Staff the school with specially prepared teachers
- Improve academic performance through health and fitness
- Engage families in education
- Connect schools with communities

Curriculum

The MS curriculum is designed around the eight principles for middle school education, as identified by the Carnegie Council of Adolescent Development.

A wide range of middle school clubs allows students to explore interests and passions beyond the classroom. Student Council, Pep Club, LEGO Robotics, yoga and board games are just a few of our offerings.

Parents are encouraged and expected to be active contributors in their child's education through the Parents Association, daily use of PowerSchool, communication with teachers, participation in Parents Association, and participation with school events.

Grade level community outreach programs are completed as part of the regular curriculum. Service projects by grade are: 6th—Heart Health Awareness, 7th—Local Hunger and Poverty Outreach, 8th—Literacy Readiness.

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student is invited to try out for the annual middle school drama production. In addition to actors, many students are needed for stage

design and building, technical assistance, and general backstage management. This is in addition to opportunities to participate in fifteen school-sponsored teams.

Highlights:

- Small class sizes
- Values and virtues emphasized throughout all lessons
- Individual counseling: goal setting, career exploration, peer relationships, school environment, communication, healthy lifestyles, sex education
- Creative problem solving, group work and presentation
- Inquiry and discovery-based science practices
- Organization and study skills emphasized
- Integrated technology, including a 1:1 iPad program
- Nationally ranked quiz bowl team, LEGO robotics team
- All students participate in Scripps spelling bee, National Geographic geography bee, and MathCounts competitions
- Writing across the curriculum in all grades with research skills in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
- National Junior Beta Club



Grading Scale

A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D	65-69
A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76	F	0-64
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72		

Courses

GRADE 6 CORE

Math Applications
Language Arts
Earth Science
World Geography
Religion

GRADE 6 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education
Art
Beginning Band
Chorus
Typing & Technology

GRADE 7 CORE

Pre-Algebra
Algebra I
Language Arts
Life Science
Foundations of Democracy
Religion

GRADE 7 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education
World Language: Spanish, French, Latin
Art
STEM Challenge

Band
Chorus
Theater Arts

GRADE 8 CORE

Algebra I
Algebra I (H)
Geometry (H)
Language Arts
Physical Science
American History
Religion
Confirmation

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY

Physical Education
World Language: Spanish, French, Latin
Marching Band
Concert Band
Chorus
Art
Leadership