



MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN ARE MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AT ST. BENEDICT PREPARATORY SCHOOL ACCEPTED?

Applications for Middle School are accepted throughout the school year.

WHAT IS THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- Complete the online application, including the teacher and administrator recommendation forms, academic records, and the \$125 application fee.
- If a student has been diagnosed with a learning disability and/or requires special classroom accommodations, parent or guardians need to provide a copy of the student evaluation/IEP/504 plan to be reviewed by the SBPS Inclusion Team before the admissions process can continue.
- Interview with the Head of Upper School.
- When school is in session, prospective student spends a "Shadow Day" at SBPS (required for grades 3-5; strongly recommended for grades 1 & 2).
- Family will be notified of acceptance or denial once the admissions process is complete.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Doors open at 7:40 AM. The school day begins at 8 AM and dismisses at 3:15 PM (2:15 PM early dismissal on Tuesdays).

IS THERE BEFORE-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE?

Yes. Before school care (7 am – 7:40 am) and after school care (dismissal to 6 PM) are available for an additional cost. Please see the extended care fee schedule for more information.

DO STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 WEAR UNIFORMS?

Yes. The dress uniforms and gym uniforms are purchased on-line through Land's End and/or Tommy Hilfiger (See Uniform Guidebook for links and information).

IS LUNCH INCLUDED IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL?

No. Lunch is not included in the Middle School tuition. Students can bring a lunch from home or purchase a nutritious, made-from-scratch meal provided by HandCut Foods.

WHAT ELECTIVE CLASSES ARE OFFERED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?

The core subjects in the Middle School are Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Religion. Electives include Art, Band & Strings, Communications, Creative Writing, Dance, French or Spanish, Geometric Explorations, Hands on Science/Robotics/Forensics, International Studies, Journalism, Physical Education, Popular Literature, Science of Sports, Technology & Computer Science, and Theater.

HOW IS TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED INTO THE CURRICULUM?

Technology is incorporated for grades 6-8 with the one-to-one laptop program. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) concepts are integrated throughout core and elective classes. Each student builds a digital portfolio based on 21st century learning skills.

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HOW ARE STEAM CONCEPTS INTEGRATED INTO THE CURRICULUM?

STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) concepts and applications are integrated throughout the curriculum. Additionally, electives offer deeper exploration of STEAM subjects.

HOW DO YOU MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT?

Young adolescents have unique social and emotional needs that are addressed in a variety of ways at St. Benedict Prep. Middle School students participate in the House System, Bengal Prep, Middle School Advisory, and Academic Lab. In addition, students can take advantage of leadership opportunities and choose special elective classes.

DO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TRAVEL?

Yes. The Agora program connects learning in the classroom to real world experiences. St. Benedict Prep students learn about a topic throughout the school year and then experience it outside of the classroom for one week in the spring.

- **6th Grade:** City of Chicago Experience
- **7th Grade:** State of Illinois Experience
- **8th Grade:** Washington D.C. Experience