



CROSS CREEK CHARTER ACADEMY

A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGED BY NATIONAL HERITAGE ACADEMIES



Middle School Program (6-8)



The Cross Creek Student Creed

I am an important part of
Cross Creek Charter
Academy.

I will do my personal best
today.

I will treat others the way I
want to be treated.

I will make excellent choices
in my schoolwork, behavior,
and play.

I will make this world a
better place because of
what I do today.

Program Overview

We believe that college preparation begins when students enter kindergarten. National Heritage Academies has developed a college preparatory curriculum which is built around our mission to “Challenge each child to achieve...” We strive for college opportunity for our students through our four pillars: **Academic Excellence, Parent Partnerships, Moral Character, and Student Responsibility.** It has been said that Middle School is the “last, best chance” in a child’s education. We embrace the “chance” and offer a comprehensive, well rounded program geared toward adolescents. A few highlights of our program:

6th Grade is a bridge between elementary and the full Middle School experience. We are deliberate regarding the transition from a single teacher elementary classroom toward a setting where students are taught by multiple teachers who are experts in their field. We also assign all middle school students to a homeroom teacher so they have a consistent adult advocate.

Our Middle School is a safe, 6-8 environment which expands upon the moral values instilled in the elementary grades. Middle School students need individual attention and guidance by caring teachers who are experts in this age group.

Students and their parents need help transitioning to high school. We will guide you along the way and help with all the important upcoming decisions regarding your child’s path toward college.

Middle School students need more than just the core subjects. They need exploration opportunities that are tailored toward their needs and interests. This is why we offer over 20 Encore Classes which extend learning beyond the typical Math, English, Science, and Social Studies classes.

Positive social experiences outside of the typical school day are important too. We offer a full sports program for 7th through 8th grade and an exposure program for 6th.

Enriching, academically focused field trips to Chicago (6th Grade), Detroit (7th Grade), and Washington DC (8th Grade).

One-to-One Technology. Because technology is necessary for college and career success, all Middle School Students have their own Google Chromebook.

To enroll your child at
Cross Creek Charter Academy,
please visit the school for an
application or apply at
crosscreekcharteracademy.org.

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Emphasizing Positive Behavior through a Social Contract

Each one of our classrooms creates a social contract which all students follow. The contract is a classroom commitment written by students to hold themselves accountable for their behavior and to support the four building-wide rules: "Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Nice." Four simple questions are used by our staff to enforce these rules and redirect our students: 1. What are you doing? 2. What are you supposed to be doing? 3. Are you doing it? 4. What are you going to do about it?



Daily Schedule

A typical 6th Grade day may include:

8:00 Homeroom: Good News
8:15 Common Core Big Ideas Math
9:10 Science
10:10 Break
10:20 Common Core Language Arts
11:30 Social Studies
12:30 Lunch/Outside Break
1:00 Moral Focus
1:30 Special: Art/Music/Spanish/Band/Choir/Tech
2:30 Academic Assistance/Study Hall
3:00 Homeroom: Launch/Dismissal

A typical 7th/8th Grade day may include:

8:00 Homeroom: Good News and Moral Focus
8:15 Common Core Language Arts
9:40 Common Core Big Ideas Math
11:10 Break
11:20 Science/Social Studies
12:45 Lunch/Outside Break
1:20 Encore
2:10 Encore
3:00 Homeroom: Launch/Dismissal



7th/8th Grade Elective/Encore Classes:

Health and Fitness, Physical Education, Spanish, Technology, Personal Finance, Concert Band, Jazz/Pep Band, Choir, Chorale, Journalism, Media and Broadcasting, Mouse Squad, Hour of Code, Student Leadership, Book Club, Drama, Lego Engineering, Science Olympiad, Creative Writing, Math Logic, Art, History in Film, Study Skills, and Academic Assistance

Athletic Teams:

Boys: Basketball, Soccer, Bowling, and Cross Country
Girls: Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country



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