



Denver JDS

Middle School Overview

Your guide to important class
and schedule information



Required Courses

6th Grade

Math – Pre-Algebra Skills and Applications'
Language Arts – Composition AND Literature (2 LA periods/day)
Hebrew – Assigned based on Readiness 2 sections
Judaic Core – Mishnah 1
Advisory
Social Studies – Western Hemisphere
Science – Integrated Science

7th Grade

Math – Assigned based on readiness: Number Theory **OR** Problem Solving **OR** Algebra 1
OR Honors Algebra 1
Judaic Option: each is a semester course, they can take each one all year or by semester Parasha **OR** Jewish History **OR** Torah's Greatest Hits
Language Arts – English
Social Studies – Eastern Hemisphere
Science – Integrated Science
Advisory
Judaic Core – Mishnah 2 AND Bereisheet (each is 1 semester)
Hebrew – Assigned based on readiness (2 sections)

8th Grade

Math – Assigned based on readiness: Algebra 1 **OR** Honors Algebra 1 **OR**
Honors Geometry
Language Arts – English
Science – Integrated Science
Advisory
Social Studies – American History
Judaic Option Parasha **OR** Jewish History **OR** Torah's Greatest Hits
Judaic Core – Intro to Talmud (2 semesters)

All middle school students:

2x/week Tochnit Breut (Health Program) Rotating Options every quarter
2x/week Mincha 6-12th grade
3x/week Zman Kodesh (Tefillah) Rotating Options

Sample Schedule

Period 1 Math: Numbers Theory

Period 2 Judaic Option: Parashat HaShavuah

Period 3 English

Period 4 Tochnit Breut

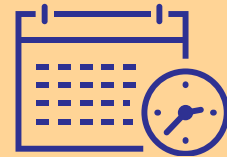
Period 5 Science

Period 6 Lunch and Advisory

Period 7 Judaic Core

Period 8 Hebrew

Period 9 Social Studies



Commonly Used Words

Advisor - staff member who meets daily with a small group of middle school students to check in and help them navigate the challenges of adolescence

Mensch Skills - Our social emotional learning curriculum which is a part of the Middle School Advisory Program

Mechinah - Our program for new Hebrew learners

Core Classes - 5 day/week classes that students are required to take

Option Classes - 3 day/week classes that students choose. Options classes may be Judaic, secular, or interdisciplinary

Tefillah - prayer. At Denver JDS, students participate in afternoon prayer 2x/week (Minchah) and have an array of prayer/contemplation options to choose from 2x/week (Z'man Kodesh/Separate Time)

Zman Kodesh (Separate Time) - Our version of prayer; an array of options from which students can choose to hone their skills in the areas of contemplation and/or spiritual practice.

Tochnit Breut (Health Program) - Our version of Gym; 3 day a week choice based program to encourage students to engage in activities healthy for their bodies and minds.

Mincha - The afternoon prayer service; at Denver JDS we recite it 2x/week as a 6-12 community.



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