

Middle School Curriculum

2020–21

Subject	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
English	Humanities: An Integrated Class	<i>Theme:</i> Coming of Age and the Formation of Identity	<i>Theme:</i> Power of Storytelling
History	<i>Theme:</i> What Does it Mean to be Human? Exploring Identity, Culture, Literature, and History	<i>Theme:</i> Evolution and Revolution in the Americas	<i>Theme:</i> Global Citizenship
Foreign Language	French, Chinese, or Spanish	French, Chinese, or Spanish	French, Chinese, or Spanish
Math	Pre-Algebra Prep Pre-Algebra	Pre-Algebra/Algebra Intro Algebra	Algebra Geometry
Science	Student-Driven Science Inquiry Physical and Life Sciences Engineering Design	Student-Driven Science Inquiry Earth Systems Sciences Engineering Design	Student-Driven Science Inquiry Interaction of Science and Society Engineering Design
Physical Education	Appreciation for Lifetime Fitness and Healthy Living	Appreciation for Lifetime Fitness and Healthy Living	Appreciation for Lifetime Fitness and Healthy Living
Music, Art and Acting	Vocal or Instrumental Music (<i>full year</i>) Art (<i>semester</i>) Acting (<i>semester</i>)	Vocal or Instrumental Music (<i>full year</i>) Art or Acting (<i>full year</i>)	Vocal or Instrumental Music (<i>full year</i>) Art or Acting (<i>full year</i>)
Rotation	Health & Wellness Technology Explorations	Health & Wellness Religion Technology Explorations	Health & Wellness Religion Technology Explorations

Grade 8 Inquiry Project

Year-long research opportunity: students define a lens of interest, form a question, connect with an adult expert around that topic, and create an artifact to reflect their process of learning.

Co-Curricular Program

Activities and Clubs Jazz Band, Advanced Strings, Math Counts, Oregon Battle of the Books, Dungeons and Dragons, and more.

Advisory Small, grade-specific groups are formed with a faculty member as an advisor. The advisor serves as a liaison between the student’s teachers and parents.

Athletics OES no-cut policy ensures that every student who wants to play can. OES teams include:

Fall: Girls Volleyball, Soccer, Cross-Country, Fencing

Winter: Basketball, Fencing

Spring: Lacrosse, Tennis, Track and Field, Fencing

Experiential Education Overnight class trips; on-campus ropes course, wetlands and woods; and field trips.

Flexivities Fun classes initiated by students/teachers, like 3D printing, Garage Band, ping pong, chess, yearbook, and ultimate Frisbee.

Restorative Practice Students develop skills of community building, mindful communication, and strengthening and repairing relationships.

Service Learning Service and projects are aligned with the curriculum, providing opportunities for students to explore a wide variety of service agencies with a goal toward finding where their passions lie.



Middle School Schedule*

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8:00	Gathering	Gathering	Gathering	Late Start	Gathering
8:10	A	F	E		C
8:45	B	A	F	D	
9:45	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	E	Advisory
9:55	G	G	G		DEAR
10:40	Study Hall	Rotation Classes	Rotation Classes	Study Hall	G
10:50				Advisory/ Flexivities	
11:10	Advisory				Chapel
11:50	Lunch				
12:25	C	B	A	F	E
1:15	D	C	B	A	F
2:05	Break				
2:15	E	D	C	B	A
3:05	Middle School Extension Optional, free, drop-in program. OES provides a variety of supervised activities and study spaces. Students can self-select their learning environments and determine what their after school time looks like.				
6:00					

*Represents a typical, on-campus school year

- Middle School Community Commitments**
- Respect yourself, others, and the environment
 - Build relationships
 - Recognize the impact of your actions
 - Respond constructively
 - Take responsibility

Admissions

6300 SW Nicol Road | Portland, OR 97223 | 503-768-3115 | oes.edu/admissions

