



THE POSSIBILITIES  
FOR YOUR CHILD  
ARE ENDLESS



*Learning is alive at AISK*

The years between ages 10-13 are some of the most crucial for emotional growth and self-awareness. We celebrate these years, and the tweens themselves, in our Middle School program.

*While navigating more advanced academics and technology, students tackle their definition of themselves alongside inevitable changes in social relationships.*

Middle School provides a safe and consistent, encouraging and rewarding environment to nurture budding personalities and interests.





## TEACHERS

An AISK Middle School teacher is a trained specialist for this age group - they know just how to foster both academic and emotional growth during these in-between years. We select our Middle School teachers based on their ability to be academically rigorous and empathetic, while instilling a sense of independence in your child.



## LEARNING IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

We have adopted the American Middle School strategy to provide our 'tween' students with the time and space to address social and emotional growth while building an academic foundation for higher grades. It is important that students begin to engage in the world around them with issues and ideas that have both local and global significance. The engagement propels students to think critically and creatively, as they become true global citizens.

*Middle School students are not limited in thinking about their future.*

*Students see themselves as authors, musicians, scientists, engineers.*



*ALSK recognizes that “being in the middle” calls for a different approach to teaching and learning.*



## **STRONG ACADEMICS**

Students engage in 8 core subject areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, SOS, Creative Arts, Phys Ed and Modern Languages. An integrated approach enables students to see and experience the relationship of these subjects and how they apply to everyday life and living.





## STEM

STEM is integrated into our curriculum through Project Based Learning. (PBL). This is not simply “doing projects” but involves in-depth inquiry based learning across a range of subjects, forming driving questions and challenges. In the face of rapid technological change, AISK's STEM Program is designed for students to think freely across disciplines, engage with difficult real-world questions, and collaborate in designing solutions.





## ATHLETICS

Our athletics program is designed to expose students to all aspects of physical activity from basic skills, to biomechanical principles, to the business of sport. Students are able to explore which activities they enjoy and how they can fit exercise into their lives.

Our Hurricanes' Sports program is designed to develop technical skills and character through a variety of sports teams and competitions. AISK's middle school students have the opportunity to compete both in local and regional competitions.





*We empower students to be fully engaged in their education.*



## STRATEGIES OF SUCCESS

Middle Schoolers have a lot on their plate! SoS is included in the curriculum to help students build communication skills, technology skills, study skills, self-management, and social-emotional awareness. These skills help them to collaborate, question, solve and communicate with enthusiasm. By allowing students to make choices within a given context, we guide their learning while encouraging self-reliance.



*Learning should never be limited to the four walls of a classroom.*



## CLASSROOMS WITHOUT WALLS

At AISK, we facilitate opportunities that allow our students to engage with the Kingston environment. Kingston becomes the classroom in the “Classrooms Without Walls Program” allowing students to deeply explore learning through experiences, including local field trips and community service opportunities. Our regional and international field trips include Model UN, Global Issues Network (GIN), ISTA Conference (Drama), and language and culture trips.





## HEAR FROM A PARENT



**WENDY HADDAD**

AISK Middle School Parent

If I had to do it all over again; I would not hesitate to make the same choice in school. AISK has given my children a first class academic experience that one could only dream of. The level of attention to detail in every area has been spectacular. The level of care for each child is outstanding and the love my children have for the school and their teachers reflect just that. When I think of AISK I think of a safe place away from home where others are caring for the well-being of my children like I would. ❤️👨🏻



**STACEY WALKER**

AISK Middle School Parent

AISK's Middle School has given my daughter a lot of opportunities to learn about who she is becoming, and who she is at this stage. She is given access to critical thinking tools and ways of expressing herself, so that she can explore that sense of autonomy in how she shows up. I really believe that the goal setting done at the beginning of each year for each class helps them to think about what they want to achieve as students. It gives them that responsibility for articulating their vision for themselves and bringing it into reality with the support of their teachers. There is a "fun" element built into the Middle School program that helps them to navigate that emotional and mental shift from child to teenager. The SOS program helps to bridge the gap with their socio-emotional wellness and the physical changes that they're going through, and honors those things as important while allowing them to perform in their school related tasks. The ongoing and open communication with teachers really helps the students to navigate some of that awkwardness that they feel. They become accustomed to getting feedback and getting support in a way that is more constructive, as opposed to destructive and disciplinary.

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