

# ATLAS

Achieving To Learn Academic Success



# WHAT IS ATLAS ABOUT?

- Small class sizes
- Unique instructional approaches for students in grades 7 and 8
- Core curriculum with a focus on interdisciplinary learning and teacher/student relationships.
- ATLAS students move at or above the same academic level as their peers.



# TYPICAL ATLAS STUDENT

A “typical” ATLAS student may have one or more of the following barriers that stand between them and academic success:

- Organizational struggles
- A pattern of negative schooling experiences
- A pattern of negative teacher/ student interactions that has caused our students to shut down
- A lack of comfort around peers to ask questions in class and/or ask for help as needed
- Barriers within their home (Ex: unstructured homework time, sibling demands, Parental struggles etc.)
- Poor personal choices that have stood in the way of academic success
- ADHD/ADD
- Emotional barriers (Ex: depression, anxiety, school phobia, etc.)
- Learning style is more hands on (experiential) vs. lecture style



# ATLAS SCHEDULE

- ATLAS students have the following courses in ATLAS
  - Math
  - English
  - Science
  - Social
  - Advisory



# ACADEMIC RIGOR

## Grading Policy

- Homework assigned (every class, every day)
- $\geq 70\%$  proficiency on ALL Assignments and Assessments
- $< 70\%$  on an Assignment/Assessment = INCOMPLETE → revise / correct it
- Missing Assignments = Contract & 1 week to correct / revise it; incomplete
- Still missing after 1 week = Terminal contract & 1 week to correct / revise it; incomplete

## Approximate Minimum Fastbridge Scores

### Reading

6<sup>th</sup> Grade **WINTER** 505+

7<sup>th</sup> Grade **FALL** 510+

8<sup>th</sup> Grade **FALL** 515+

### Math

6<sup>th</sup> Grade **WINTER** 207+

7<sup>th</sup> Grade **FALL** 209.2+

8<sup>th</sup> Grade **FALL** 212+

All ATLAS courses are taught at, or above grade level. There is nothing wrong with an ATLAS student's ability to learn!



# INTERVIEWING PROCESS

- Self-refer/ Teacher refer
- ATLAS application packet completed
- Student interviews are completed to assess interest, compatibility with peers and academic/ emotional need.

(There are times that a student's academic needs require greater support than ATLAS can offer).

- A final list is compiled and letters are sent home mid-May.



# TAKE-AWAYS

- Small class sizes
- High achieving students
- Grade level curriculum
- Math, Science, English, Social studies, PT within ATLAS
- Relationships matter
- The ATLAS program is housed at Twin Oaks/ Hidden Oak students need to be willing to transfer over to Twin Oaks

