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Community

Indian Creek Middle School (ICMS) is located in Mingo Junction, Ohio. A once booming steel mill community is proud of its history. The community is along the Ohio River. The Ohio valley is becoming a bedroom community for Pittsburgh as more people commute for work. The village of Mingo got its name from the Mingo Indian tribe that once had a settlement at the location of the present-day village.

Although ICMS is located in Mingo several other communities make up the student body as part of the school. Wintersville, Ohio located just 7.2 miles from Mingo and Bloomingdale, Ohio 17 miles from Mingo.

School

Indian Creek Middle School sits behind Hills Elementary School. It is a four-year public middle school serving 600 students in grades 5 through 8. The New Indian Creek Middle was built in 2006 and has many safety features and frequently upgraded technologies. A comprehensive education is provided with an inclusive range of subjects and activities across the academic spectrum.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) is greatly valued in our building. In 2021 ICMS was recognized with a Bronze Award from the State Support Team for our efforts to promote a positive culture and shared understanding of school-wide expectations.

Band is offered to students in grades 6 through 8. Students have 40 minutes of band per day with the exception of 5th grade that receives a rhythm exploration class where students learn how to read music while drumming on drum pads. Typically 1/3 of the students per grade participate in the band program. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade perform four seasonal concerts per year. Eighth grade students can chose to perform in solo ensemble competition yearly. The 7th and 8th grade students also attend a professional Broadway Performance every year. Students that do not participate in band have an additional rotation that changes every quarter and can include STEM, Public Speaking, Historical Novels, Art Extention

The chart below demonstrates the variety of clubs, during and after school available to students.

	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Student Council	X	X	X	X
STEM				X
Pep Club		X	X	X
Year Book			X	X
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	X	X	X	X
Future Entrepreneurs			X	X
After School Tutoring	X	X	X	X
Junior National Honor Society				X
Media Club				X
News Paper			X	X
Instrumental Band		X	X	X
Destination Imagination	X	X	X	X
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)	X	X	X	X
Cross Country			X	X
Girls & Boys Basketball			X	X
Youth League Basketball	X	X		
Football			X	X
Youth League Football	X	X		
Volleyball			X	X
Youth Volleyball	X	X		
Track & Field			X	X
Cheering			X	X
Youth Cheering	X	X		

The best part of our school is our passionate staff whom care about the growth and development of each child.

Curriculum

The curriculum is organized into blocks for Mathematics, Language Arts and Science and Social Studies. Math and Language Arts are 80 minute blocks. Science and Social Studies are flexible blocks of 40 to 80 minutes.

Each student is given a Chromebook for the school year. The technology initiative assists student to prepare for the 21st century. It's apparent that skills colleges and careers look for in students are changing to keep up with the pace of technology. Student access to technology helps train students for a workforce that is global not just local. Today's generation of students are expected to be digitally literate in order to thrive in a workforce where digital technology is often utilized. The staff use an appropriate level of technology integration for educational purposes.

ICMS utilizes Pearson's *EnVision* and *Digits* Mathematics curriculum that combines a comprehensive math curriculum, powerful best practices in teaching, and easy-to-use technology so the ICMS staff can deliver personalized instruction and accommodate all the learning styles in your classroom. Grades 6-8 use *Collections*— the nation's leading English Language Arts (ELA) program. The program is known for developing student abilities to analyze complex texts, determine evidence, reason critically, and communicate thoughtfully. *Collections* provides a multi-faceted digital and print approach that transcends the traditional anthology and resonates with today's students.

All student, grades 5-8, have rotation courses throughout the year. They can include physical education, Information Literacy, general music, art, writing lab, Information Technology I, Information Technology II, google applications, health, Introduction to coding and writing lab.

ICMS offers Specific Academic Gifted Education (SAGE) courses in Mathematics and Language Arts. Students' eligible in grades 5-8 are provided higher level learning and differentiated activities to meet the child's individual needs. Honors classes in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are also offered; students are chosen based on specific criteria. Several students participate in College Credit Plus at the Middle School Level if accepted into the school of their choice.

Struggling students are offered Intervention during and/or after school to assist in their area(s) of weakness. We hope to see each student reach their potential by giving them the time and support they need to be successful.

Communication

Parents can keep in touch with the daily happenings of the school by visiting our facebook page, joining our building remind app to receive texts, signing-up for our monthly newsletter, or receiving phone calls from PreK-12 notifications.