INSPIRING GROWTH, CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE.

Middle School • Grades 5–8
In Grades 5–7, students follow a digital curriculum, including Google’s Digital Safety program and Stanford University’s Design Thinking Process, to learn how to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly in the modern information age.

Students work together and hone their leadership skills through projects like:

- Engineering and designing instruments to amplify the sound on cell phones
- Constructing model roller coasters to explore velocity and acceleration
- Programming BBC-designed robots to perform specific tasks
- Building ecosystems to understand the need for different farming techniques to accommodate shifts in agricultural demand

Business and entrepreneurship courses start in the seventh grade. Every student builds a foundation in code, including practice with Scratch, a programming language developed by MIT.

They want to take intellectual risks, try new things, and express their ideas. So we let them—all to prepare them for real life.

“I’ve seen how she has become more organized and committed to her studies. She understands not only how to take good notes, but how to use and understand the information presented to her.”

—CURRENT PARENT
“As educators, we have an opportunity to lay the groundwork for our students’ futures. By providing authentic, project-based learning experiences, we have a chance to inspire them to do great things. In sharing our passion for learning and guiding students to learn, we are part of something exciting and groundbreaking that can change the world.”

MIDDLE SCHOOL HEAD
ANASTASIA KELLY
B.S., MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
M.ED., FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

“EVERY WEEK”}

Faculty Advisor Meetings

Student-Teacher Ratio

Students in the Average Class

8:1

13

PARTNERS IN LEARNING

AT SRDS, STUDENTS ARE FULLY KNOWN—INCLUDING THEIR STRENGTHS, THEIR WEAKNESSES AND THEIR POTENTIAL.
LOOKING AHEAD

UPPER SCHOOL: GRADES 9–12

Students enter the Upper School ready to push themselves in all areas. They refine their study skills, accept more responsibility for their learning and explore leadership opportunities outside the classroom—all to prepare for college.

Students embrace a challenging curriculum and supportive experience that includes:

• 24+ AP and college-level courses—with 20% higher participation than the national average
• A wide array of elective courses from broadcast journalism to engineering and design
• A tailored college counseling process starting in Grade 9—with students excelling at top colleges
• An advanced study program with career-focused academic tracks, and hands-on, on-site learning through the SRDS Gateway Diploma option

THEY LEARN BEST BY DESIGNING, BUILDING, PROTOTYPING, TESTING AND IMPROVING. THEY LEARN BEST BY DOING—ALONGSIDE FRIENDS AND TEACHERS WHO WANT TO SEE THEM SUCCEED.

Our students shine

Odyssey of the Mind presents students with the opportunity to devise and present a multidisciplinary solution to a complex problem while competing with their peers. SRDS placed 14th at the Michigan State University World Competition.

Debate club gives students to experience and deeply understand competing points of view, equipping them with vital critical thinking skills.

National Competitions

From The Scripps National Spelling Bee to MathCON, our students compete and excel in academic competitions at a national level.

coaching academy

Our after-school coaching academy provides enrichment, tutoring and additional opportunities for students to learn and thrive.

After-School Courses

Our after-school courses give students the chance to explore their interests in a supportive environment under the guidance of experts.

Course Options

Code Ninjas, Chess, Lego Masters, Robotics, Manhattan Mandarin, Music Institute and more!

Our students shine

We know how children develop and what they will need to succeed in the coming years. Our curriculum provides opportunities for students to grow socially and emotionally—which instills a foundation of confidence that’s critical for their adolescent years.

—Laura Hollis, Director of Technology

Every year middle school students participate in a capstone research project on a topic of their choosing. During the annual STEAM Expo, students present independent projects like prototype basketball shoes, stop-action movies and battlebots inspired by The Flash.

Our middle school sports teams focus on participation, leadership and fundamentals over competition, building a foundation of health, wellness and athleticism.

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All students take studio art, chorus and instrumental music—as well as our nationally recognized graphic arts classes.

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N Block Clubs

Students have an in-school opportunity to pursue their passions in courses like Closing Bell, Debate, MathCON, Odyssey of the Mind, Robotics and Theatre.

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