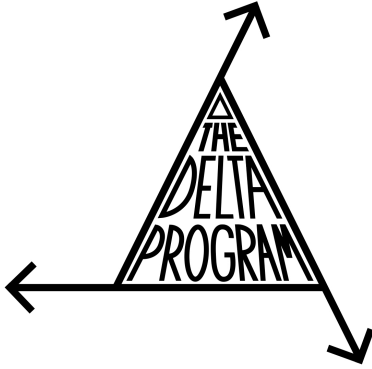


THE DELTA PROGRAM: GRADES 5-8



Community, Family, Diversity, Freedom

"From our view as parents, the design of the program allows significant developmental growth for students. The growth in our daughter has expanded far beyond reading, writing and doing other school assigned projects. She has become politically aware, active, and concerned, she has grown personally and spiritually (not in the religious sense), and she has developed a strong sense that she is an important part of the school and local community."

The Delta Program is a small learning environment in the State College Area School District that focuses on students taking ownership of their education. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, Delta will expand to include grades 5-8 (enrollment will be capped at 80). Students will have a different teacher for each core subject area with course choice being an important component of the school. Each student, his/her parents, and a teacher are members of an advising team that meets at least three times a year. This team helps the student set learning goals, choose appropriate learning

WE ARE A COMMUNITY

One of the missions of The Delta Program is to instill a sense of community among the students, whether it be in our school, local community, or global village. Each student's advisory group (clump) will participate in community service activities throughout the school year.

Last school year, the high school Delta students recorded 6,738 hours of service for the community.

WHAT DELTA MEANS TO ME...

"Words cannot describe how Delta has changed my life. It has provided me with a learning environment that I feel comfortable in and am able to successfully learn in. To me, Delta means respect, trust and independence. There is just as much respect between the student and the teacher, and the teacher and the student. Not only that, but I truly trust my teachers and fellow students. There is a lot of independence for the students at Delta. Of course, that comes with a lot responsibility. As long as you are able to handle that, you will excel at Delta."

-Lexi Battaglia (current 8th grader)

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ACADEMICS

The Delta Middle Level Program will offer a mix of core courses and project-based opportunities. Some examples of English courses may include:

- Literacy through Photography
- Book & Movie Reviews
- Free Verse Poetry
- Journalism
- Memoir Writing

We plan to have a dedicated teacher for each core area of instruction. Core classes will be grouped in two cohorts: 5th & 6th graders, and 7th & 8th graders. Project-based opportunities may include students in all grade levels 5-8. Examples of project-based learning:

- **Restaurant Project** -Delta collaborates with culinary arts students at the high school to understand the functions of a restaurant. Determine necessary budget to purchase food, learn to prepare meals, take orders, serve, clean up. Project concludes with an evening where our students prepare meals for their parents, grandparents and siblings. All earnings donated to charity.
- **Newsroom**: Students will actively participate in a variety of roles associated with work in newsroom including analyzing, editing, and producing different types of informational texts. Students will investigate topics that are important to them, their peers, and / or their community and communicate their findings in written, oral, and visual modes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are students allowed to participate in SCASD activities if they attend Delta?

YES. Students enrolled at Delta may participate on any athletic team or extracurricular activity at their home school.

2. What access will students have to technology?

Delta middle level students will be assigned their own device which will most likely be a Chromebook.

3. How will transportation work to and from Delta?

Students will take their middle school bus to either PFMS or MNMS and then take a shuttle over to Delta. They will take a shuttle back at the end of the day to the middle school. Parent drop off and pick-up is also an option.

4. What is a typical class size at Delta?

We plan to maintain a student/teacher ratio of 15 to 1.

5. I am interested in attending Delta. What do I do next?

The first step is to schedule an appointment to meet with us. If Delta feels like a good fit, feel free to complete an enrollment form.

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