

# Welcome to Odle Middle School!



Odle Vikings are

Respectful  
Responsible  
& Safe



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## ODLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Who Are We?



Dr. Potts, Dr. Colón, Mr. Altenhof

Ms. Farkas, Mrs. O and Ms. Carroll



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Kat Farkas – Counselor, A-I

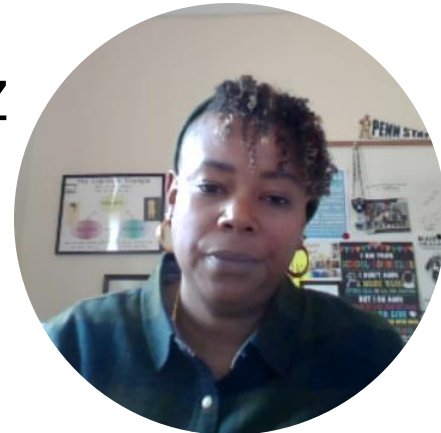
Masha Oreshnikova – Counselor, J-Q

A'yana Carroll– Counselor, R-Z

Mary Colón – Assistant Principal A-L

Keith Altenhof– Assistant Principal M-Z

Joe Potts – Principal





# Pick-up dates!!!

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- Green form: pick-up date(s)
  - Stevenson & Woodridge – Thursday, March 20th
  - Phantom Lake & Cherry Crest – Friday, March 21st
  - Medina & Lake Hills – Monday, March 24th
  - All other elementary schools – return to Odle registrar Korina Cantu([cantuk@bsd405.org](mailto:cantuk@bsd405.org)) by March 28<sup>th</sup>



# Getting started with your packet...

- White: Letter from Dr. Potts
  - Something for you to read and keep
- White: Odle Middle School Schedule change policy
- Green: Course Descriptions
  - To help you select courses
  - Full course catalog is available at [bsd405.org](http://bsd405.org)



# Getting started with your packet...

- **Green:** Course Selection Form
- **White:** AVID flyer
  - Some of you might also have a letter in your envelope about AVID
  - Something for you and your parents to read
  - If you did not receive a flyer, you can still sign up for Pre-Avid if you are interested
- **Cherry:** Letter from Nurse Cori
- **White:** Odle Activity Flyer





# Odle's Schedule

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- Odle operates on a 7-period day. That means that students go to 7 different classes, with 7 different teachers, in 7 different classrooms every day.
- Some classes last the full-year and some only last a half-year.



# Odle Daily Bell Schedule

Period	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Wednesday
1	8:30 – 9:20	8:30 – 9:10
2	9:25 – 10:15	9:15 – 9:55
3	10:20 – 11:10	10:00 – 10:40
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lunch</b>	11:10 – 11:40	10:40 – 11:10
4b	11:45 – 12:35	11:15 – 11:55
5b	12:40 – 1:30	12:00 – 12:40
4a	11:15 – 12:05	10:45 – 11:25
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch</b>	12:05 – 12:35	11:25 – 11:55
5b	12:40 – 1:30	12:00 – 12:40
4a	11:15 – 12:05	10:45 – 11:25
5a	12:10 – 1:00	11:30 – 12:10
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch</b>	1:00 – 1:30	12:10 – 12:40
6	1:35 – 2:25	12:45 – 1:25
7	2:30 – 3:20	1:30 – 2:10
Tutorial	3:20 – 3:50	
Activities	3:55 – 4:40	





# One-to-One

- Every student will receive a laptop
- Take it home and bring it back everyday. Should be charged every night
- Use it in most classes from Science to PE



# Required Classes

**Core Classes** - Circle the program your child is currently in

Traditional Program	Advanced Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Honors Language Arts 6</li><li>2. Honors Social Studies 6</li><li>3. Integrated Math 1</li><li>4. 6th Grade Science</li><li>5a. PE 6 (1 semester)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. AL Language Arts 6</li><li>2. AL Social Studies 6</li><li>3. Math (✓ one) (next course in sequence based on current level of math) <input type="checkbox"/> AL Integrated Math 2 OR <input type="checkbox"/> AL Algebra 1</li><li>4. AL Science 6</li><li>5a. PE 6 (1 semester)</li></ul>

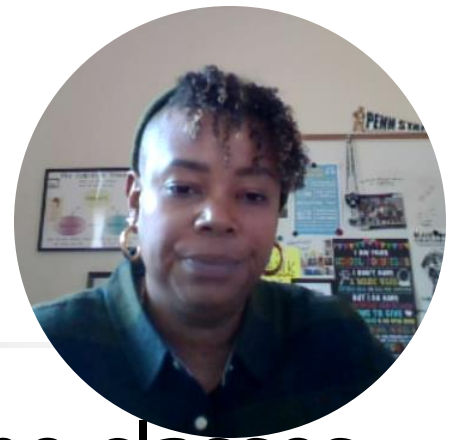
**Students in Advanced Learning are automatically enrolled in all 4 AL core classes. Please talk to the Odle counselor if you want to change this**





# Elective Classes

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- You get to choose some of the classes that you take. You may either choose to take:
  - Two full-year classes and one half-year class
  - Five half-year classes
  - One full-year class and three half-year classes

# World Language at Middle School

- 2 credits required for high school graduation
  - Can start in middle school, but it's okay to choose to wait until high school to start too.
- There are many World Language offerings such as Hindi, Korean, Arabic. Also available Spanish, Chinese, and French.
- Korean Arabic and Hindi are online classes through Bellevue Digital Discovery that students take on campus in the Library
- Chinese, French, and Spanish are offered in person
  - Benefit of starting in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade: level 1 language classes have a slower pace and are spread over two years (ex: Spanish 1A & Spanish 1B)





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# **A BRIEF WORD ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL CREDITED COURSES TAKEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL**



# Elective Classes



## ODLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Student Course Selection - 6th

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable) Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Core Classes - Circle the program your child is currently in

Traditional Program	Advanced Learning Services
1. Honors Language Arts 6 2. Honors Social Studies 6 3. Integrated Math 1 4. 6th Grade Science Sa, PE 6 (1 semester)	1. AL Language Arts 6 2. AL Social Studies 6 3. Math (1 one) (next course in sequence based on current level of math) <input type="checkbox"/> AL Integrated Math 2 <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> AL Algebra 1 (must have met prerequisite) 4. AL Science 6 Sa, PE 6 (1 semester)

### Electives (these are your first choices but are not necessarily guaranteed)

5b. Choose 1 semester course:

6. Choose EITHER 2 semester courses OR 1 year-long course

7. Choose EITHER 2 semester courses OR 1 year-long course:

#### PLEASE NOTE

- It is not guaranteed that the semester elective chosen for #5b will be the class taken during the opposite semester or same period as PE. The same is true for semester electives in #6 and #7.
- Band, Choir, Orchestra, Dance and Drama classes have 3-4 required evening performances.
- Students who are in our Multilingual Learner (MLL) program may be scheduled into additional MLL classes in place of an elective.

### ALTERNATE ELECTIVES

In the event that one of your chosen electives cannot be scheduled, we will attempt to place you in one of your alternate elective choices.

1.	3.
2.	4.

### Parent/Student Acknowledgement of Odle's Schedule Change Policy

My child and I have carefully selected the above courses. We know that every effort is made to accommodate our requests. However, if this is not possible, we understand that my child will be placed in one of his/her alternate elective choices or any open elective course, and that there will be NO schedule changes unless an error is made in my child's schedule.  
 "You choose it, you get it, you keep it!"

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## 6th Grade Elective Course Choices

Final course offerings will be based on enrollment numbers

Year Long Courses	Half-Year (1/2) Courses <i>(continued)</i>
<b>Fine Arts - Music:</b> MU_101 Entry Band MU_102 Entry Orchestra MU_103 Entry Choir <b>Fine Arts - Visual Arts:</b> VA_102 Studio Art <b>World Languages:</b> HL_101 Arabic 1* HL_501 Arabic 2* (must have taken HL_101 or placement test) HL_601 Arabic 3* (must have taken HL_501 or placement test) CH_101 Chinese 1A FR_101 French 1A HL_111 Hindi 1* HL_121 Korean 1* SP_101 Spanish 1A (*Offered through Believe Digital Discovery)	<b>Physical Education:</b> PE_102 PE Elective (6th/7th grade) <b>Fine Arts - Visual Arts:</b> VA_101 Art Exploration VA_104 Art Around the World VA_103 Ceramics VA_203 Ceramics 2 (must have taken VA_103) <b>Fine Arts - Theatre:</b> TH_102 Beginning Theatre TH_202 Advanced Theatre (must have taken TH_101) <b>Fine Arts - Dance:</b> DA_101 Dance (Beginning) <b>Fine Arts - Music:</b> MU_105 Pop Music Exploration EL_220 Hip Hop Studies: Culture, Power, & Voice <b>Language Arts/English:</b> EN_103 Creative Writing 1 EN_203 Creative Writing 2 EL_202 Debate I EL_302 Debate II (must have taken EL_202) <b>AVID:</b> EL_101 Pre-AVID <b>Leadership (ASB):</b> EL_150 Leadership <b>Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM):</b> CT_100 Applied Engineering CT_201 Flight and Space (must have taken CT_100) CT_205 Design and Production (must have taken CT_100) CT_305 Robotics (must have taken CT_100)
Half-Year (1/2) Courses	
<b>Career and Technical Education:</b> CT_101 Computer Science Discoveries CT_207 Video Production 1 CT_307 Video Production 2 (must have taken CT_207) CT_304 Coding in Python 1A CT_309 Coding in Python 1B (must have taken CT_304) CT_203 Media Technology	

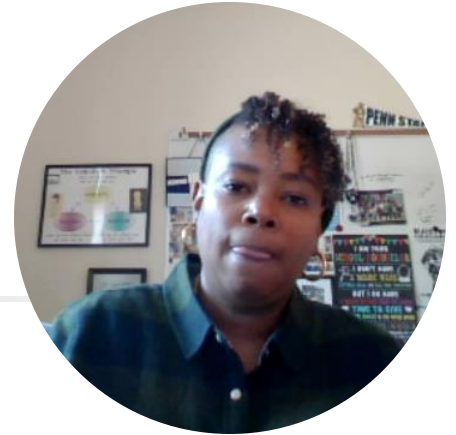
### Elective Requirements for Middle School:

**Career and Technical Education:** You must take ONE SEMESTER TOTAL, sometime during middle school. The following courses meet this requirement: Video Production 1, Video Production 2, Computer Science Discoveries, Media Technology, Coding in Python 1A, Coding in Python 1B, Applied Engineering, Flight & Space, Design and Production, Robotics.

**Performing and Visual Arts:** You must take ONE SEMESTER EACH YEAR during middle school. The following classes count towards meeting this requirement: Dance, Dance Performance, Beginning Theatre, Advanced Theatre, Theater Production, Entry Choir, Advanced Choir, Entry Band, Intermediate Band, Advanced Band, Entry Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, Art Exploration, Art Around the World, Ceramics, Ceramics 2, Studio Art, Hip Hop Studies, Pop Music Exploration.



# Elective Classes



## Electives

5b. Choose 1 semester course: Art Exploration

6. Choose **EITHER** 2 semester courses **OR** 1 year-long course  
Orchestra 1

7. Choose **EITHER** 2 semester courses **OR** 1 year-long course:  
French 1A

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- Students who are in our English Language Learner (ELL) program may be scheduled into additional ELL classes in place of an elective.

# Elective Classes



## Electives

5b. Choose 1 semester course: Dance

6. Choose EITHER 2 semester courses OR 1 year-long course  
Coding in Python      Beginning Drama

7. Choose EITHER 2 semester courses OR 1 year-long course:  
Leadership      Video Production 1

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# Elective Classes

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- All of the electives are listed on the back of your handout. Semester classes are shaded, year long classes are not.
- Elective requirements for middle school are also described on the back of your hand out





# Alternate Electives

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- Use the list of electives on the back side of your course selection sheet to fill in your alternate elective choices.





# Alternate Electives

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## ALTERNATE ELECTIVES

In the event that one of your chosen electives cannot be scheduled, we will attempt to place you in one of your alternate elective choices.

1. Hip Hop Studies	3. Entry Band
2. Computer Science Discoveries	4. Creative Writing





# Elective Information

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- Final course offerings are based on the number of students who sign up for each course.





# You and your parents must sign at the bottom!

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Our Motto...

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You Choose It,  
You Get It,  
You Keep It!





# Odle Activities

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## Jubilee REACH Sports

- Coed Flag Football
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Coed Cross Country
- Girls Golf

## Odle Sports

- Coed Badminton
- Coed Volleyball
- Coed Softball
- Girls Tennis



# Odle Activities continued

Animal Club
Art 4 Action (PTSA)
ASB
Black Student Union
Bookworm Club
Chess Club (PTSA)
Club Odle (COB YouthLink)
Coding (PTSA)
Debate Club (PTSA)
Dungeons and Dragons

Fiber Club
Future Doctors (PTSA)
Future Problem Solvers (PTSA)
Physical & Political Geography Club
Green Team
History Club (PTSA)
Jazz Band
Jazz Club
Magic the Gathering
Math Club (PTSA)
Mock Trial Club

National Jr. Honor Society
National Science Bowl Club
Orchestra Club
Psychology Club
Public Speaking Club (PTSA)
Quizbowl (PTSA)
Rainbow Club
Science & Engineering Club (PTSA)
Science Club/ Science Olympiad (PTSA)

Study Zone	Li
Super Smash Brothers Club	
Tech Club: Robotics	
Tech Club: Rocketry	
Tech Club: Viking Talk	
Tech Club: Yearbook and Photography	
Viking Volumes	







# WEB at Odle!

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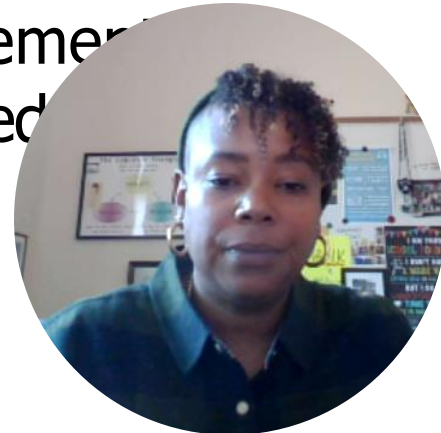
- WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) is an orientation and transition program. You will be invited to a special orientation day in August to meet other 6<sup>th</sup> graders, tour the school, connect with 8<sup>th</sup> grade leaders and just plain have fun! More information about this event will be mailed home in the Spring!



# FAQ's

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1. My child is beyond the beginner/entry level in a certain elective. Can we sign up for the next level instead?
  1. You will need to contact the teacher of the course directly and gain his/her permission to bypass the pre-requisite course. In some cases, your child may need to take a placement or audition. This should be arranged with the teacher.





# FAQ's continued

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## 2. How can my child accelerate in math?

- **2.** All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are considered for math acceleration and their data is analyzed by a multi-disciplinary team in order to determine if there is a need for acceleration. In early January, families of students whose data indicates consistent performance well-beyond grade level are notified and asked to participate in further math assessments, whose results determine if acceleration is necessary.
- For accelerating past Algebra and beyond, families may enroll their student in a course outside of BSD that is offered by an approved and accredited institution. Families following this route must request and receive approval from the District Student Services Department prior to taking the class. Requests for approval are made by completing the **Outside Learning Experiences form**.

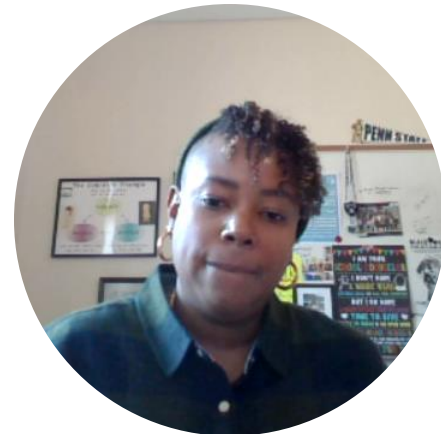
On the course selection form, families should select the next math course in the sequence based on your child's **current** math class. Changes to courses for next year are made once outside courses are completed and transcripts are provided to the registrar.



# Math Acceleration continued

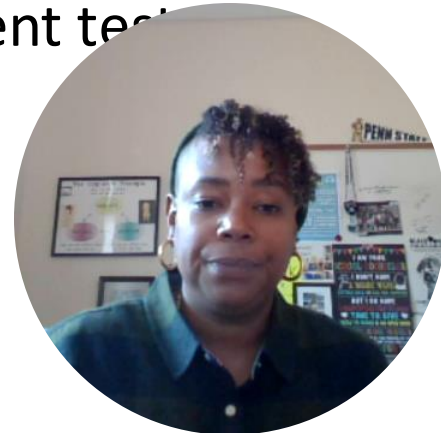
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- Odle's Math Department does not recommend taking math with an outside provider for the purpose of acceleration. This recommendation is for ALL students, regardless of academic program, outside math experiences, or perceived ability/capacity for learning.
- Their experience has shown that many typically high-achieving math students struggle unnecessarily when they get to Algebra II and Pre-Calculus if they have taken math with an outside provider for the purpose of acceleration.



# Message from our Chinese teacher Mrs. Wan

- To ensure that students are placed in the appropriate level of the class, we will require a placement test for students who have known basic Chinese and hope to take Chinese 1B in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Odle Middle School. Families interested in registering your current 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in Chinese 1B at Odle Middle School in 2024-2025 school year need to contact the teacher Mrs. Jingran Wan ([wanji@bsd405.org](mailto:wanji@bsd405.org)) to schedule a placement test.





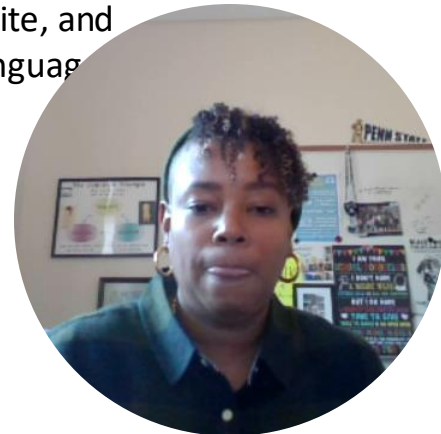
# WL Acceleration

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The Spanish and French teachers at Odle do not support students taking a summer course as a means of skipping a level 1A, 1B or 2 language class. In a 3-month (or summer) class, it is not possible to replicate the daily conversational practice or the cultural discussions that students participate in throughout a year-long course. Past experience has shown that students are not adequately prepared for the next level of a language course if they attempt to skip a year by taking a summer course (online or in person) or trying to learn a language with a tutor or via an app like Duolingo. None of these options come close to the daily exposure to or communicative practice with the language over a year. This achievement gap in language learning (when taking a short course) is more pronounced now that our language classes are focused on communicative proficiency as opposed to mastering grammar rules and vocabulary “lists.” Students need to consistently hear, read, write, and speak with their peers/teachers to develop their communicative abilities in the language being studied.

Sincerely,

*Sandy Myerchin, Amy Buckingham, and Rose Vahedi*





# FAQ's continued

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## 3. How can my child join activities?

**3.** For most sports and activities, you will just need to register your child through FinalForms. There are a few activities though where students are selected by lottery. A list of our current offerings of activities and sports and the days/times of year they occur will be posted on Odle's website in the Fall. The link to the FinalForms page and instructions for completing the form can also be found on the Activities page on Odle's website.



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