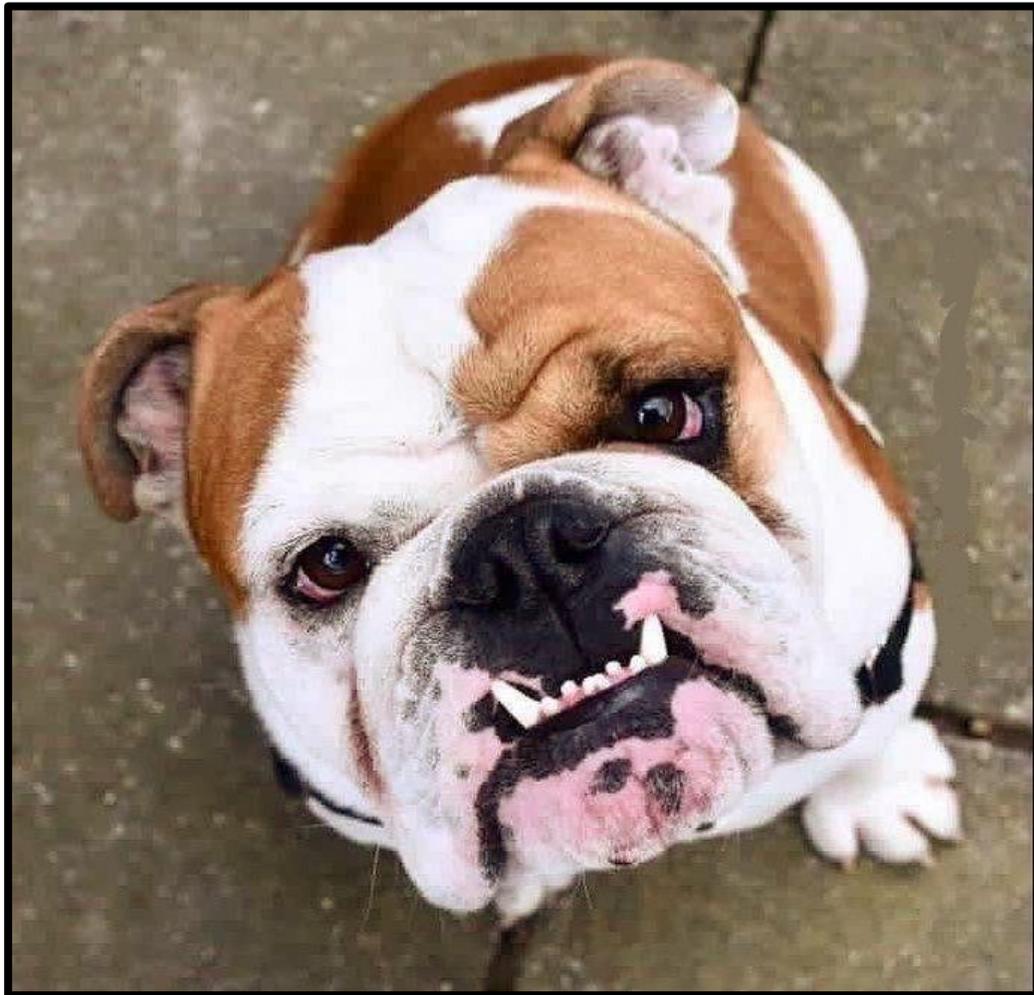


Grandview Middle School



2019 - 2020

Program Of Studies

8th Grade

CSD 4
GRANDVIEW, MO

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Grandview Middle School! We are excited to have your 8th grader joining us! This enrollment packet will give you information about the enrollment procedures and the highlights of GMS. Please complete the enrollment form and return to the office by the announced deadline to help us prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to partnering with you and your student during this upcoming year. If you have any questions with the enrollment process or concerns of any kind, please feel free to call (316-5600).

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Spencer
GMS Principal

Vision Statement:

GMS is an exemplary school bringing honor to the Grandview Community

Mission Statement:

GMS Mission Statement: Grandview Middle School will increase student achievement through research based instruction, effective use of data, and collaboration. We will create a safe learning environment where respect and responsibility are hallmarks of our character.

As a Professional Learning Community, Grandview Middle School makes the following commitments. We will:

- **Utilize** cohesive instructional strategies throughout our school that tie curriculum goals, objectives and skills together and support the district goal of student proficiency.
- **Integrate** technology into all aspects of learning and instruction.
- **Collect and monitor** student achievement data regularly to track student progress towards mastery, to identify areas of strength and concern, and to use to indicate interventions.
- **Utilize** frequent formal and informal assessments to determine student progress towards mastery and needs and to determine necessary instructional responses and interventions.
- **Respond** to documented student needs, and we will develop and utilize a comprehensive pyramid of interventions that is easily accessible, timely, and efficient for teachers to use with students.
- **Develop and implement** a system that is affirming and positive to motivate student performance during and after school.
- **Develop and implement** strategies to help students set goals and take ownership of their learning
- **Foster** regular family contact that is collaborative in regards to their student's achievement
- **Develop** programs for parental involvement and intervention so they can help their student succeed.
- **Develop** community partnerships to support student growth and achievement.
- **Collaborate** with staff, students, parents, family and community.
- **Collaborate** across disciplines, grade levels, and roles,
- **Communicate** clearly and frequently with all GMS stakeholders
- **Foster** mentoring relationships with individual students through regular, on-going contact that is personal, affirming, and advisory.

FEATURES OF GRANDVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Team Time/Intervention

Topics discussed in class range from goal setting to conflict resolution to decision making and problem-solving. Students discuss, think, interact, learn, and develop life skills. This time will also be used to provide students with instruction that is specific, research-based, and matched to each student's needs.

Interdisciplinary Teams

Teams of "core teachers" (English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies) plan instruction together for a common group of students. Because this group of teachers has the same students and the same schedule, students maintain a close student-teacher relationship similar to elementary school.

Teachers meet together daily and collectively monitor each student's academic, social, and emotional development. Teams of teachers also develop common grading systems, classroom rules, behavioral expectations, lesson plans and parent communications.

Student Activities

A wide range of activities provide an opportunity to enhance a positive identity with school. High interest activities for early-adolescents include clubs, interscholastic sports, and a variety of other activities based on student interest.

Academic Success

This program is designed for students interested in extra study time or extra instructional help. It meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m., and is supervised by teachers. Bus Transportation is provided (for eligible bus riders) following the session.

8th Grade Courses

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Grade 8

GRADE 8 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Grandview Middle School offers a variety of educational opportunities for students. During middle school years, students begin to have the opportunity to choose some elective courses. These choices are important in exploring interest areas for future planning. The decision-making process is a gradual one. Eighth grade students choose the electives that will complete their seven period schedules.

Required Courses

Team Time

Communication Arts

Algebra

Earth Science

American History

App Creators Class - PLTW

Physical Education

Health

Electives

Band

Select Choir

Art

Vocal Music

Medical Detectives - PLTW

Family and Consumer Science

GRADE 8 TEAM COURSES (Required for all students)

8100 Communication Arts

Focuses on mechanics and usage of grammar. Literature units center around themes and genres, exposing students to a wide variety of authors, styles and works from around the world. Writing skills include sentence structure, paragraph development, and transitions. Narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive writing will be learned through the writing process; spelling and vocabulary development are on-going through the year.

8210 Algebra

This course covers properties and operations in the real number system, writing and solving equations and practical applications illustrated through work problems.

8400 Earth Science

8th grade Science students will study Earth's place in the Universe as well as our Solar System and its Sun. Further along in the year we will take a deep dive into Earth's systems and the how Human Activity can affect those systems. We will close the year with our final units on Engineering Design and reviewing for the MAP Science Test.

8500 American History

American History is designed to introduce students to basic concepts, principles, and applications of American government. Students will acquire the skills necessary to participate in our democratic society. The first semester will study citizenship and government at the national, state, and local levels. The second semester will study economics, foreign policy, the environment, and law/crime related issues.

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY COURSES (Required for all students)

8830 App Creators Class - PLTW

(Nine Weeks) - PLTW App Creators introduces students to the field of computer science and the concepts of computational thinking, through the creation of mobile apps. Students are challenged to be creative and innovative, as they collaboratively design and develop mobile solutions to engaging, authentic problems. Students experience the positive impact of the application of computer science to society as well as to other disciplines.

8910 Physical Education

(Semester) - Physical Education classes spend time learning team and individual sports as well as helping students achieve physical fitness.

8850 Health

(Nine Weeks) - Health is a course designed to satisfy the mandated subject areas of A.I.D.S Education (Alcohol and Drug Education and Safety).

8775 Family & Consumer Sciences

(Nine Weeks) - Family & Consumer Sciences stress the roles and responsibilities as individuals and as family members. The areas of foods and nutrition, clothing, interpersonal relationships, and childcare will be explored through individual and group projects. This activity-oriented class will give students experience in using problem-solving and decision-making skills.

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY COURSES

8705 Art

(Nine Weeks) - The middle school curriculum is an exploratory course focusing on the art elements of line, color, shape, form and texture. Students will become familiar with a wide variety of art materials and processes including painting with watercolor, tempera and ink, clay, print making, portraiture, drawing, and design. Art is recommended for students who plan to take Basic Art in the ninth grade.

8905 Vocal Music

(Nine Weeks) - Students will learn fundamentals of music, including music history, music literacy, composition, and music appreciation. This class will feature singing as an important part of learning, but there will be no required performances.

8906 Select Choir

(All Year) - This is Grandview Middle School's elite, select choir. Attention will be given to learning how to use the voice more effectively and artistically, and further developing the skill of vocal production and music literacy. This choir will sing a very diverse and very challenging range of music in many different styles and languages. Many performances, during school and outside of school, are expected and will be required component of this class. Teacher approval is required.

8735 Medical Detectives - PLTW

(Nine Weeks) - In this class students play the role of real-life medical detectives as they collect and analyze medical data to diagnose disease. They solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, measure and interpret vital signs, dissect a sheep brain, investigate disease outbreaks and explore how a breakdown within the human body can lead to dysfunction.

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY COURSES

8870 Band

(All Year) - A performing class with continued experiences in woodwinds, brass, and percussion techniques. Concerts are presented during the year. **Please be sure that you understand that you must purchase an instrument.**

Prerequisite: Successful completion of one year of instrumental music instruction.

Exception: Students who have no experience in instrumental music may only enroll in band if they and their parent(s) have met with the respective band director from their school prior to the end of the previous school year. Until this meeting is held, students will not be enrolled in band. Students must enroll in a summer band and successfully complete the six week program with an attendance average of at least 80 percent. Students may also enroll in weekly private lessons with a qualified instructor at the cost to the parents (approximately twenty dollars per lesson). Students are responsible for providing a good instrument. Cost for rental of a student's instrument averages 25 to 50 dollars per month, and is the responsibility of the parent.

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY COURSES

4001 Office Aide

Being an office aide is a privilege. Many students request this as an option to taking an elective class; however, you must first enroll in an elective class. If you are selected as an aide, you must drop your elective class. Office and counselor aides will be required to perform basic office tasks, such as collecting attendance, alphabetizing, and delivering messages. Because of the nature of this responsibility (i.e. confidentiality of student information) the selection office aides must meet some criteria.

- ◆ **NO** office referrals (i.e., in-school-suspension or out-school-suspension) in the previous year.
- ◆ **NO** office referrals warranting ISS or OSS during time being and aide or previous semester.
- ◆ Showing lack of responsibility, misconduct, or inappropriate behavior while being an office aide will warrant dismissal from duty, and the student will be placed in an elective class.

Because we need a limited number of aides for office and library, selection will be determined by staff and availability of schedule.

GRADE 8 EXPLORATORY COURSES

4001 Library Aide

The Library Media Center at Grandview Middle School will utilize student aides as needed.

Responsibilities shall consist of and not limited to:

1. Shelving books
2. Checking books in and out
3. Straightening books on shelves
4. Organizing magazines
5. Running errands for the Librarian

Skills needed:

1. Good verbal communication
2. Ability to follow directions, verbal and written
3. Good listening skills
4. Professional attitude as needed (not play with peers while working)
5. Ability to read by 6th grade level
6. Work independently

Requirements:

1. Must be seventh or eighth grade only
2. No office referrals from previous semester

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SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

Students must carefully consider all classes in which they pre-enroll and are expected to remain in those courses selected. Once pre-enrollment has been completed and class schedules established, changes can be made ONLY for reasons below:

1. Special Education I.E.P. decisions.
2. Computer input or processing error.

Requests for a schedule change may be made through a conference with the student's counselor. If in accordance with the approved reasons, it will then be reviewed and approved by the principal. All requests for a schedule change must be completed within the first 2 weeks of the semester.

**GRANDVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
2019 - 2020 ENROLLMENT FORM
GRADE 8**

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

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	8100	Communication Arts
	8210	Algebra
	8400	Earth Science
	8500	American History
	8850	Health - (9 weeks)
	8830	App Creators Class - PLTW - (9 weeks)
	8910	Physical Education - (18 weeks)

ELECTIVE CLASSES

All Year	8870	Band
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	8775	Family & Consumer Science
	8735	Medical Detectives - PLTW
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Students selected as an aide will drop an elective class.

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Student Signature

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