

Initial Questions and Answers for Parents Interested in a Standalone Middle School with an emphasis on World Languages and Art

The standalone middle school would host grades 6th – 8th for Ward 5 residents and would have an emphasis on World Languages and Art being integrated into its curriculum. A school that integrates Arts into its curriculum weaves the arts and world language, movement, dance, visual arts, culture, language and other forms, into the classroom curriculum and its methods of learning. The arts and languages are used as a tool to engage the whole student, mind and body, in the learning process. In an arts integrated school, students experience the arts, languages, and cultures as a way of life, as tools for self-expression and communication, as a vehicle for discovering diversity in the world around them, and as an entry point for learning and exploring complex ideas and becoming a global citizen.

Q. What are the opportunities to learn other subjects in the standalone middle school (science, math, etc)?

A. Students at schools with themes or a particular curricular focus would still have the opportunity to learn all of the core subjects, including not just English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, but also world languages, art, music, and physical education. A school that seeks to integrate arts, world languages, or both into its approach to teaching and learning would not eliminate other subjects, but would instead look for opportunities to *integrate* the theme or focus into them.

Q. Would the standalone middle school require applications?

A. No, the standalone middle school will not require an application.