

Optional Program Open House

Enriched Academics and College Preparatory

Defined by excellence... Not Zip Code())



Amie Marsh, Principal





Benefits of the Optional Program

- We are an enriched academics/college preparatory program that offers the following:
- Increased rigor in all classes.
- Exclusively optional classes, which ensures that your child is interacting & learning with students who have the same academic drive.
- Continuity of learning from elementary to high school.
- Designed to prepare students for advanced high school studies such as the IB program at GHS.



Course Offerings

6th Grade

Optional Language Arts/

CLUE Language Arts

Optional Math

Optional Science

Optional Social Studies

STFM

Spanish (Conversational)

French (Conversational)

Band/Strings

Visual Arts

Physical Education

Career Orientation

7th Grade

Optional Language Arts/

CLUE Language Arts

Optional Pre-Algebra

Optional Science

Optional Social Studies

STFM

Spanish (Conversational)

French (Conversational)

Band/Strings

Visual Arts

Physical Education

Career Exploration

8th Grade

Optional Language Arts/

CLUE Language Arts

Optional Algebra I

Optional Physical Science

Optional Social Studies

STEM

Spanish I (Honors)

French I (Honors)

Band/Strings

Visual Arts

Physical Education

Career Exploration





What does all of this mean?

If your child stays in our optional program for the full three year period, by the time they leave us as 8th grade students, they will have the opportunity to complete an accelerated course load and some of their high school level coursework.

Ex) Many of our 8th grade students take algebra 1, physical science, optional language arts or CLUE, optional social studies, and foreign language (French 1 or Spanish 1), which means they enter high school prepared to take more advanced courses. It basically sets them up on a track to top out with higher level coursework in high school, which in turn, affects how well prepared they will be for college.



Optional Program Requirements

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- All A's and B's with no more than one C on the most recent comprehensive report card as a semester average.
- Scores at or above the 70th percentile on the aReading and aMath tests of FastBridge, the 2019 Spring TNReady English Language Arts and Mathematics tests, the 2019 Spring NWEA Map Reading and Math test, or the equivalent on a current nationally normed standardized test. We can use any combination of scores In ELA and Math.
- Satisfactory conduct as evidenced by no N's or U's on the most recent comprehensive report card.
- Satisfactory attendance using the standard that a total of more than 15 absences and/or tardies in one school ye considered unsatisfactory.



Additional Information



Clubs, Sports, and Other Extracurricular Activities In addition to all of our academic offerings, we also have a variety of clubs and sports to keep our students involved and engaged in school spirit.



Want to schedule a shadow day or tour? We offer individual parent tours or student shadow days so that you can get a glimpse of what a regular school day is like. In order to set up one or both, please call Ms. Hardimon at (901) 416-4740 or email hardimontl@scsk12.org.



Transportation Issues? The YMCA provides Ycare, that is before and after care and is available from 6 AM to 6 PM.



GMS Dress Code We do have a standardized dress code policy at GMS. Our students wear red, white, gray, or black polo style shirts, with navy, khaki, or black bottoms with a belt.

Optional Program Requirements



The Optional Schools Application Process is completely online for new students. No paper applications will be printed or accepted, and no lines or camping out will be permitted. Parents can easily complete and submit an online application from any personal computer, tablet or smartphone (with Internet access) that supports online forms.

The online application portal will be accessible on the SCS website, www.scsk12.org, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. A valid email address is required in order to submit the application online. You will receive an email confirmation with the date and time of your application submission. Applications are processed in order of date are time stamp



Let's Take A Look At GMS





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THANK YOU!



Again, thank you so much for checking out Germantown Middle School and considering us as a potential option for your child's middle school years!

