



Middle School Profile | 6th-8th Grades

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HISTORY

HOPE Academy, a University-Model School, opened August 2011, offering Kindergarten through 5th grades. Grades are being added each year until 12th grade. HOPE Academy is located on the campus of West Cabarrus Church in Concord, NC.

STUDENT BODY: 124

MISSION

- To provide a Christ-centered, college preparatory, academic program that fosters lifelong learning.
- To create a learning community where teachers' and students' individual gifts, talents, and ideas are cultivated.
- To maintain family as the central spiritual and instructional influence in our children's lives.
- To raise servant leaders who will impact the world for the cause of Christ.

CERTIFICATION/ ACCREDITATION

NAUMS Certification 2015
Pursuing AdvancED
Accreditation

HOPE ACADEMY'S VISION

HOPE Academy is partnering with families to help the next generation of students identify and cultivate their God-given gifts so that they can be launched into the world as mature, equipped Christ followers, engaging the world on its terms and transforming it through the Holy Spirit.

HOPE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school program partners with parents to develop students who recognize their need for a strength greater than their own and therefore, come under the leadership of Jesus Christ. During the middle school years students continue to develop character, integrity and personal responsibility through Biblical study and ownership of academics and their spiritual life. Middle school students are provided leadership opportunities through school wide worship and other programs. These opportunities begin the process of helping students identify their gifts as they transition into high school.

ROLE OF PARENTS

It is the student's primary responsibility to complete tasks with excellence and manage deadlines. However, the parent's role is to come along side of them as a guide or coach. Parents' encouragement and engagement in their student's learning process is integral to their ability to process what they are learning and explore it from multiple perspectives. In this stage of development, students need to see and receive guidance from their parents on time management and organizational skills in addition to watching their parents model the disciplines of a Christian life.

ADVISORY

Middle school is a formative time in the lives of students as they become more aware of themselves and others. HOPE Academy's Advisory program is a program designed on Biblical principles that help students develop healthy communication tools and strategies to navigate the sometimes-confusing years of adolescence to develop healthy relationships and community.

STUDY HALL

Study Halls are periods of time throughout the day that students may receive additional support from their teachers as well as time to collaborate with peers while completing assignments, projects and studying for exams. Students learn to manage their time and responsibilities more effectively through study hall.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students participate in extracurricular clubs and activities during and after school. Students also participate in leading weekly school-wide chapel and after school clubs for elementary students.

HOMEWORK & HOMESTUDY

Middle School students are assigned evening homework in addition to Wednesday and Friday homestudy assignments. Evening homework typically does not exceed 1-1.5 hours of active work time, and homestudy is typically between 4-6 hours of active work time on Wednesdays and Fridays.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday
Wednesday / Friday

8:00a.m. - 3:35p.m. on Campus
Independent Study at Home

SAMPLE SIXTH GRADE DAILY SCHEDULE

	Duration	Start time	End time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Block 1	0:40	8:00:00 AM	8:40:00 AM	Advisory	Bible	Bible
Block 2	1:30	8:45:00 AM	10:15:00 AM	Math	Math	Math
Block 3	1:10	10:20:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	History	History	History
Block 4	0:40	11:35:00 AM	12:15:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Block 5	1:10	12:20:00 PM	1:30:00 PM	ELA 6	ELA 6	ELA 6
Block 6	0:55	1:35:00 PM	2:45:00 PM	Science 1	Science 1	Science 1
Block 7	0:55	2:50:00 PM	3:35:00 PM	Study Hall/Clubs	Elective/Clubs	Elective

COURSE SEQUENCE & CURRICULUM

Mathematics | *College Preparatory Mathematics* Course 1, Course 2, Course 3 or Algebra 1

Science | *Project Based Inquiry Science*

Three Year Sequence: Each year includes a Life, Earth and Physical Science Curriculum

History | *Notgrass History & Other Resources*

Three Year Sequence: Ancient History, World History and American History

English - Language Arts | *IEW & Fix It Grammar*

Comprehensive program developing literary analysis skills, vocabulary, grammar and composition. Novels and other literary works complement students' study of history. Development of vocabulary through the study of Latin and Greek roots are also an important focus.

Bible

Bible instruction correlates with the study of Biblical virtue. Students gather for Bible teaching, worship and preparation to participate in leading whole school chapel.

Electives

Previous Offerings: Physical Education, Art, Music Ensemble, Culinary Arts

GRADES & ASSESSMENTS

Students begin earning grades on their assignments as well as taking formal assessments in the core subjects of Math, Science, English and History. Grades serve an objective measurement of a student's understanding. It is important that as students begin earning grades, parents and staff remind them that grades do not define who they are; they serve as goal markers and provide clarity on areas for continued growth. As a school, we believe learning is the end goal, not earning a particular grade. We want to avoid language that reflects doing something well simply to earn a higher grade. We want students to work with excellence for the glory of God. As parents, our dialogue surrounding grades and tests will influence our children's attitudes and beliefs about learning and themselves.

Scale	Letter Grade Earned
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
< 59	F

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