

# 2023-24

## MONTVERDE ACADEMY

### Middle School

#### About Montverde Academy Middle School

During their time in Middle School, students develop the skills of collaboration, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving within an academic program that is both rich and rigorous to create a strong foundation for success in the Upper School, college, and beyond. Knowledgeable and enthusiastic teachers build strong connections with our students, and our students connect with each other in ways that allow them to practice the closely related skills required for collaboration and leadership. Alongside a strong foundation in academics, our students develop skills like time management, self-advocacy, compassion, self-confidence, and resiliency—skills that will help them to make the best use of their strong academic preparation and to make a positive impact on the world around them.

#### Courses Offered

At the Montverde Academy Middle School, we know that strong relationships are at the core of everything we do. As our students learn new things and develop new skills, we encourage them to explore the relationships between these new discoveries and the things they already know, and between the things they're learning and their own experiences in the world. As they make these connections, students learn the lifelong skills of discovering, evaluating, synthesizing, and applying new knowledge.

English Language Arts 6	Spanish A	Strings
English Language Arts 7	Spanish B	Yearbook
English Language Arts 8	Spanish I*	Creative Writing
Social Studies 6	Middle School French	Historical Fiction
Social Studies 7	French I*	Science Fiction
Social Studies 8	Elements of Engineering	Shakespeare
Earth Space Science 6	Design	Mythology
Life Science 7	Event Management	Introduction to Coding
Physical Science 8	Hospitality Management	Media Studies
Virology and Epidemiology	Art & Technology Rotation	Robotics
Zoology	(Theatre, Choir, Technology, Videography)	Leadership and Service Learning
Math in Focus Course 1	Middle School Art	Piano
Math in Focus Course 2	Introduction to Art	Physical Education 6
Math in Focus Course 2+	Theatre	Physical Education 7/8
Math in Focus Course 3	Dance	Sports Medicine
Algebra I Honors*	Show Choir	
Geometry Honors*		

\*Students receive Upper School credit toward graduation.

#### Administration

##### Jon Hopman

Head of School

##### Troy Urquhart

Dean of the Middle School

##### Emilie Fracker

Associate Dean of the Middle School

##### Allison Varnado

Lower/Middle School Counselor

##### Betsy Spaulding

Assistant to the Dean of the Middle School

#### Enrollment Data

<b>2021 Middle School Enrollment:</b> 197
<b>2022 Middle School Enrollment:</b> 229
<b>2023 Middle School Enrollment:</b> 258
<b>2024 Middle School Enrollment:</b> 252

#### Clubs and Societies

Builders Club	Leadership Program	Robotics
(Kiwanis)	Math Counts	Student Government
Honor Council	National Junior	Association (SGA)
Junior International	Honor Society (NJHS)	Yearbook Club
Thespian Society		

#### Sports Clubs

Montverde International Futbol Club	Elite Volleyball Program
(MIFC/Girls soccer)	Montverde Aquatic Club

#### Clinics and Lessons

Lacrosse

#### Academies

Center for Basketball Development  
 Soccer Institute at Montverde Academy  
 Montverde Academy Music Conservatory  
 Montverde Academy Tennis

#### Performing Arts

Dance	Show Choir	Theatre
Piano	Strings	

#### Athletic Leagues

The Montverde Academy Middle School offers students seasonal training and competition through participation in the Citrus League middle school division. More experienced student-athletes may also have the opportunity to participate in the junior varsity and varsity seasons. The Citrus League middle school division consists of the following competitive sports for boys and girls:

##### Fall Season (Aug.–Oct.)

- Cross Country
- Girls Volleyball

##### Spring Season (Feb.–Apr.)

- Track and Field
- Baseball

##### Winter Season (Oct.–Jan.)

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer

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