

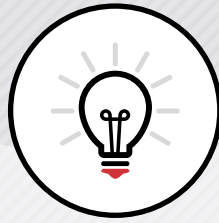
# The Middle School Program



Education redefined.



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FREMONT



# Middle School REDEFINED

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The middle school years are crucial in readying students with the knowledge, confidence, and organizational skills needed to excel in high school and beyond. At BASIS Independent Fremont, we have crafted an internationally benchmarked, well-rounded middle school experience to reflect these growing expectations and provide a joyful learning culture where students thrive. The Middle School Program is brought to life by incredibly passionate Subject Expert Teachers (known as SETs) who encourage students to ask questions, uncover connections, and apply their knowledge as they discover their potential.

*"The middle school curriculum starts the process of transitioning into learning individual science subjects – physics, chemistry and biology. The students get to dive into the topics in greater depth. In addition to that, subjects like classics/history, art, and a world language provide a wholesome perspective to the learning process. The strength of BASIS Independent Fremont continues to be the teachers who are able to bring their passion for the subjects and make the educational experience all the more interesting."*

› Vinay, Parent

## BUILDING STUDENT AUTONOMY

Core to the BASIS Curriculum is a focus on building student autonomy. With students managing a full schedule (including extracurriculars!) and moving from class to class every 50 minutes, these years focus heavily on equipping students with strategies for successful time management and organization. The Middle School Program teaches students to self-evaluate, learn how to improve their grades, and become proactive problem solvers as they learn how to exceed expectations.



# Knowledge AS A TOOL

At BASIS Independent Fremont, we offer students an advanced liberal arts and sciences program with opportunities to dive deep into STEM course material. Students in grades 6–8 complete a diverse schedule in the core subjects and more.

## GRADES 6–8

Students complete a rigorous schedule in all core disciplines, including three separate, concurrent science classes (biology, chemistry, and physics), logic in grade 7, and economics in grade 8. Students select an elective beginning in grade 6 and foreign language option in grades 7 and above. The spiral of the curriculum is highly apparent in these grades as students prepare for entry into Honors or Advanced Placement® (AP) level coursework starting in grade 9.

Middle School Curriculum		
GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY	BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY	CHEMISTRY	CHEMISTRY
PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS
ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH
PRE-ALGEBRA*	ALGEBRA I/GEOMETRY*	ALGEBRA II/GEOMETRY*
PE	LOGIC	ECONOMICS
WORLD HISTORY I	WORLD HISTORY II	US HISTORY
ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
LATIN	WORLD LANGUAGE**	WORLD LANGUAGE**

\*Students can advance in math based on fulfilling school course requirements. \*\*Spanish, French, Mandarin, or Latin.

*"Our Middle School Program in Fremont expands on the intellectual curiosity our students acquire at the primary level, providing them opportunities to explore a variety of courses and refine their knowledge of the sciences and arts. Students have greater ownership and responsibility of their work and their school community, and are encouraged to pursue their passions."*

➤ Dr. Ashley Leyba, Head of School

# Our Teachers **IGNITE PASSIONS**

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Subject expertise is a defining characteristic of our teachers at BASIS Independent Fremont. We believe passion for and expertise in subjects taught is critical. In our program, Subject Expert Teachers with deep experience in their chosen field are at the helm of each middle school class, using their passion for their subject to inspire students to achieve success. In these formative middle school years, the expertise of our teachers combined with their palpable enthusiasm for their disciplines yield a highly effective environment for maximizing learning gains as well as student interest in complex material.

*“Middle school is a time when students will get to learn what responsibility means and the consequences of not accepting responsibility for their own actions so they’re ready to embrace and own their learning when they’re older. These bridge years between elementary school and high school are crucial for teaching ownership of learning, time management skills, learning how to support your peers, and transitioning to being a teenager. It is a time for students to discover what drives them, so they can go into high school knowing what they want to focus on and become independent thinkers in their field of choice.”*

➤ **Dr. Sanhita Dixit, Physics and Math Subject Expert Teacher**



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES**

Students in grades 6 and above begin to exercise academic choice through our elective options. Examples of electives include:

Band

Engineering

Reading Workshop

Computer Science

Musical Theater

Science Literacy

Creative Writing

Physical Education

Visual Arts

*Middle School electives are dependent on teacher availability and student interest.*

# Campus Life: HOME OF THE YELLOW JACKETS!

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Learning to actively participate in the school and the larger community is just as important as the academic learning taking place within our classrooms. Through a comprehensive offering of clubs, athletics, as well as various support avenues to help students feel secure, we celebrate the diverse interests of our students as they connect studies with the real world, uncover new talents and skills, and build lasting bonds of friendship and camaraderie.

## ATHLETICS, CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Our extracurricular program for middle school offers students many opportunities to develop skills independently or as part of a team, and compete in local, regional, and national competitions. Below is only a sampling of what we offer.

Basketball	K-pop Dance Club	Soccer
Chess Club	Math Club	Speech & Debate
Cross-Country	Science Fair Club	Table Tennis
Food Explorer's/Cooking	Sewing Club	Tennis

*Please note: All clubs and athletic programs are subject to change based on participation rate and advisor availability.*

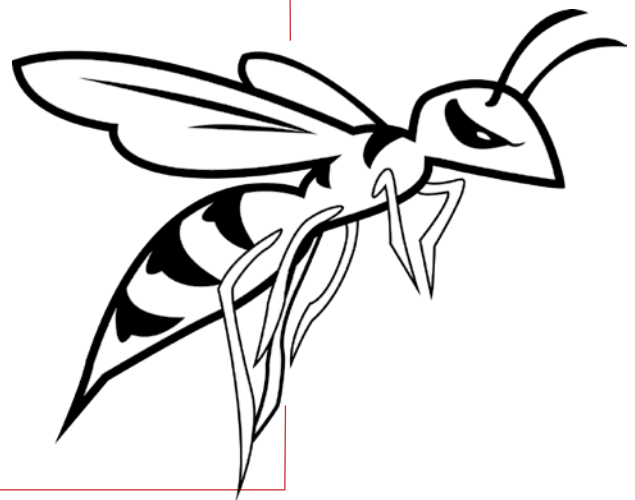
## STUDENT SUPPORT

### Deans & Directors of Student Affairs

Deans and directors ensure learners can identify the many different channels and resources around school to help them achieve their goals, academic or otherwise.

### Office Hours

All teachers are required to hold weekly office hours that are available to students who want to check in on progress, review content or homework, work on some extra skills, and more.



# Middle School PROGRAM GOALS

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- 1 | Students will master fundamental concepts and utilize explorative, creative thinking that prepares them to fully tackle college-level coursework in high school.
- 2 | Students will have every opportunity to take control of their education, develop effective study and work habits (including organization and time management), discover their own interests and passions via extracurricular options, and build relationships around them.
- 3 | Students will learn, through student support and real time feedback in the classroom, to feel confident in their decision-making processes, self-assessment, and in themselves as learners.
- 4 | Students will retain and improve knowledge in courses that are “spiraled,” where topics are revisited from years past to ensure mastery of all core disciplines.

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