

APA Middle School

Arendell Parrott Academy's Middle School program builds on the foundation established in Lower School and equips adolescents for success in High School and beyond. During this time, students learn responsibility, decision-making, and time management. The middle school curriculum encourages the expanding interests of adolescents and challenges each student to reach for new academic goals according to his or her abilities.



Middle school students cheering on classmates at a soccer match.

In Middle school students began to gain their independence while still receiving



Science Olympiad Team 2008-2009

encouragement and guidance. Our faculty communicates with parents and students to create an environment in which every student learns to hone their study habits and perform at his or her best. Students learn to think for themselves, ask questions, explore new territory, and develop

leadership abilities - all within a safe and supportive environment. As they try out new ideas and experiences they are also learning how to be responsible and organized, to work independently, in groups, and on teams.

Our goal is to instill a spirit of determination and ignite a passion for learning in our students. Arendell Parrott Academy's Middle School curriculum incorporates a two-class approach for language arts instruction to solidify writing skills prior to High School. All Middle School students take three years of



Creative writing lesson in Communication I using the mobile Mac Lab

English: Sixth Graders taking an additional Reading Class; while Seventh and Eighth Graders take a two year Communications class that stresses grammar, vocabulary, writing and public speaking. In addition to their core curriculum classes students are exposed to a variety of foreign language, music, studio art, orchestra and drama electives.



Lacrosse is a popular spring sport at APA

Middle school science classes are laboratory and activity-based. Class sizes are small, ensuring plenty of personal attention and allowing students to advance according to their abilities in math and fine art. Beyond the classroom, students can develop self-confidence and interpersonal skills as they discover new interests through participation in various clubs, academic teams, sports teams and extra-curricular fine arts activities.

Middle school is a time of exciting growth for Arendell Parrott Academy students that prepares them well to take on the challenges ahead.

Middle School Schedule Sequence

Grade 6

English
Reading
Mathematics 6
Investigative Science
World History
Computer Applications
(weekly)

Activity Class Options

P.E.
Art
Theatre
Orchestra
Chorus
Dance
Tutorial

Grade 7

English
Communications I
Pre-Algebra or Algebra I
Investigative Science
World Geography
Computer Applications
(weekly)

Activity Class Options

P.E.
Art
Theatre
Orchestra
Chorus
Dance
Tutorial
Guitar
Academic Team Practice
Spanish Conversation
French Conversation

Grade 8

English
Communications II
Algebra I or Geometry
Physical Science
North Carolina History
Computer Applications
(weekly)

Activity Class Options

P.E.
Art
Theatre
Orchestra
Chorus
Dance
Tutorial
Guitar
Academic Team Practice
Spanish Conversation
French Conversation