

Multiple Intelligence Learning • Collaborative Learning • Virtual Learning • Global Learning

Dream Middle School graduates enter high school with the skills, personality, knowledge and understanding necessary to be a successful, independent and assertive learner in the 21st century. At Dream Middle School, we balance cognitive and emotional development and create innovative curriculum that challenges and inspires with dedicated teaching and mentoring. We utilize business professionals in the community to enhance understanding, and form partnerships to increase global competency.

“Dream and give yourself the opportunity to envision a You that you choose to be.” – Joy Page



“Our son’s teachers found that he was very well prepared for high school and are impressed with his positive attitude, leadership skills and his academic excellence”.

-- Carrie & Dan Wheeler, Wellington, FL



“Our daughter’s years at IDEAL and DMS prepared her for the challenges of high school by teaching her how to learn and how she learns best. The concrete education she received has served her well as she is taking multiple honors courses and is receiving top grades. She is utilizing the learning skills, study habits, organizational tools and most importantly the knowledge of her personal learning style to achieve her incredible success”.

-- Dr. and Mrs. Jamie Marchand, Wellington, FL



Extraordinary Minds Awards recipients – Students excel in Cognitive and Emotional development

“DREAM is a utopian learning community”.
Dr. Howard Gardner, Professor of cognition and education, Harvard University



“DREAM middle school is revolutionizing education”.

Paul Barnabei, author of *Top 20 Teens: Discovering the Best Kept Thinking, Learning & Communicating Secrets of Successful Teenagers*



IDEAL and DMS international teaching team includes professionals with global teaching experience in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia.



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Prospectus

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- GLOBAL AWARENESS
- GLOBAL EDUCATION
- LANGUAGE ARTS
- MATHEMATICS
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- SCIENCE
- TECHNOLOGY
- INTERNATIONAL INTERNET PARTNERSHIPS
- INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM
- VISUAL ART
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- MANDARIN
- SPANISH
- MEDIA PRODUCTION
- MENTOR PROGRAM
- LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY CO-OPS
- LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS



Innovative education for the 21st Century

Dream Middle School is proud to offer a curriculum that provides young people with all the skills required to be a successful, independent and assertive learner for the 21st Century. The Dream Middle School encourages learners to become optimistic, goal orientated risk takers, innovative problem solvers and compassionate thinkers.

Our curriculum is structured around the needs of the individual and society, not to 'teach to the test'. This freedom allows us to teach innovative, Multiple Intelligence lessons that secure knowledge and understanding while nurturing the skills necessary for success in our evolving global society:

- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Technical Literacy
- Collaboration Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Leadership
- Planning & Organizing
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Multicultural Awareness
- Global Competency

Dream Middle School educates students for the world as it is going to be... not just the world we are living in now.

--Dr. Kris & Wendy Soderman
Founders/Principals

Dream Middle School
Tuition 2011/2012
\$9100 including all books and supplies (except NEO2)

“OUR FUTURE, AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN, IS INEXPLICABLY LINKED TO THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF A GLOBAL COMMUNITY” – RODERICK PAIGE

Global Education

Dream Middle School's commitment to Global Education prepares the learner for the ethical, corporate and communication needs of the 21st Century as the Global community expands.

The curriculum addresses the cultural, environmental and ethical issues and differences that shape our world and how to be an active and lead participant in global development.

In a world where the US Education system struggles to compete with its global competitors, DMS takes the lead nurturing the learner of today to be the leader of tomorrow through our Teaching for Understanding, Virtues, Global Awareness, Languages and Technology programs.

Global Education is enhanced by the opportunity to learn both Spanish and Mandarin. By offering the dominant second languages of both our local community and the corporate world, we ensure the learner is fully prepared to seize any opportunity offered to them. Learners have the opportunity to develop their language skills through interaction with native speakers via our International Internet Partnership program. Spanish offers students the opportunity to contribute to a range of projects, including the Spanish Fashion Show, 'Projecto Latino', a research project on a Spanish speaking country, and 'How to...in Spanish', where students demonstrate their acquisition of language to perform everyday tasks. With China emerging as an economic superpower, learning Mandarin, the most widely spoken language in the world, is an essential tool for future success. Dream Middle School educates students for the world as it is going to be—not just the world we are living in now.



We enhance the students' understanding and experience of local and global needs through internet partnerships with schools around the world, virtual learning and the opportunity to contribute to the global community through international service trips (e.g. Eco teach in Costa Rica).



Language Arts The Language Arts curriculum develops students reading, writing, speaking and listening skills through leveled and differentiated lessons. Lessons are structured with a particular literacy skill focus that is developed through 'big-picture' projects and goal-driven education.

Learners extend their Literacy skills by performing a Shakespeare play to experience total immersion in Drama, a Poetry night as part of the DMS Fine Arts Festival and write and film an original screenplay for the Washington International School Film Competition.

Learning extends beyond the 'how to' read and write, and seeks to develop empathy, cultural, social and historical awareness, and a passion for reading and writing.

Math The Math curriculum is leveled to ensure each student works at the level appropriate to their needs and development. Students who demonstrate mastery of Math can earn High School credits in advanced courses such as Algebra and Geometry in our Virtual Learning Program. Learners thrive in the small class sizes and mentoring approach and extend their learning through a range of fun events in our Math celebrations, the Metric Olympics and Pi day activities.

Core Curriculum

At DMS students do not simply read a text and answer questions. Our students are taught and expected to question, evaluate, and challenge all informational sources.

Social Studies In a complex world that demands independent and cooperative problem solving to address social, ethical, and personal concerns, social studies is as basic for success as reading, writing and computing. The purpose of the DMS Social Studies Program is to enable students to understand, participate in, and make informed decisions about their world. The program allows students to explain relationships to other people, institutions and the environment and equips them with knowledge and understanding of the past. Above all the program integrates these skills and knowledge into a framework to create responsible local, national, and global citizens.



Dr. Orf, of the Scripps Institute, judges the Annual Science Fair



Real World Math lesson at DMS

Science The DMS science program provides opportunities for students to develop understandings and skills necessary to excel as confident problem-solvers and critical thinkers in a scientific and technological world. In our science program all students are involved in first-hand exploration and investigation. As students focus on the processes of investigating; they develop the ability to ask questions about the world around them and use their observations to construct reasonable explanations for questions posed. Students are taught and encouraged to:

- Make connections with real world situations
- Apply math skills
- Predict outcomes and explanations
- Select appropriate tools to gather and analyze data
- Collaborate to problem solve

SEE... I THINK... WONDER Creative Arts

Media production An exciting and unique opportunity awaits as Dream Middle School partners with Marc Zatorsky, the Media Production teacher, as we produce our very own pilot television show. The children's variety show, produced for local TV, will be part of the curriculum for our film and television classes. Being a part of a group that works together to produce an art form not only increases one's self confidence but also inspires individuals to find their unlimited potential in life no matter what road they choose.



Fine arts The DMS Art Program cultivates self-expression, imagination and creativity as well as critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In our world, where ideas and information are presented visually, we teach learners to interpret, judge and utilize images to form their own ideas and products.

DMS students study and replicate the style of famous Renaissance artists. Our young artists express their ideas using a wide variety of media and projects such as sculpted clay fountains, paper mache tropical sculptures, packing tape statues (based on the work of George Segal), self-portraits and "four seasons" paintings. DMS artwork is presented at local art shows and in 2010 DMS students were chosen to create the trophies for the 2011 "Earthman's Pro-Football Eco Team of the Year", the Philadelphia Eagles.



Last year's film production classes produced 5 short student films. Over 30 IDEAL and Dream school film production students were involved with 2 commercials filmed on location at Dream School for a Super Bowl commercial contest and 11 students were cast in Mr. Zatorsky's independent feature film, "Gina and the G.I.T."

Technology Technical Literacy is intrinsic to the success of future learners. Our technology curriculum encourages students to demonstrate their technical literacy in cross-curricular projects, producing reports, presentations, brochures, websites, spreadsheets and products for their core and co-curricular classes. DMS students don't just learn Microsoft Office, they apply it to all aspects of their curriculum. The DMS technology "toolbox" includes Neo2 personal laptops, a computer laboratory, and interactive whiteboards.

Leadership

In today's fast-paced, ever-changing world students need more than standardized testing and cookie-cutter lesson plans to be successful. As our young people prepare for the next phase of their education and the world beyond, effective teamwork and leadership skills can make all the difference.

Dream Middle School leverages its smaller class sizes by providing both in-school and community-based cooperative learning opportunities. Students learn project management skills and the behaviors that comprise effective leadership. By partnering with our corporate and government sponsors students have the opportunity to practice the skills and behaviors that world-class organizations seek. Dream Middle School prepares our young people to be successful in the global environment.



Dr. Gardner visits Dream Middle School

Multiple Intelligence Theory

DMS students learn to customize their learning using Harvard Professor Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences. DMS students know and use their strongest intelligences to learn, acquire and secure true understanding. DMS graduates excel because they know their personal "intelligence combination" for successful life-long learning.



The Leadership program

teaches students teamwork, interpersonal skills, flexibility, communication skills and problem-solving through training workshops that lead to projects in school, the local community and businesses where students can apply what they have learned in real-life scenarios.

Mentor Program

The mentor program nurtures the organizational skills, confidence and self-esteem that allows learners to take control of their own development and success. Mentors help their protégés solve problems, explore issues and develop resolutions. Mentoring is available daily for all DMS students.