

## About Marston Middle School

If we had to summarize Marston in two phrases it would be **Academic Excellence** and **Unprecedented Student Choice**. We believe in all students and pride ourselves on integrating college-prep rigor in all courses.

This is only possible with the excellent teachers that we have. Marston teachers are very experienced, compassionate and have been invested in the school and community for many years. Many Marston teachers live in the Marston neighborhood and most Marston teachers have been working at Marston for more than 15 years.

Although more and more "specialty" schools are popping up throughout the county, at Marston Middle School we understand the importance of students choosing from a large variety of engaging and relevant courses. It is only when students engage in something they're very passionate about, that they can realize their full potential. Marston offers unprecedented student choice. In addition to rigorous core classes, our students have the opportunity to choose both an elective course and an exploration course. Marston students take a new exploration course every 3 weeks. These courses meet daily during first period.



Marston students participating in the new TV Studio elective class. Marston offers over 10 elective classes.

## Comprehensive Student Support

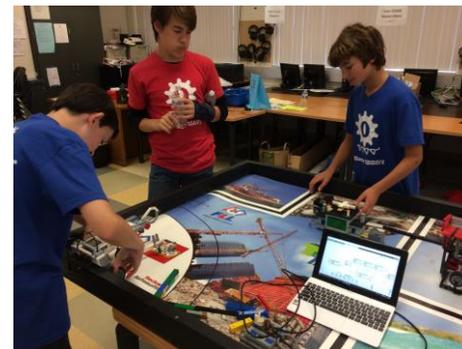
We continuously have a pulse on each student's academic progress. Every 3 weeks, each student takes a test on the key learning targets from that cycle. Students who do not pass the assessment participate in an intervention period where he/she learns the content in a different format. This second attempt at learning helps students learn critical content and be prepared for upcoming content. In addition to intervention classes offered during advisory, drop-in tutoring is offered on most days before school, after school and during lunch. Reaching every child is possible at Marston because of the commitment, compassion and determination of all of our staff members including our clerks, counselors, paraprofessionals and administrators.



One of Marston's orchestra classes performing at a concert. Marston offers 5 periods of instrumental music and 1 period of choir.

## Elective Class Offerings

| Year-long            | Semester Long                  |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Band (2 levels)      | TV Studio                      |
| Orchestra (2 levels) | Video Production               |
| Choir                | Graphic Design                 |
| Spanish (2 levels)   | Engineering & Construction     |
| AVID                 | Theater                        |
|                      | Visual Art                     |
|                      | Computer Science (coming soon) |



Marston has multiple robotics teams that practice for competitions during their exploration class time. Marston offers over 50 exploration courses.

## Exploration Courses

(3-week courses, during the advisory period)

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cooking                          | Asian Cultural Dances   |
| ASB                              | Spanish Games           |
| Yearbook                         | Advanced Robotics       |
| Jazz Band                        | Lego League Robotics    |
| Gardening                        | Water Rockets           |
| Pet Care                         | Egg Drop                |
| Knitting                         | iMovies                 |
| Debate                           | Basketball              |
| Academic Bowl/Trivia             | Futsal                  |
| Creative Writing                 | Dance                   |
| Shakespeare Film Study           | Walking Club            |
| Greek Mythology                  | Flag Football           |
| Civics/Presidential Election     | Gymnastics              |
| Film Study: Satire               | Handball                |
| AVID Tutorial                    | Hockey                  |
| Community Projects               | Soccer                  |
| Peer Buddies                     | Softball                |
| School Tour Leaders              | Tennis                  |
| Crazy for College                | Weight Training         |
| Computer Coding                  | Pickle Ball             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibition | Juggling                |
| Board Games and Chess            | Anime and Manga Drawing |
| Special Campus Projects          | Art and poetry          |
| Sports Films                     | Photography             |
| Computer Games                   | Painting                |
| Reading For Fun                  | Cartoon Drawing         |

## Technology

All Marston classrooms are equipped with a Promethean Board and a class set of computers. Over 80% of the student computers at Marston are less than 2 years old.

## Gifted & Talented Education

Marston is one of the few schools in the region with a *Model A* GATE program. Over 30% of Marston students are GATE identified. Marston offers both cluster and seminar classes in language arts and social studies.

## Advanced Math Classes

Accelerated math classes are offered at each grade level. Students do not need to be GATE identified to enroll in these classes. Eligibility is based on placement tests, report card grades and teacher recommendations.

| Marston Bell Schedule<br>Traditional School Year      |               |
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| NOTE: Marston does not have weekly early release days |               |
| Period 1 (Advisory)                                   | 8:55 - 9:30   |
| Period 2  | 9:35 - 10:25  |
| Period 3  | 10:30 - 11:20 |
| Period 4  | 11:25 - 12:15 |
| Lunch   | 12:20 - 12:50 |
| Period 5  | 12:55 - 1:45  |
| Period 6  | 1:50 - 2:40   |
| Period 7  | 2:45 - 3:35   |

## Before and After School Care

The YMCA's *Primetime* provides free on-campus before and after-school activities for students including instrumental music, painting, team sports, cooking and *Girls on the Run*.

## Come visit us!

We host school tours at 10:00 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please check our school website to confirm the date before arriving.

## Marston is Safe, Positive and Fun!

At approximately 700 students, Marston is the perfect size to offer a great variety of courses yet small enough to offer a feeling of community where everyone knows each another.

Marston's campus is extremely conducive to safety and comfort. 700 students do not feel crowded on Marston's generous 20 acre campus, rich with trees, grass, wide walkways and cool ocean breezes. At lunchtime students use the large, outdoor athletic facilities to play sports and interact with peers. Some students during lunchtime stay near the cafeteria where ASB facilitates games and plays music.

Marston also helps achieve its positive school environment with ongoing professional development in evidenced-based programs such as *Capturing Kids' Hearts*, *Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports* (PBIS) and *Peer Leaders Uniting Students* (PLUS).

Marston staff members regularly reinforce positive student behavior by writing *Caught Being Good* cards. Every Friday during lunch Principal Gollias recognizes students who were *Caught Being Good*.

Marston students participate in clubs such as Spanish Club, Robotics Club and CJSF. Marston is constantly offering additional new opportunities to students such as swim classes, robotics competitions, presentations from authors, spelling bees and field trips to Sea World, Thinkabit Lab and local universities.

## The Future of Marston

Over 20 million dollars were allocated to Marston as a result of Propositions S and Z. Upcoming projects include: telecommunications upgrades, renovated bathrooms, new athletic facilities, renovated building interiors, new windows and new HVAC systems.

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