

About Marston Middle School

There is no other school like Marston Middle School. Marston offers the most STEAM courses and has the best learning environment. Marston students take 7 classes per day, while most schools offer just 6. Marston students get to choose an elective class from a list of about 10 choices. In addition to the elective class, students take 11 exploration courses throughout the year during first period. Marston offers 50 of these 3-week exploration courses and students only attend the exploration classes that they personally selected. We believe that it is only when students engage in something they're truly passionate about, that they can realize their full potential. Our structure allows students to build on their strengths and also explore some potential new passions.

At Marston we believe in all of our students and pride ourselves on integrating college-prep rigor in all courses. This is only possible because of the excellent teachers we have. Marston teachers are very experienced, compassionate and invested in the school and community. Marston has a very stable faculty; most teachers have been working at Marston for more than 15 years.



Marston students participating in the 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 the 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.



Marston's orchestra performing at a concert. Marston's music program includes jazz band, choir, orchestra, band and guitar!



Marston has an award-winning robotics team that practices for competitions during exploration class time. Marston offers over 50 exploration courses.

Exploration Courses

(3-week courses, during the advisory period)

ASB	Guitar
Cooking and Nutrition	Jazz Band
Entrepreneurship	Anime and Manga Drawing
Coding	Art Projects
Computer Games	Cartoon Drawing
Egg Drop	Comic Design
iMovie	Painting
Medical Science	Pencil Sketching
Robotics (Lego League)	Photography
Water Rockets	Sports Films
STEM Olympics	Juggling
Pet Care	Yoga and Stretching
Container Gardening	Basketball
Crochet and Knitting	Flag Football
Math Field Day	Gymnastics and Tumbling
Creative Writing	Handball
Film Study: Anime	Hockey
Film Study: Shakespeare	Soccer
Greek Mythology	Softball
Reading for Fun	Tennis
Peer Buddies	Ultimate Frisbee
Campus Projects	Volleyball
Board Games and Chess	Weight Training
Crazy for College	Walking
8 th Grade Exhibition	Running

2019-2020 Elective Class Offerings

Band	TV Studio and Video Production
Orchestra	Graphic Design and Animation (new!)
Choir	Engineering and Computer Science
Guitar (new!)	Visual Art and Theater
Construction	Spanish (2 levels)

Academic Distinctions

Marston's test scores have increased annually since the implementation of the SBAC test. Marston exceeds the State average in all 6 testing categories. Marston recently won top awards at The iVies (video production), CCTE Showcase (Project-Based Learning) and multiple robotics competitions.

Advanced Classes

Marston's standard courses put students on the pathway to college acceptance. Marston also offers *Accelerated Math* and *Honors English* for students performing significantly above grade level.

Neighborhood Enrollment

Neighborhood enrollment has increased each of the past 6 years. About 70% of Marston students are from within the Marston attendance area. About 20% of Marston students are from adjacent neighborhoods (Choice) and 10% of Marston students are from distant neighborhoods (VEEP).

Marston Bell Schedule Traditional School Year

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*.

Marston is Safe, Positive and Fun!

At approximately 670 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 other.

Marston's campus is conducive to safety and comfort. 670 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 areas 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 students participate in clubs such as Spanish Club, Robotics Club, GSA and CJSF. Marston is constantly offering additional new opportunities to students such as swim classes, robotics competitions, Math Field Day, iVies video contests, CMEA music events, art competitions, presentations from authors and a lot of field trips including SeaWorld, Northrop Grumman, Thinkabit Lab and UCSD.

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 classrooms, new athletic facilities, renovated building interiors, new windows and new HVAC systems.

Come visit us!

We usually 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.

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Most STEAM Courses, Best Learning Environment

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