Middle School Academics

7th Grade



The mission of Boston Collegiate Charter School is simple yet ambitious: to prepare each student for college.

Overview of 7th Grade

The 7th grade curriculum continues to establish more academic independence as students enter Middle School. Students work closely with their teachers to become critical thinkers and advocates for their own education. They also learn better study habits. Through work centered around themes of anti-racism and restorative justice, 7th graders learn to develop and use their own voices to make an impact on their school and community.

Advisory

Advisors serve as the main advocate and point of contact for a small group of students each year. Meeting daily, students and teachers have a period dedicated to building strong bonds. For example, 7th grade advisors lead trivia queries that culminate with quarterly wins. These kinds of activities foster community across the grade.

Additional Programming

Focus: In Focus students engage in work to supplement what they are learning in class, both to provide extra support and acceleration.

Student Council: Students are empowered to share their voice on issues and initiatives at the Middle School.

Sample Daily Schedule

/:45 - 8:05 AM	Advisory
8:07 - 8:54 AM	English
8:58 - 9:45 AM	Science
9:49 - 10:36 AM	PE/Art
10:40 - 11:02 AM	Lunch
11:02 - 11:24 AM	Recess
11:28 - 12:17 PM	Focus
12:21 - 1:08 PM	Explorations
1:12 - 1:59 PM	Math
2:03 - 2:50 PM	History
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Megan Noyes Middle School Principal mnoyes@bostoncollegiate.org Our curriculum at Boston Collegiate is based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and is designed to be culturally relevant. Our instruction is focused on engaging all students in deeper learning, enabling them to retain and transfer knowledge through analysis, synthesis, and creation.

Mathematics

Continuing to build on their conceptual understanding of math in the real world, students focus on analyzing proportional relationships, operating with rational numbers, working with expressions, equations, and inequalities, and solving problems related to scale drawings, geometry (area, surface area, and volume), probability, and statistics.

English

7th-grade ELA empowers students to develop their voices, practice critical thinking, and strengthen reading and writing skills across genres. Students gain confidence in analyzing authors' techniques, crafting essays, and engaging in reflective discussions surrounding social justice. Students read works representing different cultures, lead discussions, and write in varied styles. One unit popular with our 7th graders is centered on *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.

Explorations

7th grade students get the opportunity to explore rotating courses in the Explorations block. Over the course of the year, they will have music, theatre, writing and STEM. In STEM, they engage in a green architecture experience. Students prepare to showcase their knowledge at the end of each quarter.

Science

Continuing their exploration through the OpenSciEd curriculum, 7th-grade scientists move from investigations to simulations. They study contact forces, thermal energy, matter cycling & photosynthesis, earth's resources & human impact, and natural hazards. They continue exploring the content through inquiry-based learning.

History

Through the Investigating History curriculum, students continue their study of ancient civilizations with a focus on cultural and ideological development in Asia, the Americas, and Europe. In preparation for an independent research paper, students engage in inquiry about how geography, culture, and social structures have shaped our world.

Specials: Art/PE

Boston Collegiate emphasizes the importance of developing the mind and body in tandem. Students stretch their creative thinking, creating work based on famous artists and artwork. Students strengthen their physical aptitude, focusing on competition and sportsmanship.

