



DOMINION MIDDLE SCHOOL

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At Dominion Middle School, we educate and celebrate the whole child; offering a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities designed to engage students in real world social, technological, artistic and academic situations.

DRESS CODE: Students are required to adhere to the dress code that has been established by the Columbus Board of Education with special emphasis on dressing and communicating for the business world.

CURRICULUM: The staff at Dominion Middle School teaches a core academic curriculum consisting of Ohio's Clear Learning Standards which were developed by the Ohio Department of Education. These standards are highly rigorous and emphasize critical thinking, argumentative inquiry with a Constructivist approach to learning. Teaching staff plan with academic rigor and relevance in mind, therefore students demonstrate knowledge in a variety of different ways projects, labs and written work. Dominion offers a challenging 8th grade curriculum which includes: Spanish 1 & II (HS) and 2 (HS), integrated science 8, common core math 8, integrated math I (HS), American history, and English. Students in 8th grade may earn a maximum of 5 high school credits at the end of their middle level education. Seventh grade students' core classes consist of English/language arts, social studies, common core math 7, common core math 8, and integrated math 1 (HS) and science. Seventh grade students may take Spanish I for high school credit. Sixth grade students' core courses consist of common core math 6, integrated science, reading and language arts, and social studies. All students have a choice of one unified arts course in the arts (instrumental music, vocal music, strings, technology, drama and/or art). Technology classes include a robotics component which will introduce students to the world of engineering, design and robotics through the Project Lead the Way Gateway to Engineering and Computer Science courses. Eighth grade students receive a high school credits (1 or .5) for their elective courses. PE is a semester requirement for all sixth grade students.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: The Dominion Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO) is a highly active and energetic means of participating in your child's education. The PTSO sponsors a quarterly student awards and an annual scholarship recognition ceremony; a quarterly teacher appreciation luncheon; annual fundraising events and fund raising for the Eighth Grade Washington DC trip which includes scholarships. The PTSO facilitates communication by utilizing a parent email database and writes our weekly eNewsletter. Additionally, parents volunteer at Dominion each week to assist teachers with student displays, field trips, dances and provide teachers with numerous materials. The chess team, the baseball/softball league, and the summer travel teams are organized by our wonderful and actively involved parents. Each year the PTSO provides a stipend for each teacher to use for instructional materials. Dominion parents participate in the OSU/I Know I Can sponsored College Blueprint college preparation series to begin the business of preparing for college during the middle level years. Dominion Middle School employs two part time parent consultants to facilitate communication between the school, parents and the community. Dominion Middle School is also a member of Clintonville Go Public; a not for profit, grass-roots organization which was created by Clintonville parents to keep our children in the Whetstone Feeder pattern.

ACTIVITIES: Students may participate in music through choir, vocal ensemble, instrumental music, jazz band, and musical concerts. Students may participate in: coding club, garden club, vocal ensemble, geography bee, chess club, Math Counts, Mock Trial, debates, newspaper club, Power of the Pen, ski club, Femergy Service Learning, American Sign Language Club, Inklings, school newspaper, spelling bee, science fair, Invention Convention, seventh grade trip to Toronto, Canada; eighth grade trip to Washington DC, various field trips at each grade level, I Know I Can, drum line, Lego robotics, stock market competition, WEB, drama club, Service-To-Self, jazz ensemble, talent show, numerous dances, district sanctioned sports include: volleyball, soccer, boys' and girls' basketball, track, baseball, and softball teams for 7th and 8th grade students.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: The Ohio State University/I Know I Can; Youth-to-Youth; Clintonville Go Public; Directions for Youth and Families; Clintonville Realtor's Association; Dominion PTSO.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: The Dominion staff insures that students are provided with a high quality education in a safe, clean and orderly school environment. The Dominion staff additionally commits to providing outstanding communication to parents, students and community members. We communicate with parents through a weekly electronic newsletter, weekly automated phone messages and Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Strong community ties are another outstanding aspect of Dominion Middle School. Our inclusive community ensures that all students are welcomed into a warm and supportive learning environment. Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and students with autism, are mainstreamed and included in regular education classes at Dominion.