

2023-2024



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North Star Academy

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Middle & High School Enrollment Process

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Vision & Mission

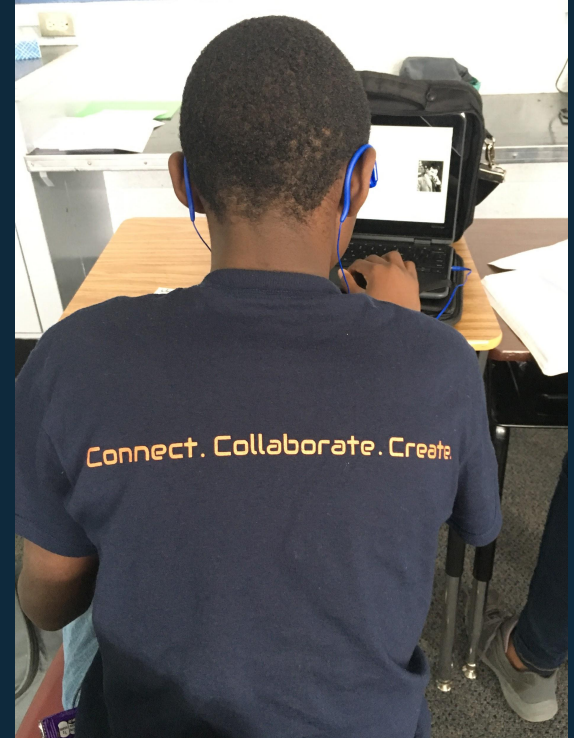
Vision

Montford North Star Academy will provide an immersive, empowering, skills focused and performance-based learning environment in which to prepare all students with the authentic readiness for career, college, and life.

Mission

The mission of Montford North Star Academy is to recognize and respond to diverse backgrounds, abilities, challenges and opportunities of each and every one of our students.

By applying individual strategies and fostering self-directed learning through real-world problem solving and innovative choices, students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to succeed in following their North Stars.





Motto



CONNECT.



COLLABORATE.



CREATE.

Learning Experience

- ★ Emphasis in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM)
- ★ Interdisciplinary Curriculum
- ★ Project-Based Learning
- ★ Project Lead The Way Curriculum
- ★ Commitment to Innovation
- ★ Arts and Music
- ★ Real-World Application
- ★ Building Meaningful & Respectful Relationships
- ★ Strong Community Partnerships
- ★ After School Programing through In Real Life (IRL)
- ★ Digital Portfolios
- ★ Community Service
- ★ Collaborative Work Environments
- ★ Fostering Leadership & Team Building





Magnet Theme



Serving Grades 6th-8th





Project-Based Learning

What were the earliest forms of communication in the ancient world?



What math skills are important in creating beautiful art mosaics?





Project-Based Learning

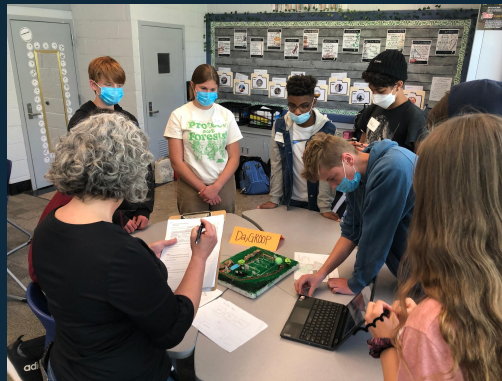
What can we do to improve our carbon footprint?





Project-Based Learning

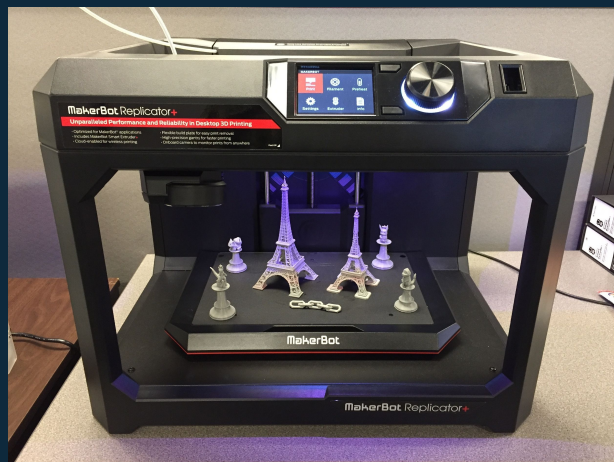
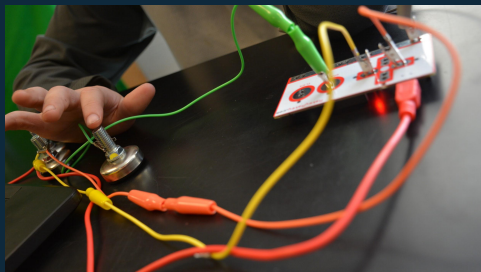
How can we use stop animation technology to simulate past volcanic eruptions and earthquakes?



How can we design our outside spaces for learning?



Innovation Lab





Navigator

- ★ Topics include:
 - MNSA Student Honor Code
 - How to Successfully Navigate Middle School
 - Team Building
 - Digital Literacy & Etiquette
 - Student-Led Conferencing
 - Character Development
 - Career Exploration
 - Digital Portfolio Development
 - Community Service
 - High School Preparation





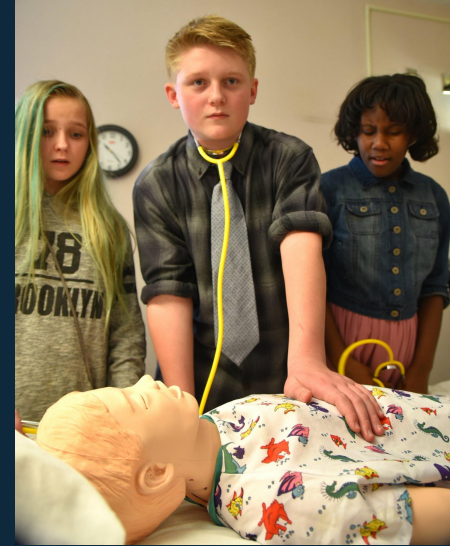
RISE Time

- ★ Intervention
- ★ Enrichment
- ★ Outside/movement time
- ★ Silent Sustained Reading (SSR)
- ★ Collaborative Projects

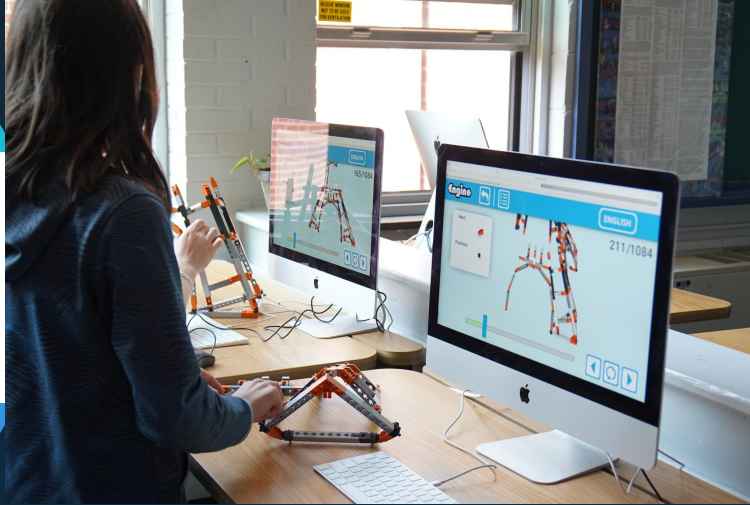


Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Electives 6th-8th Grade

- ★ Design & Modeling
- ★ Medical Detectives
- ★ Computer Science for Innovators & Makers
- ★ Automation and Robotics
- ★ (Future PLTW courses TBD)



Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Electives 6th-8th Grade



“Our activity-, project-, and problem-based (APB) instructional design centers on hands-on, real-world activities, projects, and problems that help students understand how the knowledge and skills they develop in the classroom may be applied in everyday life. “ PLTW.org

6th Grade Electives

- ★ Health & PE
- ★ Visual Arts I
- ★ Band
- ★ Computer Science Discoveries
- ★ Design & Modeling (PLTW)
- ★ Medical Detectives (PLTW)



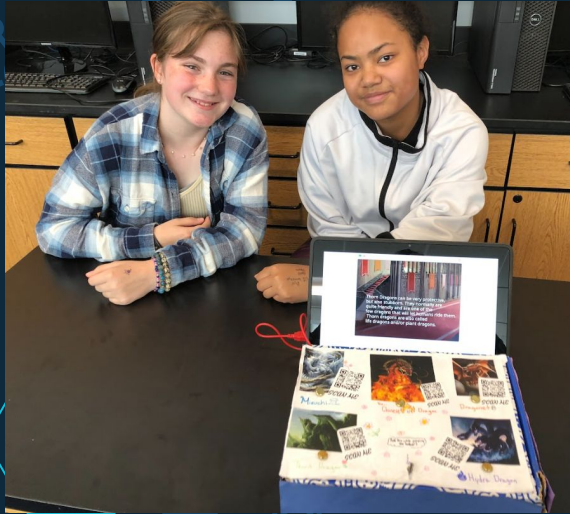
7th Grade Electives



- ★ Health & PE
- ★ Band
- ★ Visual Arts II
- ★ Crafting and Folk Art
- ★ Digital Literacy & Social Media
- ★ Design World
- ★ Design & Modeling (PLTW)
- ★ Medical Detectives (PLTW)
- ★ Innovators & Makers (PLTW)



8th Grade Electives




- ★ Health & PE
- ★ Visual Arts III
- ★ Crafting & Folk Art
- ★ Band
- ★ Exploring Personal Characteristics and Careers
- ★ Design and Creativity
- ★ Automation & Robotics (PLTW)
- ★ Computer Science for Innovators & Makers (PLTW)





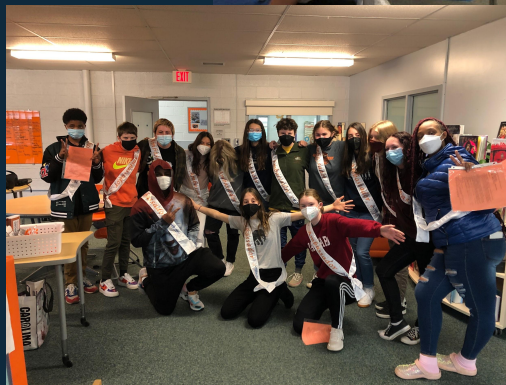
Sample 6th grade Course Schedule

	Fall	Spring
Student A	Math Visual Arts I English Band Science Social Studies Navigator	Math PE English Band Science Social Studies Navigator
Student B	Math PE English Visual Arts I Science Social Studies Navigator	Math Medical Detectives English Design & Modeling Science Social Studies Navigator



Extracurricular Activities

- ★ Ambassadors
- ★ Battle of the Books
- ★ Daily Innovator News Team



Extracurricular Activities

- ★ Go Girls Running Club
- ★ National Junior Honor Society



Extracurricular Activities

★ Band



Extracurricular Activities

- ★ Robotics
- ★ Science Olympiad
- ★ Student Government
- ★ Yearbook



Athletics

- ★ 7th & 8th Grade Athletics with AMS
- ★ Ultimate Frisbee
- ★ Field Hockey with YMCA



In Real Life (IRL) After school




- ★ Provides safe, engaging, fun, and healthy after school options
- ★ Equal access to all ACS middle schoolers
- ★ Wide variety of course offerings (including STEAM courses)
- ★ Builds great relationships and character development
- ★ Programming 4 days a week
- ★ Courses offered on MNSA campus and off campus sites such as UNCA, Asheville Middle School, and more



Current Demographics

(223 students currently enrolled)

Subgroup	Percentage of Student Body
Female	47%
Male	53%
Non-White (American Indian, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, Two or More races)	34%
White	66%



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[2021-2021 Video](#)


Montford North Star Academy

"Science, Technology, Engineering,
Arts, and Math"



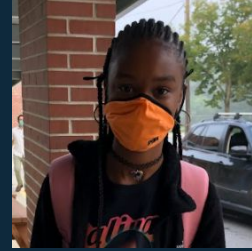


MNSA may be for you if your learning style favors...

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- ★ Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math;
 - ★ Working collaboratively with others;
 - ★ Self motivation and curious about the natural world;
 - ★ A Project-Based environment;
 - ★ Designing and building;
 - ★ An interdisciplinary approach and;
 - ★ Leadership and student autonomy.



Our Navigator Family





Asheville City Schools

2023-2024 6th Grade Transition Checklist & Schedule



- ☐ **December 6-12, 2022**
5th Grade Visits to AMS & MNSA
- ☐ **January 3-20, 2023**
Watch school videos on ACS Enrollment Website
- ☐ **January 9, 2023**
Digital School Selection Forms are available
Link distributed from Elementary Schools & available on ACS Enrollment Website
- ☐ **January 10, 2023, 5:30pm**
Attend Open House at Asheville Middle School
- ☐ **January 11, 2023, 5:30pm**
Attend Open House at Montford North Star Academy
- ☐ **January 20, 2022**
Deadline to submit Digital School Selection Form
Parent/Guardian acknowledgment required.
- ☐ **March 13-17, 2023**
Middle School counselors visit all Elementary schools to review course registration process
- ☐ **March 24, 2023**
Deadline for students to register for 6th grade electives digitally via instructions from AMS & MNSA counselors
Parent/Guardian acknowledgment required
- ☐ **April 28, 2023**
Parents will receive middle school placement letters via email on or before April 28, 2023
- ☐ **Finish 5th grade strong and have a great summer!**

Rising 6th Grade Checklist



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