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WESTMINSTER
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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A MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDE FOR WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

I love the connection I have with my child,
but will it survive through their teenage years?

Where can I send my child to school
that will be safe, wholesome, nurturing, and well-balanced?

Are they going to care
about our family values when they start really feeling independent?

As the parent of a middle schooler, you've likely asked these questions as you've considered the learning experience you want for your child. You recognize that middle school is a new season of growth in every area of life, and you want this time to be exciting for your child instead of overwhelming. The truth is — the environment matters. It impacts how middle schoolers ...

- ... live out God's Word...
- ... learn how to self-advocate ...
- ... distinguish their strengths ...
- ... identify personal interests ...
- ... wake up to some of the many opportunities their future could hold.

This guide is only the beginning of sharing our story with your family.

We are a Christ-honoring, close community, and we'd love for you to experience our home away from home. At Westminster Christian Academy, families don't need to choose between an outstanding education with exciting curricula or a healthy environment where their child will be known and cared for by dedicated Christian mentors. We are pleased to offer all these things because we understand how they shape pre-teens into confident individuals as they prepare for high school and what comes next. Friendships, expert faculty, a rigorous curriculum, and character development all foster the most important things you could give your child: a faith-filled, strong start in life, an excellent education, and a desire to show kindness towards others.

We know you are searching for a meaningful middle school experience that offers more than a bridge between elementary and high school. Read our guide and then take the next step and **[schedule a tour with our admissions team.](#)** We look forward to meeting your family and exploring opportunities for your child at Westminster Christian Academy!

Sincerely,



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SAFE SPACES TO LEARN AND GROW

Students in middle school crave a sense of community and belonging. At Westminster Christian Academy, we provide a culture of kindness where teachers model intentionality, and students learn to communicate purposefully.

In our middle school, we:

Emphasize Respect. Students are free to approach our intentionally-present teachers to share any concerns. Parents can access an anonymous tip line, contributing to the safety of children within our community. Peer Counseling with our high school juniors and seniors encourages respect for others and a heart for service.

Build Authentic Relationships. Teachers serve as mentors, building meaningful relationships centered on encouragement, care, and support. Our dedicated staff helps middle schoolers understand that they can make mistakes, take risks, and embrace failure as a tool for growth. They help our students expand their understanding of the Gospel, develop biblical character, and forge meaningful relationships with their peers and with Christ.

Foster Character Development. Westminster's weekly Chapel gathers the whole community for teaching and worship, fostering character growth centered on the Word of God. Christ's influence is felt in every part of our learning environment, from the classroom and Chapel to the athletic fields and performing arts arena.

When middle schoolers feel secure and understood, they have the confidence needed to tackle new challenges and opportunities. Keep reading to learn what this looks like in the classroom and beyond.



CULTIVATING THEIR EMERGING GIFTS



Our middle school students are engaged, active, and discerning learners who will grow into tomorrow's leaders. We help students learn to view failure as an important part of the learning process, which ultimately contributes to their success. With this mindset, they become capable of handling a more rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for high school and college.

Westminster students stand out from their peers because we:

Encourage Goal Setting. We believe that middle school is a training ground for developing lifelong skills. Our weekly advisory meeting allows middle schoolers to reflect and set three goals. Students discuss and plan with teachers how they can achieve these goals independently.

Develop Critical Thinking. Beyond memorizing facts, we encourage students to process their learning and make connections across multiple disciplines. Our teachers remind students that making mistakes is part of growth, which fuels creativity and critical thinking. Assessments are built-in to see how middle schoolers integrate what they've learned into real-life situations.

Responsible Technology Use. We believe technology provides opportunities to foster learning in unique, innovative ways when used responsibly. Teachers utilize technology in the classroom when it benefits students and elevates the learning experience, always emphasizing digital safety.

Emphasize Autonomy. As a community, we encourage students to engage in learning by creating work representing understanding and growth. Westminster also promotes a culture of self-advocacy — weekly advising, open communication with teachers, and peer mentorship all contribute to independence.

Building confidence during a season of rapid growth.

Our traditional, carefully-cultivated academic program integrated with biblical values allows students to develop in and out of the classroom as they prepare for the challenges ahead in high school, college, and careers.



Competitive Athletics

On or off the field or court — we're always proud of our athletes. Our Wildcats play hard and have helped develop the character of a very long line of Westminster graduates. We offer 26 team sports and have proudly won three team state championships and six individual state championships.



Strong Academics

Westminster's foundation for academic excellence is displayed through our rigorous core subjects — emphasizing goal setting, critical thinking skills, time management, and a deep understanding of the Gospel — equipping students with a lifelong love of learning.

Leadership Opportunities

Club Leadership and SANFAN (See a Need, Fill a Need) are leadership roles that our students enjoy. Middle schoolers identify opportunities to mentor others, plan projects, and engage in activities that promote creativity and collaboration.

Enriched Learning

Favorite middle school electives include STEM Academy, Fine Arts, Theatre Arts, Band and Choir, World Language, Ocean Discovery, and Introduction to Coding. Our clubs, such as Scholar Bowl, Archery, and Robotics, engage students in their passions as they spend meaningful time with friends.



The collective resources we offer allow students to explore interests outside of their core academic strengths. To learn more about our extensive offerings, [schedule a call](#) or [personal campus tour](#) with our admissions team.

Let's cover some practical considerations every family has when looking for the perfect middle school. You probably have personal deal-breakers and priorities — and we absolutely want to hear about them. A relaxed conversation with our team or a chat during your campus tour are great places to talk about school-and-family values alignment, our approaches to discipline and problem-solving, how we accommodate learning style needs, and so much more.

ALIGNMENT WHERE IT MATTERS THE MOST

Location

Where is the campus? Our campus is located off Highway 40, between 141 and 270, in Town & Country, Missouri. Most of our students live within a 5- to 20-minute radius of our school. We do not offer transportation services but can help connect families through our Parent Connector program for ride-shares.

Schedule

How does a school fit into your family's schedule? Westminster's middle school schedule runs from 7:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with Thursdays starting at 9:30 a.m.

Communication Expectations

How does communication work between the home and the school? Every Saturday, parents receive a newsletter containing helpful information, upcoming events, and announcements for middle and upper school students. We also have a digital school management system that keeps families updated about student progress and more. Parents are welcome to participate in prayer groups that strengthen our spiritual community.

Growth Opportunities

What happens when your child makes a mistake and needs some guidance? Our dedication to honoring Jesus Christ is our guide in upholding biblical standards for discipline. Through a partnership of the home, church, and school, we correct behaviors in a relational process with the ultimate goal of restoration.



INVITING YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Middle school will be a significant time in your child's life as they learn to embrace and develop their unique talents and interests. This special season should be so much more than something they endure on their way to high school.

We love hearing that more middle school students are getting involved with their school choice. But how exactly should you invite your child into the conversation?



Be intentional and ask specific questions. Try asking your child about an interest or subject they would like to develop further rather than broad questions such as “What school do you want to go to?” If they are interested in robotics, help them look for a school with a strong STEM program and electives to support their growing interests.

Ask your middle schooler what they need from you. Do they want your advice as they share their thoughts on the subject? Or do they need a listening ear as they process? Letting them talk through this decision allows them to practice self-advocacy — an important skill they will strengthen in middle school.

Understand that communication doesn't have to be conversation. Identify interests you can explore together and use those as a foundation for connecting. If your child doesn't want to talk about school at the dinner table but loves to be outdoors, consider taking a walk or riding a bike together. Chances are, they'll open up when they're in their comfort zone and doing something they love.

Be curious, not critical. Middle schoolers are sensitive to criticism and crave your approval (even if it doesn't always feel that way). Encourage your child by listening to their ideas and helping them see the value of attending a school that meets their needs.

We can't wait

to meet you.

When choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! Our family campus tours will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.

What to Expect On Your Campus Tour

Explore our beautiful campus by scheduling a personal tour with our admissions team. On your tour, you will have the chance to see:

Our state-of-the-art classrooms, labs, studios, and learning centers — places where you can preview our rigorous middle school program in action.

Our common spaces, such as the cafe, grand entry, academic hub, world-class theater, and Pawprint Coffee shop, where students engage in enriched learning and socialization.

The gymnasium, fields, and courts where our nationally-recognized athletic teams hone their physical abilities.

The award-winning performing and fine arts department, where middle schoolers express their creative talents.

Westminster's caring and committed teachers, coaches, and staff who will mentor your child.

Students can also join us for a shadow visit, where they will meet their teachers and interact with fellow students for a day. It's a great opportunity to see if Westminster Christian Academy is the right fit for your child.

Questions?

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