



## MARBLEHEAD VETERANS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear New MVMS Families,

I am excited to welcome you to Marblehead Veterans Middle School! Here at MVMS, we are very proud of our school's successful efforts to provide an excellent middle school education, a well-rounded curriculum, and a full compliment of extracurricular activities and athletics. We look forward to getting to know your middle school student.

Within this introductory letter there is some important information about the schedule at MVMS and how to select a couple of electives for your student. However, before you begin the process explained below, we would like to ask that you register your student with the central office to ensure that they will be a student at MVMS during the 25-26 school year. To do so, please visit the district's website at <https://www.marbleheadschoools.org/domain/178> to register your new student. Once you have completed that process, you may complete the online Course Selection form that is linked at the end of this letter.

Here at MVMS we have four levels of mathematics: Accelerated, Standard, Supported and Small Group. Entrance into small group math is determined by a student's IEP. Supported math is a co-taught math that provides students with more direct instruction and practice to master the material. Standard math is a regular math class comprised of all types of math learners. Accelerated math moves a little faster and goes a little deeper than Standard. Additionally, the amount of student independence for learning increases as you go from level to level.

On the linked form, we ask that you select one of these math levels for your students or select that you are "Uncertain." If you select Standard or Supported, you are all done with the math placement process. If you select Accelerated or Uncertain, we ask that you also select one of the available dates on the form for your student to take a math placement exam here at Vets. If you select Small Group, please make sure to send us a copy of your student's IEP.

The next decision is to select which electives your child will take while at MVMS. There are four choices for general electives, and each student must **select two**. Below is an explanation of each general elective.

**World Language** – Students have the chance to take one of two languages: French or Spanish.

**Unified Arts Rotation** – Students selecting this elective will rotate each quarter through four different classes:

Art – Students will be exposed to multiple types of media and hands-on projects

Music – Students will research, compose, and perform music from all genres

Science/Engineering – Students will explore the fundamentals of engineering through hands-on projects

Technology – Students will learn many of the computer-based software programs that they will be using throughout their educational career

## **Curriculum Support**

This is a special education support class, and entry into this class will be determined by a child's special education TEAM. *Please reach out to your student's case manager with any questions about Curriculum Support.*

## **Academic Support**

This is a general education class. The structure of this class is to assist students in finding successful organizational and studying approaches to middle school.

Another choice that students have is to join our performing arts program. We have three performing arts classes: Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. If your child chooses not to participate in performing arts, they will be placed into our "Just Read" classes for sustained silent reading.

Please complete this form as soon as possible so we can begin to put together your student's schedule. Any communication that goes out to our students moving up from Village School will now be sent to you too, provided you have successfully completed registering with the Central Office. I would like to encourage you to watch our website for information regarding our summer reading program and summer tours of the building that will be coming out in early June. You will receive emails from me when those are posted on our website.

We look forward to getting to know all our new students. Have a great end to your school year!

Sincerely,

Matthew Fox  
Principal  
Marblehead Veterans Middle School

**Link to Registration Form:**

**<https://forms.gle/JESdqGqqtVzKRqCF8>**