

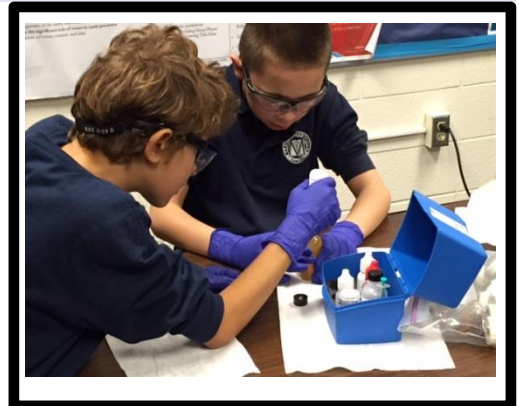
Marietta Sixth Grade Academy STEM-Certified Magnet Program



At M.S.G.A., we strive to develop global, connected learners and aspire to be a gateway to learning excellence.

True innovation in STEM education...

- provides students with an accelerated, interdisciplinary, STEM curriculum that cultivates and nurtures problem solvers.
- creates a learning environment in which each student's unlimited potential to learn is unlocked.
- advances each student's core content skills beyond state and national standards through project-based, experiential learning opportunities that are focused on design principles.
- creates a learning environment that unlocks each student's unlimited potential to learn and grow.



We believe students learn at optimum levels through experiential learning. Therefore, the STEM magnet curriculum provides opportunities for students to engage academically with a project-based, student-centered, and technology-rich pedagogy.

Curriculum

The Marietta Sixth Grade Academy Magnet Program is for students with an unquenchable thirst for learning. Our comprehensive and rigorous instructional program is based on the Common Core Georgia Standards of Excellence, connected through integrated, interdisciplinary units of instruction, and focused on the design process. By using a balance of text and technological resources, we provide an education that is challenging at higher levels and faster-paced than traditional middle school learning environments.

The Marietta Sixth Grade Academy magnet program is a continuation of the elementary grades magnet curriculum, but it places stronger emphasis on engineering and the design process. The engineering curriculum incorporates our community partnerships and is aligned with both national and state science standards. Students use engineering skills to solve real world problems, and reflect on how to make continuous improvements.

Our Profile

Our Magnet Students...

- are admitted by application only
- represent all schools across the Marietta City School district, as well as some out of district students, who are eligible for a reasonable monthly tuition
- must maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA)
- must score at the 75th percentile or above in both reading and math on a national standardized test for admission
- follow the school-wide mandatory unified dress code policy
- are equipped with laptop computers for use during school hours and allow BYOT
- longitudinal review of academics, behavior, attendance, and tardy reports

Our facilities...

- are housed in a specific magnet wing of M.S.G.A., which includes dedicated lab spaces

- include access to all school facilities and resources, such as a parent resource room, gymnasium, Library Media Center, cafeteria, counselor, and parent liaison.
- contain classrooms equipped with multi-media instructional tools, (i.e. interactive whiteboards, document cameras, 3-D printer, etc.)

Our Teachers and Staff...

- are dedicated and selected based on demonstrated skills and interest in math, science, and technology integration.
- work solely on the magnet team for the four core subject areas
- hold endorsements in gifted education
- participate in ongoing staff development in technology integration
- are equipped with laptops and are accessible via e-mail, phone, and school website.
- are trained in IB MYP

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- MILE Program for gifted students
- Counseling services
- Academic tutoring as needed

ELECTIVE & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

We encourage the development of well-rounded students. As such, the Marietta Sixth Grade Academy magnet program provides students with numerous opportunities to develop personal interests and talents. Magnet students have the opportunity to participate in the following:

Fine Arts Electives:

- Art*
- Band*
- Chorus*
- Drama*
- Orchestra*

World Languages (Spanish and French)

- Spanish
- French

Student Clubs (+20) and Teams

- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Ambassadors
- Fine Arts Performances
- Athletics (football, cheerleading, basketball)

*Availability dependent upon enrollment

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Marietta Sixth Grade Academy has been the proud recipient of the following recognitions:

- Georgia Department of Education since 2015 STEM Certified Program
- Redesignated Georgia Lighthouse School to Watch National Excellence Award
- Recognized ASCA Model Program

DISCIPLINE EXPECTATIONS

We are committed to maintaining a safe environment conducive to learning in a positive climate. Our students play a role in this process, and they are expected to work successfully both on an independent and collaborative level by demonstrating "ready, respect and responsibility". Our students are recognized for their acts of citizenship and for demonstrating behavior indicative of high levels of achievement.

IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

MYP is a philosophy of learning and teaching. MYP is aligned with research-based, best practices teaching methodology.

This framework is underpinned by three fundamental concepts:

- Intercultural awareness
- Holistic learning
- Communication

The IB Middle Years Program is a five year program that begins with 6th grade and ends in 10th grade. MSGA proudly provides the first of the five years. All MSGA students are IB MYP students.



"I am proud that we are preparing academic and problem-solving leaders of the future in a strong educational program."

-Mr. Corey W. Lawson
Principal/Instructional Leader

2019-2020 Enrollment Information

Open Enrollment Dates

- The enrollment period for students residing inside and outside the Marietta City Schools district opens annually beginning Monday of the 2nd full week of November. In-district enrollment closes 10 business days after the last day of school for students. Out-of-district student enrollment closes the second Monday in March each year. Please note that out-of-district students will be placed on a wait list until the first Monday in May thus allowing in-district students the opportunity to apply for enrollment.
- For additional information, please visit us at <http://msga.marietta-city.org>. Select the "Academics" tab, then the "Magnet Program" tab.

Application information: Please contact our office at 770-429-3115, ext. 5815, to speak with our Magnet contact. Application materials are available online <http://msga.marietta-city.org>. Click on the "Academics" tab, and then the "Magnet Program" tab.

Rising 6th Grade Preview: Thursday, March 26, 2020, 6 p.m. This will include an opportunity to speak with the Admin, Magnet Team and other appropriate staff.

Tours: Appointments are required. Please call 770-429-3115, ext. 5813.



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