



# Middle School Graduation Requirements & Curriculum

## Martin Luther School Academic Diploma

In order to receive a MLS academic diploma, a student must successfully complete\* the following Course Graduation Requirements for a total of 6.5 credits each or 19.5 credits combined for grades 6-8:

1. **Course requirement:** Students must pass all classes with an average of 70% or above in the following classes:
  - o English ..... 3 units
  - o Social Studies ..... 3 units
  - o Mathematics ..... 3 units
  - o Science ..... 3 units
  - o Music ..... 1.5 units
  - o PE ..... 1.5 units
  - o Theology ..... 1.5 units
  - o Art ..... 0.75 units
  - o Health ..... 0.75 units
  - o World Language ..... 0.75 unit
  - o Technology ..... 0.75 units

\*\*\* Students may earn concurrent Middle School and High School credit by taking advanced courses during their 8th- grade year:

- o Algebra 1
- o Living Environment (Biology)

## Martin Luther School Academic Diploma with Honors

In order to receive a MLS Academic Diploma with honors, a student must have a GPA of 90% or higher.

2. **Service Hour Requirements:** Complete 15 hours of community service with five hours required each year.

- Grant and Aid: An Additional 10 to 20 hours.
  - o These hours can only be completed at MLS Events.
  - o Hours depend on amount of Financial Aid awarded.
- National Junior Honor Society: 10 additional hours per year.

## Academics

The Middle School program follows New York State and Common Core Curriculum. Each student completes a full year course of Math, Science, Social Studies, and English Language Arts. Students who show advanced academic capabilities during their 7th grade year have the opportunity to take advanced Math and Science courses during 8th grade.

## Physical Education and Health

- Physical Education:
  - Students encounter a variety of practical learning experiences. Including working on their own, with a partner, in small/large groups and using small/large equipment.

*Physical activities include archery; badminton; basketball; team games; fitness activities; floor hockey; soccer; track and field; and volleyball.*

- Health
  - Students explore age appropriate lessons in physical health; mental/emotional health; relationships and communication; personal care and nutrition; and safety.

## Arts & Specials

Middle School students explore their artistic capabilities and interests through a variety of required classes. Students can learn to play an instrument and hone their skills through Band, exercise their vocal talents through Music Class, develop their visual arts talents in Art Class.

*In our Specials, students explore Health, Art, World Language, and Technology. Each special lasts for one marking period (Quarter).*

## Spiritual Life

Students attend chapel every week and religion class daily for one semester. In addition, they are given the opportunity to participate in Christian fellowship activities and are encouraged to serve in Chapel.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Other learning opportunities include Tuesday and Thursday intramurals; field trips offered throughout the year; and join Drama Club by participating in the Annual school musical.

*Some past field trips include DNA Lab, Mystic Seaport, Philadelphia, the Peabody Museum, and the Norwalk Aquarium.*

*Eligible students have an opportunity to practice and train with the High School Athletics department.*

*\*\* 8th graders have an opportunity to take the NYSPHSAA Advanced Placement test to play at a JV or Varsity Level.*

