

Sixth Grade
Course of Study 2020-2021
Recommended by Dr. Laura Lowder, Educational Consultant

Micro-Credentials Program Components in three intentional programs working towards distinction;	The Power of Positivity: "Attitude is Everything" Required w/ Opportunity to Earn Social-Emotional Middle School Micro-Badge Level 1	21 st Century Skill Development Required w/ Opportunity to Earn 21st Century Thinker Middle School Level I Micro-Badge <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange;">Integrated with</div>	Honors Integrated Science Lab I Required w/ Opportunity to Earn Scientific Lab Skills Middle School Level 1 Micro-Badge
*Our Micro-Credentialing Program is aligned with and in support of our Academy Mission and is a hallmark of what makes our program uniquely successful. Micro-credential Areas: 1) Social-Emotional Education and Support for Gifted Learners, 2) 21 st Century Skills, & 3) Scientific Lab Skills			
Required Standard Courses *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:	Required Advanced/ College Preparatory Course of Study *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:	*Optional Additional Courses	
Middle School Life Science Ancient Civilizations Middle School Health	Middle School Honors Literature: Examination of Timeless and Universal Themes Through Literature Required <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange;">Integrated with</div> Middle School Honors Composition: Writing within the Content Areas and Creative Writing Required Lit + Comp. = Grade 6 English Language Arts Honors Credit <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange;">Integrated with</div> Middle School Honors History: Issues and Conflicts Affecting Real People	*Discovering English Middle School (for students of English as a Second Language)	
	Intermediate Honors Dance Technique and Performance *Earned through PTP Participation	*Dance History	
			*Optional accelerated enrollment in compacted Middle School Physical Science over the summer between 6 th and 7 th or 7 th and 8 th grades; in preparation to begin High School Biology-Honors as an 8 th grader *Additional Fee
Choose One:	Sixth Grade Math (individual, self-paced, online class)	Sixth Grade Math (Academy Faculty Taught, hands-on, class)	*Accelerate to 7 th grade math upon completion of 6 th grade math course

Seventh Grade
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Required Standard Courses *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:	Required Advanced/ College Preparatory Course of Study *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:	*Optional Additional Courses	
Middle School Earth Science Middle School American History Middle School Health	Middle School Honors Literature 2: Examination of Timeless and Universal Themes Through Literature Required <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Integrated with</div> Middle School Honors Composition 2: Writing within the Content Areas and Creative Writing Required Lit + Comp. = Grade 7 English Language Arts Honors Credit <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Integrated with</div> Middle School Honors History 2: Issues and Conflicts Affecting Real People	*Middle School Foreign Language *Discovering English Middle School (for students of English as a Second Language) *Dance History 1 or 2	
		*Optional accelerated enrollment in compacted Middle School Physical Science <u>over the summer</u> between 6 th and 7 th or 7 th and 8 th grades; in preparation to begin High School Biology-Honors as an 8 th grader *Additional Fee	
Choose One <u>Or Both:</u>	Seventh Grade Math (individual, self-paced, online class)	Pre-Algebra Honors (Academy Faculty Taught, hands on class)	

Eighth Grade
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<p>Micro-Credentials Program Components in three intentional programs working towards distinction;</p>	<p>The Power of Positivity: “Attitude is Everything”</p> <p>Required w/ Opportunity to Earn Social-Emotional Middle School Micro-Badge Level 1, 2, or 3</p>	<p>21st Century Skill Development Required w/ Opportunity to Earn 21st Century Thinker Middle School Level 1, 2, or 3 Micro-Badge</p>	<p>Honors Integrated Science Lab I Required w/ Opportunity to Earn Scientific Lab Skills Middle School Level 1, 2, or 3 Micro-Badge</p>
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<p>Required Standard Courses *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:</p>	<p>Required Advanced/ College Preparatory Course of Study *Academy students are automatically enrolled in the following:</p>	<p>*Optional Additional Courses</p>	
<p>Geography 1 High School Elective Credit</p> <p>*N.C. History w/ Dr. Lowder (for NC Residents)</p> <p>Middle School Physical Science (if not previously completed through acceleration)</p> <p>Middle School Foreign Language OR High School Foreign Language 1 High School Foreign Language Credit</p>	<p>Middle School Honors Literature 3: Examination of Timeless and Universal Themes Through Literature Required</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Integrated with</p> <p>Middle School Honors Composition 3: Writing within the Content Areas and Creative Writing Required Lit + Comp. = Grade 8 English Language Arts Honors Credit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Integrated with</p> <p>Middle School Honors History 3: Issues and Conflicts Affecting Real People</p>	<p>*High School Biology Honors w/ Lab (by invitation only) 1 High School Science w/ Lab Credit</p> <p>*Discovering English Middle School (for students of English as a Second Language)</p>	
		<p>*Dance History 1, 2, or 3</p>	
<p>Choose One Or TWO:</p>	<p>Eighth Grade Math (individual, self-paced, online class)</p>	<p>Algebra I Honors (Academy Faculty Taught, hands-on, class) *Pre-Algebra is a pre-requisite 1 High School Math Credit</p>	<p>*Pre-Algebra Honors along with Eighth Grade Math (simultaneous enrollment)</p>

Middle School Course Selection Guidance:

*Science Course Selection: 6th is generally life science, 7th is generally Earth science, and 8th is generally physical science. These may be rearranged for students not following this general sequence. Opportunities for acceleration are indicated within the chart in preparation for High School Honors Biology as and 8th grader.

*Social Studies Course Selection: 6th is generally ancient civilizations, 7th is generally middle school American history, and 8th is generally middle school geography with N.C. History taught to eighth graders in N.C. Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite students take high school geography for high school elective credit in 8th grade.

*Advanced students in mathematics often complete Algebra I in the 8th grade. Planning ahead, accelerating ahead, or double enrolling in maths before the 9th grade can support this goal for interested students and parents.

*Additionally, particularly advanced students may be invited to join a course intended for a grade level above the student's typically placement. An opportunity to accelerate ahead will include an opportunity to demonstrate mastery for the typical course so as to ensure that the learning of precursory content is not missed.

College Preparatory Recommendations and Guidance Offered at the Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite:

Most colleges recommend a minimum of three science credits with at least one lab credit (a physical science, a life science, and an Earth science; lab(s) for any);

Most colleges recommend a four math credits; with one math being above Algebra II, with a math taken during the senior year;

Most colleges recommend a minimum of two years of study in the same foreign language at the high school level; some require three credits;

Most colleges require three to four social sciences; including U.S. history, a World history, and a government and civics;

Most colleges require one health credit at the high school level;

Most colleges require four years of English;

Most all colleges seek:

*well-rounded students with experiences in and out of the classroom,

*a history of engagement in service to others and/or the community;

*extra-curricular involvement (dance☺);

*mature dispositional behaviors and attitude (social-emotional skills and maturity that can be demonstrated via the earned micro-badges in this area),

*strong interpersonal and 21st Century Skills (Academy students have the opportunity to earn micro-badges in this area), and

*a history of upper-level coursework that may include college credits through programs like our dual enrollment partnership with Stanly Community College and other colleges for out-of-state students, and/or AP course credits (w/ or w/out the AP exams)

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