

Head-Royce School

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Our Middle School Community

The Head-Royce Middle School is part of a K-12 learning community nestled in a canyon in Oakland, featuring all three divisions on 22 acres of flexible learning space. Having all grades and ages on the same campus offers unique cross-divisional opportunities to fulfill our mission of developing students of character, intellect, and creativity.

Middle School Program

GRADES 6-8



At Head-Royce, we are very clear on what middle schoolers need. They are not overgrown elementary school kids or miniature high schoolers. The middle school years constitute a distinctive period of rapid growth and development—intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

Our integrated middle school program includes literature, music, language, history, math, science labs, and hands-on art activities. As they progress through the program, students master the analytical, critical thinking, and writing skills they will need to confidently tackle high school academics. Middle schoolers enjoy expanded opportunities for real-world problem-solving, creativity, and intellectual engagement.

“The middle school experience should be joyful and happy for what it is right now...not just for what it leads to.”

Middle School Faculty Member

The Magic OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Study skills are incorporated into Advising classes and throughout the school day.



Our Community Engagement program allows students to focus on a major theme and travel to different sites to make meaningful community connections.



Students build leadership skills through student government, clubs, and assemblies.



Middle School students are supplied with a school-owned Chromebook to use as an educational tool throughout the school year.



All students take physical education and can participate in athletic teams, including baseball, basketball, cross country, flag football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.



Middle Schoolers enjoy outdoor education adventures that include camping, hiking, and sea kayaking.

Curriculum Overview

SUBJECT	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
English	Composition and Literature	Composition and Literature	Composition and Literature
History	Defining Civilizations: Ancient Civilizations	American History	Regional Studies: Africa and Latin America
Mathematics	Math 6: Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1 Algebra 1A	Algebra 1B/ Advanced Topics
Science	Topics in Science	Life Science	Physical Science
World Languages	French A or B Latin A Spanish A or B Chinese A or B	French B or C Latin B Spanish B or C Chinese B or C	French C, 2, 3 Latin C Spanish C, 2, 3 Chinese C, 2, 3
Fine Arts	Band Chorus Dance Drama Filmmaking Studio Arts	Band Chorus Dance Drama Filmmaking Studio Arts	Band Chorus Dance Drama Filmmaking Studio Arts
Physical Education	PE 6	PE 7	PE 8
ALL GRADES 6-8			
Activities change quarterly and include options such as these:	Community service, athletic team practice, study hall, film, debate, jewelry making, ultimate frisbee, math club, outdoor sports, card games, Dungeons and Dragons, cooking, Miyazaki film club		

Sample Class Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:25-9:30 AM	Spanish B	American History	Life Science	Algebra	English
9:30-9:45 AM	Break (15 minutes)				
9:45-10:50 AM	Drama	Algebra	Alliance/Activities (35 minutes) Advising (30 minutes)	Spanish B	Assembly (35 minutes) Advising (30 minutes)
10:50-11:00 AM	Break (10 minutes)				
11:00-12:05 PM	Life Science	Spanish B	English	Drama	PE
12:05-12:55 PM	Lunch (50 minutes)				
12:55-2:00 PM	English	Drama	PE	Life Science	American History
2:00-2:10 PM	Break (10 minutes)				
2:10-3:15 PM	PE	Advising (30 minutes) Study Hall (35 minutes)	American History	Alliance/Activities (30 minutes) Study Hall (35 minutes)	Algebra



To ensure we deliver our mission, we commit to the following values:

Students First

We prioritize student learning, development, and well-being.

Academic Excellence

We pursue knowledge and assess our learning to better ourselves and our community.

Diversity

We embrace different perspectives, backgrounds, experiences, and identities to enrich what we can learn and do together.

Belonging

We create the conditions in which everyone thrives and brings their authentic selves.

Civic Engagement

We connect students to the local community and beyond to deepen their academic experiences and foster genuine engagement.



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TUITION ASSISTANCE

Awarded in the 2024-25 school year



70%

STUDENTS OF COLOR

Reflecting the fabric of the East Bay



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ZIP CODES

From communities all over the Bay Area



Getting to School

At Head-Royce, we want to make every aspect of your student's day positive... even the commute! Our convenient, cost-effective (and fun!) program combines dedicated buses—provided by Michael's Transportation—with AC Transit to minimize traffic while getting your student to and from campus each day as safely and simply as possible.



Scan this QR code to learn more about our transportation options and driving rules.

Come Visit

The ideal way to imagine a student's experience at Head-Royce is to walk the campus with us and see our community in action. Schedule a visit and meet our team. We'd love to hear from you.

headroyce.org/admissions

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