



The Institute for 21st Century Education

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A STUDENT'S GUIDE



The Institute for 21st Century Education provides the educational framework for Middle School girls to make the most out of this exciting time in their lives. We combine a strong core curriculum with a broad spectrum of elective classes that allows girls to explore new areas of interest – from financial literacy to forensics, broadcasting to backpacking. Students also may choose to pursue their intellectual passions outside of the classroom with the independent-study WEST Fellowship Program. The Science Research & Engineering Program provides the guidance of in-school mentors to help students as they explore real-life scientific issues. And our Middle School foundation emphasizes the importance of philanthropy and service to the larger community

The Science Research & Engineering Program

Middle School students use the excellent foundation of knowledge acquired in our core curriculum as a springboard for developing independent science research projects with guidance from both in-school and out-of-school mentors. All students also take a required year-long engineering class. Many students also choose to participate in optional competitions including regional and state science fairs.

The Academies

Developed with a specialist in gifted education, the Academy Program transforms Middle School students from passive recipients of knowledge to self-directed and proactive inquirers. The trimester-long elective classes are interdisciplinary and exploratory in nature and emphasize critical skills in creativity, planning, researching, decision-making, organizing, and cooperative learning. Girls also develop a sense of achievement that is not dependent upon grades. Middle School girls choose from options such as backpacking, financial literacy, environmental studies, and musical theater.

The WEST Fellowship Program

The WEST Fellowship Program enables seventh and eighth grade students to customize their education by conducting independent study projects. Under the guidance of in-school and out-of-school mentors, WEST Fellows write novels, create service programs, design cookbooks and much more. WEST Fellowships help students develop self-direction and hone skills in time management, research and public speaking.

The Media Literacy Program

Helping girls unpack and analyze the many messages our media sends them is a critical aspect of raising resilient and hardy girls. HB's Media Literacy Program is deliberately designed to examine the source, bias, and target audience of media messages. In conjunction with our technology department, girls create their own media, extending their understanding of use of media. All seventh graders also take a trimester of the Media Literacy Academy.

The Center for Girls' & Women's Leadership

Hathaway Brown's Middle School is dedicated to helping girls develop a broad range of leadership skills, including building a shared vision, communicating effectively, and engendering passion for a cause. Building on research that shows a clear link between the early development of leadership skills and self-esteem, HB's Middle School offers students a wide range of age-appropriate leadership opportunities, such as student government, a student-run philanthropic foundation, club leadership positions, and athletic captainships.

The Center for Multicultural Affairs

HB fosters an inclusive learning community with policies, curricula and practices that develop understanding and respect for multiple perspectives. Our Center for Multicultural Affairs participates in various national and local diversity initiatives and sponsors classes and programs to promote tolerance, understanding, and the development of a truly multicultural community. Sixth graders partner with Upper School girls in our TRUST program, developing a common language and forum for discussion around diversity learning. Inclusion, social justice, multiple perspectives, and appreciation of and respect for differences are all core values in our curriculum.

The Center for Civic Engagement & the GROW Foundation

Hathaway Brown has a long tradition of community service dating back more than a century. Each year Middle School students participate in a wide variety of hands-on service projects as well as outreach and fundraising initiatives. In addition, the Middle School has a student-run foundation, Girls Reaching Others Worldwide (GROW), which since 2000 has raised more than \$53,000 and awarded approximately \$43,000 in grants to various organizations serving the larger community. Partnerships with community organizations and hands-on involvement encourage our Middle School girls to develop an early interest in helping others and making a difference.

The Center for Global Citizenship

A 21st century education must place at its core an emphasis on a broad understanding of the world. To that end, HB's Middle School curriculum includes a year-long course exploring the geography, religions, political systems, and cultures of the world, a robust world languages curriculum, a variety of globally-focused clubs and activities such as Jr. Model UN and the Current Events Club, as well as optional trips to countries such as Costa Rica, France, Canada, Ireland, Germany, and other nations. Using our broadcasting facilities, HB brings the globe to the classroom, shortening geographic distances and forging powerful connections.

Explorations

Recognizing parents' need for supervised after-school support as well as students' desire to participate in meaningful after-school activities, Hathaway Brown's Middle School offers a wide range of activities, including athletic clubs, creative programs, a Homework Room, and a recreational After-School Club, which is staffed until 6:00 p.m. Clubs reflect student interest and may change from year to year, but include topics such as manga, fencing, jewelry-making, cooking, sports clinics, and skiing.

The Center for Sustainability

How will we live on the planet? What results from the choices we make about what we consume, how we travel, the policies we set, and the environments in which we find ourselves? The Center for Sustainability helps Middle School students dive into questions such as these through partnerships with the faculty and other centers, the Academies, co-curricular programming and opportunities for hands-on engagement. The Center for Sustainability also works with Sustainable Cleveland 2019's topical celebration years, each April highlighting action areas, such as local foods and advanced and renewable energy.



If your time at Hathaway Brown is a story,
then who's writing it?

YOU ARE.

Most schools define their students' educational paths, but HB lets you draw your own learning map through the unique Institute for 21st Century Education.

At its most basic level, the Institute is an assortment of Centers — programs related to core classes that you can join if you so choose. Its nine centers will teach you how to get big things done in a world that doesn't operate by the conventions of a classroom syllabus.

Each center aims to unleash your creativity, imagination, and passion.

In the Institute, you can dabble, try new things, and hone the character traits that matter most: Grit, Zest, Resilience, Social and Emotional Intelligence. What's more, you'll have fun doing it.

You're the author of your life. Here's your pen. Here's your paper.
Let's get started.



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