

Engineering

The Engineering course, offered to students in grades 6-8, builds problem-solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and perseverance through hands-on design challenges. In 6th grade, students follow the engineering design process, sketching solutions to everyday challenges and turning them into 3D models using professional design software; 7th grade explores Green Architecture, where students act as architects and engineers to plan, blueprint, model, and construct sustainable buildings; and 8th grade advances to Automation and Robotics, focusing on mechanisms and robotics.

The engineering teacher is:

Ms. Jill Collette

World Language

¡Hola! Bonjour! Guten Tag!

The World Language Discovery course, offered to students in 6th and 7th grade, introduces students to a new language in a fun and engaging way, covering basic conversational skills, vocabulary, and grammar while building cultural awareness and appreciation for diverse traditions and viewpoints. In 6th grade, students take Discovery Spanish, while 7th grade students take Discovery French.

6th graders will be taking Spanish.
7th graders will be taking French.

The world language teachers are:

Ms. Brittany Csar
Mrs. Leah Kim
Mrs. Amber Wilson



Important Dates

Winter Concerts:
Concerts are held in December-
dates will be given in August

Spring Concerts:
Concerts are held in May-
dates will be given in August

Rotation Dates for Unified Arts 2026-2027

Starting and Ending Dates

- ⇒ Quarter 1: August 31 - November 5
- ⇒ Quarter 2: November 6 - January 28
- ⇒ Quarter 3: January 29 - April 8
- ⇒ (Spring Break - March 22 - 29)
- ⇒ Quarter 4: April 13 - June 17

**** Date could change due to possible inclement weather dates*****

Possible Inclement Make-up Days:

- ⇒ March 1
- ⇒ April 12
- ⇒ June 1

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 17

Remember to check HAC for updates of your student's Unified Arts grade.



Unified Arts

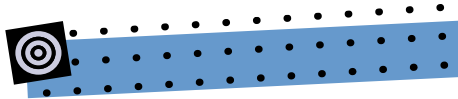
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Welcome

Welcome to Bel Air Middle's Unified Arts! This program of study is designed to enhance students' knowledge in grades 6-8 across the following areas: art, career compass, computer science, engineering, general music, health, interactive media, and world languages. The Unified Arts program is a graded ten week (approximately 45 days) rotation.



Art

We will explore various techniques, materials, and ways to create beautiful visual compositions. Students work in the areas of drawing, painting, 3D design, and visual communication. Students will produce art as they are guided through the creative process while they respond and make connections to their artwork, the artwork of others, and the world around them.



The art teachers are:

Mrs. Jennifer Byrne
Mrs. Jessica Hansrote

Career Compass

The 7th grade Career Compass course is designed to help students make informed decisions about high school as they begin choosing their paths next year. Students will conduct independent research, set career goals, experience each of the MSDE career clusters (physical & virtual activities), and learn about opportunities within HCPS that lead to careers.

The career compass teacher is:

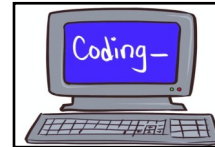
Mrs. Jessica Hansrote

Computer Education

In this course, students will develop programming skills and coding fundamentals using CodeHS and either the Python (7th grade) or JavaScript (8th grade) coding language. Explore fundamental computing concepts and their applications in this project-based course designed to foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities within a beginner-friendly environment.

The computer science teacher is:

Mrs. Sandra Castellano



Drama

The Drama course, offered to students in grades 6-8, emphasizes teamwork, communication, and creativity as students work together to create engaging performances. The units covered allow students to explore themselves and the world around them while building collaborative theater skills.



The drama teacher is:

Mrs. Crystal Smith

General Music

In General Music, students learn basic music reading and performing skills. All grade levels will explore playing the piano, guitar, and ukulele while learning about how music impacts our lives. Students rotate through the instruments throughout the quarter.

The general music teachers are:

Mrs. Sherri Domenico
Mr. Andrew Feyrer



Health



Health Education is a ten week program offered to students in

grades 6-8, builds health literacy through a progressive set of skills: 6th grade focuses on functional health knowledge, analyzing influences, accessing valid Information, and goal setting; 7th grade adds interpersonal communication and decision making; and 8th grade introduces self-management and advocacy. Throughout the program, students explore units on mental and emotional health, substance abuse prevention, disease and prevention control, safety and violence prevention, family life and human sexuality, and healthy eating (covered in 6th and 7th grade).

The health teachers are:

Mrs. Kathy Deyesu
Mrs. Erin Grad

Interactive Media

The Interactive Media course, offered to students in grades 6-8, builds digital design and filmmaking skills through a progressive curriculum. In 6th grade, students explore media literacy and are introduced to the basics of the three production phases: pre-production, production, and post-production. In 7th grade, students deepen their understanding of digital design by examining cinematography, shot types, camera angles and movement, scriptwriting, and lighting, while gaining hands-on experience with the full production process. In 8th grade, students advance to composition techniques, storyboarding, story structure, and film production, while developing creative thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and practical filmmaking skills.



The interactive media teachers are:

Mrs. Sandra Castellano
Mr. Justin Nines