

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES**

All students have to strive for academic excellence while developing his/her skills in solving problems constructively and creatively, making responsible decisions and becoming life – long learners. With this in mind, the school addresses the individual potentialities each student has through the offering of honors and regular courses.

Nonetheless, at the Middle School level, the selection of honor courses is smaller than in High School. . The purpose of the middle school is to create a period of transition and development of the abilities, thought the establishment of processes, creation of habits and study skills with a strong and rigorous program that satisfies the needs of the students through differentiation in an environment where the students share one classroom. This environment enhances the team work and the development of social skills amongst the different personalities and learning skills, requiring respect, cooperation and teamwork.

### **HONORS COURSES**

- MBS offers a series of honor classes in Math.
  - The purpose of this kind of courses is to address advanced individual potentialities through honor courses.
- The decision to place the students in these classes is based on their standardized test results, teacher recommendation, success in their current classes, and student’s interest.
- The student will receive an invitation from the administration. A meeting will be scheduled for the student, parents, teachers and the administration to discuss the placement and the requirements.

### **“ELECTIVES” or SPECIAL CLASSES.**

- “Elective” courses provide the students with the opportunity to explore areas in fine arts, performing arts and technology.
- The “electives” allow the students to pursue their interests in:
  - Fine Arts.
  - Performing Arts (Drama and Music)
  - Technology (Computers)
  - Physical Education or Team.
- These classes are a quarter long and receive all five by the end of the year.
- Although they are called “electives”, each student is placed in one without the option to choose.