

**Eastern Middle School**

# **Humanities and Communication Magnet Program**

**for Grades 6 through 8**



**Eastern Middle School  
300 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, MD 20901**



Rockville, Maryland



## Program

The Humanities and Communication Magnet Program provides unique and challenging learning opportunities in a three-year program for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Designed around a strong interdisciplinary humanities program, this center focuses on developing students' ability to use language and media effectively to present results of their academic inquiry.

### ★ Writing

The program offers students intensive courses in writing as well as opportunities for their finest writing products to be published and broadcast. Students incorporate their writing skills with skills learned in other classes to create pieces such as position papers, plays, brochures, magazine articles, and academic research papers.

### ★ World Studies

Students make cross-cultural connections by working as part of a group to develop an understanding of historical events, leading up to problem-solving tasks regarding real-world issues.

### ★ Media Production

Students have hands-on opportunities to work as members of production teams in a variety of multimedia projects. Students gain skills as performers, cinematographers, producers, directors, audio engineers, editors, and graphic artists. Students work with television, film, radio, and computer technology.

## Course Offerings

The Eastern program offers the following:

### ★ Interdisciplinary humanities instruction

Students are encouraged to make connections among ideas presented in their courses, study selected topics in depth, and develop critical and creative thinking skills.

### ★ Creative and technical writing

Students produce written work (scripts, research, historical fiction, essays) across selected subject areas, with frequent opportunities for publication and broadcast. Students develop the skills to—

- acquire information from a variety of sources,
- analyze and evaluate information,
- develop a point of view or perspective,
- select the most effective medium for conveying this perspective to the audience, and
- present that perspective clearly and effectively.

In addition, Eastern offers a broad range of courses, which include the following:

- ★ Accelerated classes in science, math, and foreign language.
- ★ Strong visual and performing arts classes in instrumental and choral music, drama, painting, and other fine arts.
- ★ Elective courses (open to all interested students) in print and visual media, law, and the study of other cultures..

## Unique Opportunities

Eastern Middle School provides unique opportunities in the humanities. Students receive behind-the-scenes tours of museums, galleries, and other facilities in the Washington, D.C., area. They also participate in publication and broadcasting activities, including a five-day program in New York City.

## Transportation

School bus transportation to and from Eastern Middle School is provided for students in Grades 6–8. Currently, students are picked up at designated sites throughout Montgomery County. Activity buses are provided an hour later than the regular dismissal time on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

## Directions to Eastern Middle School

Route 495 to University Boulevard (Langley Park), straight on University Boulevard to left on Franklin Avenue, to the school on the right.

- ★ Call or write to  
Matthew Kerwin, *Magnet Coordinator*  
Leslie Goldstein, *Magnet Secretary*  
Eastern Middle School Magnet Program  
300 University Boulevard, East  
Silver Spring, MD 20901  
Phone: 301-650-6654

## Admissions Process

For information about the meetings, admission and testing, please visit our websites:

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Admission to the Humanities and Communications Program is competitive. Criteria used to evaluate candidates may include written statements from candidates, previous grades, coursework, and test scores. Students will complete a series of tests in November. Students from the following high school clusters will be screened for the Eastern Program: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Churchill, the Downcounty Consortium, the Northeast Consortium, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, Whitman or Wootton.

# Timeline

## Information Meeting

October Central meeting location

## Testing

November Parents of Grade 5 students will receive information about testing for the program in the fall. Testing will take place at the local elementary school in November.

## Notification

January Families are notified of selection decisions by mail

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