

2024-2025
Memorial Baptist
Middle School
Registration Packet



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MBS Mission Statement

The mission of Memorial Baptist School is to provide a high quality, comprehensive academic program in a loving Christian environment. The school is dedicated to the belief that young people need both strong educational and spiritual guidance to grow into adults who will be the next generation of leaders in our community.

Middle School Tuition (6th, 7th and 8th Grades)

A **\$250 nonrefundable registration fee** is paid for each student (new or returning). **Tuition for the school year is \$6,750** which is paid directly to Memorial Baptist School. Payments may be paid in 10 monthly installments of \$675.00 beginning August 5th and ending May 5th of 2025.

Admissions

While Memorial Middle School receives most of its students from our Elementary School program, we gladly accept transfer students so long as the space is available. Transfer students must provide records from their previous school(s) in order to be considered for admission. All potential incoming students and their parents must attend an in person interview with a member of Memorial's administration. A brief reading test will be administered to each incoming student to assess the basic skill levels needed to properly participate and perform at a Middle School level.

Middle School Curriculum

Literature: The Literature program at MBS provides students with a rigorous, but meaningful exposure to the greatest works of literature our culture has produced through a classically oriented curriculum. Our Middle School students read one book each 9 week grading period, which comes to four books read in total throughout the school year. Through consistent practice, our students become oriented with the basic tenets of literature required to develop an advanced understanding of the written word. While our reading curriculum changes on a yearly basis, examples of past readings can give one a better understanding of what our students experience during the school year. Treasure Island, The Westing Game, The Outsiders, Animal Farm, The Magician's Nephew, The Great Gatsby, The Lightning Thief, and The Giver are just a few examples of what to expect when participating in our Literature program.

Social Studies: Social Studies exists as the foundation to understanding any society or civilization. At Memorial, we place great emphasis on the humanities and the incredible benefits that can come from their study. By introducing our students to the complicated nature of people and our equally complex past, we teach them to not only understand their own culture and that of others, but also how to become better overall citizens. Our students learn about a wide array of concepts, people, and events, in order to make them well rounded and articulate in each topic. Memorial offers the following Social Studies courses in Middle School: 6th Grade – World Civilizations; 7th Grade – Late US History/Civics; 8th Grade – Louisiana History

Science: Our Science program continues to grow beyond expectations. With the completion of our Middle School building, our students now have access to not only an individual oriented classroom, but also a first rate science lab. In our lab, Middle School students have the unique opportunity to conduct hands on experiments that bring each lesson to life in a tangible, meaningful way. It is through these unique, academically advanced experiences that our students begin utilizing classroom knowledge in real life scenarios. Our Middle School offers the following Science courses: 6th Grade – Earth Science; 7th Grade - Biology; 8th Grade – Physical Science

Math: Our Math Department aims to strengthen each student’s critical foundational skills in arithmetic. Middle School exists as a major transition for students. It is in our math classes that our students receive the proper training, knowledge, and practice required to begin the more advanced calculations they will encounter in their high school classes. Through rigorous work and consistent practice, we ensure each student at Memorial a thorough framework with which to build their future advancements upon.

Grammar: Our Grammar classes stand separately from our Literature classes. By focusing exclusively on grammar, we are able to give our students a separate, distinct training in the written word. Grammar serves as the basis of both our spoken language and written communication. We place great emphasis on the proper employment of the English language, as it will undoubtedly allow our students to excel academically, professionally, and even socially. By effectively communicating according to the rules of English grammar, our students will have the opportunity to succeed in all facets of life, not just education.

Bible: Each student must take a bible class in order to receive full credit for the yearly curriculum. MBS’ bible classes introduce our students to the history, structure, and meaning of the Christian bible. It is through these courses that we earnestly hope that each student will begin to think about and develop a genuine relationship with their Creator. Additionally, by studying the Christian bible in an academic setting, our students learn directly from the foundational cornerstone of Judeo-Christianity culture and Western Civilization itself. More than this, each student will be exposed to the basic principles of ethics and morality. It is through our bible program that each student begins to think about spirituality on an intellectual level.

Principal Riggs and MBS Teachers review and choose a specific combination of curriculum programs designed especially for our Middle School students. To ensure our students receive proper instruction, our teachers incorporate core standards in every lesson plan. At the end of each semester (Fall/Spring), Middle School students take their semester exams. These exams are cumulative and require a retaining of knowledge acquired throughout the school year. This strategy also thoroughly prepares our students for our annual standardized testing each Spring.

MBS issues textbooks to each student in August upon the beginning of the school year. Hardback textbooks are the property of the school and must be turned in at the end of the school year. However, some school books take the form of consumable items (workbooks, novels, work packets, etc.), which can only be used for one school year and do not require turning in at the end of the school year.

Middle School will receive their supply lists at the beginning of the school year. Students may bring in their supplies during Orientation night, which takes place prior to the first day of school.

MBS requires students to bring their own fully-charged personal laptop to school every day in order to complete academic work. These computers act as helpful tools for students to utilize in their creativity, assignments, collaborations, and critical thinking skills. A computer with just two basic specifications is acceptable: capable of connecting to a wireless network for Internet research and Microsoft access + a regularly updated Anti-virus program.

Specialty Classes

Chapel: We have carefully designed our chapel program to help each student experience a meaningful spiritual experience and to help demonstrate an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayer, singing, Bible teaching, Scripture recitation, and presentations exist as the major elements included in our chapel program. Chapel takes place once every week in the sanctuary of our church building.

Physical Education: Our Physical Education department at MBS strives to develop our students both mentally and physically. Our successful program engages students both individually and collectively through wholesome physical activities and recreation. Due to the great necessity of this program, MBS requires all students to participate in our organized Physical Education classes.

Grading and Assessments

Memorial categorizes its grading system into the following four weighted categories: Tests (40%); Quizzes (30%); Homework (15%); Participation (15%). Assessments are given on a weekly basis. Grading reports are divided into (4) nine week periods in which report cards are sent home. Additionally, interim reports are released at the halfway point of each grading period in order for both students and parents to have a firm knowledge of where the student stands academically.

Two major projects encompass our curriculum each year: Social Studies Project and Science Project. The Social Studies project will have each student choose a topic of their liking pertaining to American History. They must conduct their own research, write a thorough report, and present their information in our annual Social Studies Fair. Likewise, Memorial also hosts a Science Fair each year. Students must present a scientific question, attempt to answer said question utilizing the tenets of the scientific method, and report their findings. Each of these projects encompass a major portion of the student's grade, and serve as a vital part of teaching the core principles of preparation, responsibility, and utilization of critical thinking skills.

Sports

Our growing sports program at Memorial continues to add activities and participants with each passing year. Our Middle School students can enjoy a variety of competitive physical activities ranging from, but not limited to, Flag Football, Cheer, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, and Baseball. Our sports program competes on a regular basis with teams from various other middle schools in the local area.

Uniform

Middle School students wear uniform black polo shirts Monday—Thursday and black spirit shirts on Fridays. The school will keep a small amount of shirts in inventory throughout the school year. Shirt orders are placed over the summer and will become available for the new school year on August 1st. Bottoms must be khaki.

The only acceptable school jacket is our blue Memorial fleece jacket embroidered with student name (First initial, Last name). These may be ordered through the office as early as late July.

Backpack

Middle school students may only use the school backpacks that are embroidered with student name (First initial, last name). These backpacks have a designated spot for laptops, but students should still use caution with the laptops and textbooks inside. Students may use a separate protective case for laptops if they prefer.

Lunch Program

Middle School offers concession stand breakfast items after 1st period. Lunch may be ordered from the following restaurants during the week: Subway (Tuesdays & Fridays); Smoothie King (Monday); Raising Cane's (Wednesdays); MBS Concession Stand Personal pizzas (Friday); Piccadilly (Monday – Friday). Vending machines are also available on campus for purchases during lunch and before/after school.

Students must fill out their lunch order each morning in homeroom. Payment is automatically deducted from the student's school lunch account. Money may be added to a student's lunch account at the school office or online. The front office will advise parents when a student's lunch account reaches a low threshold via a note home and/or email. If a student arrives tardy but still needs to order lunch, we ask parents to contact our office no later than 9:00 am to place a lunch order.

Phone Policy

Students are allowed to have phones on their person before and after school **only**. At the beginning of school, phones must be turned **off** (not silenced) and turned into homeroom teacher. If a student has possession of a phone during the restricted times, it will be confiscated and placed in the office for their parents to pick up at the end of the day. A second offense will forfeit the student's right to have a phone on campus for the remainder of the year.

Application for Admission 2024-2025 School Year



Please check grade student will be entering: 6 7 8

Student's Full Legal Name:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Home Address: Number & Street _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Gender: Male Female

Current Grade: _____ Current School: _____

(The following information is required by state of LA)

Ethnicity: Non Hispanic/Latino Hispanic/Latino
Race: American Indian or Alaska Native Asian
 Black or African American Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 Multiracial White

Preferred method of communication: Letter Email
 Text (please provide phone carrier) _____

Child Lives with: Both Parents Mother Father Other

Father or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone# _____

Mother or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone# _____

Name of Church Family Attends: (if none, state none) _____

Are you church members there? Yes No

Names and Grades of siblings who attend Memorial Baptist School:

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Complete Application must include copies of the following: Student's Immunization Record

Student's Birth Certificate Student's Social Security Card Standardized Test Scores Report Cards

For office use only:

Date Application Received:	Tuition Adjustments:	Registration Payment (non-refundable):
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People authorized to pick up my child and notify in case parent or legal guardian cannot be reached:

Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Contact # _____
Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Contact # _____
Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Contact # _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone # _____

Does your child require Medication? Yes No If so, please list medication: _____

Does your child have any Allergies? Yes No If so, please list allergies: _____

Please list any other medical information you feel the school should have to better serve your child:

Authorization to take child to East Jefferson General Hospital Emergency Room for treatment in the event parents, guardians, or emergency contacts cannot be reached:

Yes _____ (initial) No _____ (initial)

I do hereby grant to Memorial Baptist School permission for my child to be photographed, audio/video and/or filmed while participating in Memorial Baptist school activities. I fully understand that the film or photographs can be shown on the church's website or Facebook page, published in the local newspaper (The Times Picayune) and/or other gatherings which concern the education of our children.

Yes _____ (initial) No _____ (initial)

Please submit applications in person at the school office.

For additional information, please contact: kmcknight@mbsmetairie.org

The person completing this application must be the students' parent or legal guardian. If parents are legally separated, divorced, or otherwise not married it must be the custodial parent who fills out this application. Signing the application indicates acceptance for the responsibility of school payments. Statements and other communications will be sent to this responsible party.

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

MBS Financial Agreement 2024-2025

I (we) understand that by registering my (our) child, a space will be reserved for my (our) child.

I (we) understand that MBS is providing my child with a challenging academic program in a nurturing Christian environment. My child's admission into this program is contingent on paying the costs of tuition, fees, and any additional charges when due.

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month beginning in AUGUST and ending in MAY. Tuition is considered LATE after the 5th of the month, a \$50 late fee will be charged. If tuition is not paid by the 15th, an additional \$50 late fee will be charged.

Failure to keep your account current on a monthly basis will result in your child not being able to return to school the following month.

Person(s) financially responsible for student:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Relationship: _____

Contact #: _____

Contact #: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Previous School: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Attention: Student Record Clerk

The student/s listed below has/have recently enrolled at Memorial Baptist School.

Name

Present Grade

Please forward the following information:

Cumulative Transcript

Withdrawal Grades

Report Cards

Immunization Records

Copies of Birth Certificate

School Attendance Summary

We appreciate your immediate attention to this request. Thank You.