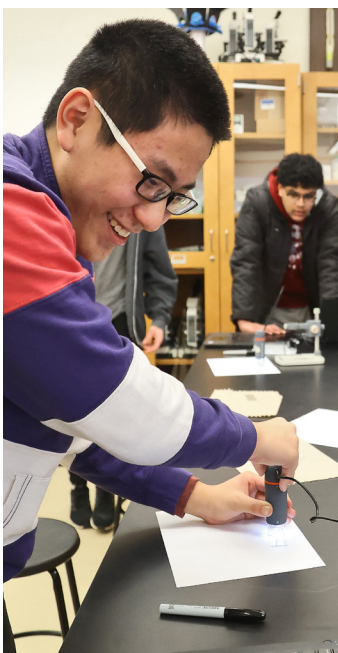


# MICDS

JK-12 : A LIFE OF DISCOVERY



## MICDS OFFERS INCREDIBLE STRENGTHS:

a robust and compelling mission that informs the work of the School, strong and forward-thinking programming, involved parents and generous alumni, an increasingly diverse and global community, lively school spirit, an impressive faculty and superb resources. Only in a school that spans early childhood through 12th grade can we attend to the careful articulation of the curricular and co-curricular experiences that allow students to develop the habits of heart and mind at the very core of the MICDS mission.



## JK-12 PROFILE

- Total Enrollment 2023-2024 - 1,243 students
  - Upper School (grades 9-12) - 618
  - Middle School (grades 5-8) - 407
  - Lower School (grades JK-4) - 218
    - Class Size - 12-18

Coeducational JK-12; Middle School grades have a blend of single gender and coed classes.

## JK-12 FACULTY PROFILE

- Total faculty - 162
- 75% have advanced degrees
- Average number of years teaching - 19 years
- Average tenure at MICDS - 10 years
- 59% female, 41% male

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our community seeks and welcomes diverse backgrounds and perspectives as integral components of the foundation of excellence upon which our School is built.

- 42% of our students identify themselves as students of color
- Our students come to us from many neighborhoods around the greater St. Louis area (representing over 70 zip codes)
- Over 40 countries represented by MICDS parents and students at biennial International Expo



## A CAMPUS DESIGNED FOR LEARNING

The natural beauty of our 100-acre campus serves as a perfect backdrop for the School's exceptional facilities that provide an excellent educational experience for all students. From a state-of-the-art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) facility to nine separate classroom buildings to professional quality theatres, art studios, music rooms, outstanding athletic fields and facilities, including an 80,000 square-foot athletic center and a natatorium featuring an 40 meter pool, to many inviting student-centered common areas – the campus and its resources support the School's goal of delivering an unparalleled learning experience in a supportive campus community.



## ARTS AND ATHLETICS

All students from JK through 8th grade experience a thorough grounding in physical education, creative movement, visual art, drama, and vocal and instrumental music as a regular part of their school life. Students in 9th-12th grades pursue areas of special interest—participation in the Athletics program is required for four years and Arts are required for two years depending on the area of study. Fifteen after-school sports are offered in grades 7-8 and 29 interscholastic sports are offered in grades 9-12. Student-athletes enjoy top-of-the-line facilities and coaching for training and competition. MICDS boasts 76 state championships in 15 sports over the last 10 years.

## TECHNOLOGY

Our teachers understand that technology is a powerful tool that, when used responsibly, facilitates the development of a rigorous, engaging and innovative curriculum. Students create multimedia presentations; express themselves via blogs, wikis and podcasts; gather real-world data; develop and test complex models; explore libraries and museums from around the globe; and ultimately experience a true 21st-century education. Students in grades JK-4 receive a school-issued iPad for at school use, and students grades 5-12 receive a school-issued laptop for use at school and home.

## WORLD LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES

Grades JK-6 study Spanish. After 6th grade, choices also include French, Latin, and Mandarin Chinese. After 9th grade, Greek is included as an option.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT®

MICDS has one of the most robust Advanced Placement® programs in the Midwest Region of the College Board. In 2023, 347 students took 743 AP® exams with 83% of students receiving a qualifying score of 3 or higher.

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COLLEGE COUNSELING

Our nationally recognized college counseling program sets us apart from other schools in our region. Starting in 9th grade, students work with one of our team of counselors to learn how to make informed decisions, to plan for the future, to make the most of their experiences and talents, and to ultimately select the college or university that will be the best fit. The four-year time frame ensures that students can take ownership of the process while still being able to rely on a system of support that is comprehensive and individualistic. Historically, MICDS students have continued their studies at many of the nation’s most selective and prestigious four-year colleges and universities. Here is a sampling of institutions our graduates have matriculated to over the past five years:

Boston College	New York University
Bowdoin College	Northwestern
Brown	Princeton
Carleton College	Richmond
Carnegie Mellon	Southern Methodist
Colgate	Stanford
Columbia	Tufts
Cornell	United States Naval Academy
Dartmouth	University of California, Los Angeles
Davidson College	University of Chicago
DePauw	University of Michigan
Duke	University of Missouri
Emory	University of North Carolina
George Washington	University of Notre Dame
Georgetown	University of Pennsylvania
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Southern California
Harvard	University of Virginia
Indiana University	Vanderbilt
Johns Hopkins	Wake Forest
Lehigh	Washington University
Miami University	Yale
Middlebury College	



COLLEGE TEST SCORES

SAT Composite	
MICDS Median .....	1323
Class of 2023	
ACT Composite	
MICDS Median .....	28
Class of 2023	

MICDS PARENTS ARE INVOLVED

The Parent-School Partnership recognizes and celebrates the fact that both parents and the School support a child’s growth in unique and important ways. Through the MICDS Parents Association, parents can become involved in many areas of the School. Each year we aim for 100% parent participation in MICDS Fund support, an important source of operating revenue for the School.

## ADMISSION

We welcome applications at all grade levels with our main entry points at Junior Kindergarten (age 4), Senior Kindergarten and 4th grade in the Lower School; 5th, 6th and 7th grades in the Middle School; and 9th grade in the Upper School. The admission process begins in the fall of the year before a student's entry into the School. During the admission process, we learn about our applicants from the application, interview, teacher recommendations, school records and grades, school observation, testing and school visit.

The application deadline for 9th Grade is December 8, 2023. Applications for Grades 5-12 (with the exception of 9th Grade) are due January 9, 2024. The deadline for Grades JK-4 applications is January 26, 2024. Our admission process encourages thoughtful and mutual exploration of interests, attitudes and philosophies. MICDS admits qualified candidates without regard to race, religion or ethnic origin. Tuition assistance is available for families who demonstrate need.



## 2023-2024 TUITION AND FEES

Junior Kindergarten (age 4) through Grade 4.....	\$24,250
Grades 5 and 6 .....	\$28,750
Grades 7 through 12 .....	\$33,250

*Included in tuition: lunch and after school snack, field trips for all grades, laptops for grades 5-12, summer bridge programs for new students grades 5-12. Books and miscellaneous fees for grades 5-12 average \$300-\$1500 per year, depending on the grade level.*

*Gifts to the Annual Fund help to offset the cost of tuition and the full cost of educating a student at MICDS. All gifts are considered charitable contributions and are fully tax-deductible.*



## TUITION ASSISTANCE

MICDS offers need-based tuition assistance grants for families who are unable to cover the cost of tuition. The application process for tuition assistance is separate from the admission application. For the 2023-2024 school year over \$6.3 million in tuition assistance was granted to 26% of the student body. The average grant for lower school was \$14,100, for 5th and 6th grade \$17,000 and for 7th through 12th the average grant was \$21,600.

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