

Polson Middle School

Related Arts Offerings

Physical Education

As a result of a K-12 education in the Madison Public Schools, all students will be able to independently use their learning to:

- use the appropriate skills, concepts, and strategies to participate in a variety of physical activities
- safely participate in physical activities that promote wellness throughout life.
- effectively seek and use feedback in order to set goals to improve performance.
- demonstrate sportsmanship, responsibility, cooperation, and teamwork.

All students participate in our Physical education courses which meet every other day for the full year. Throughout the school year, students participate in a number of individual and team activities including but not limited to flag football, soccer, field/floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, personal fitness, track and field and badminton and Frisbee. The emphasis in each unit is skill development, teamwork and fitness. Students are required to wear “gym clothes” every class. All students will complete the Ct State Fitness Test in the Fall.

Health

All students participate in our Health courses which meet every other day for one trimester. The thirty-day health course introduces students to a variety of health topics while emphasizing the concept of wellness. Students explore, analyze, discuss, and debate health topics such as nutrition and fitness, substance abuse, emotional health, and media literacy. Students learn the process of decision making while recognizing how their choices can contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Computer Technology

As a result of a K-12 education in the Madison Public Schools, all students will be able to independently use their learning to:

- Adapt to a rapidly changing, man-made world by using problem solving to generate solutions from the conceptual stage to the final product.
- Consider technological issues from different points of view and relate them to a variety of contexts.
- Apply concepts from science, mathematics, social studies, language arts, and other content areas as tools for understanding and managing technological systems.
- Understand that technology is the result of human activity or innovation.
- Understand the use of technology as an essential tool to communicate complex ideas in a global society.

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Visual Art

As a result of a K-12 education in the Madison Public Schools, all students will be able to independently use their learning to:

- Create works in one or more media to express ideas and/or evoke mood and emotion.
- Identify and explore new ideas in order to transform existing solutions or develop new solutions to real world problems.
- Critically self-reflect on, analyze, and evaluate their artwork and seek feedback as needed.
- Deconstruct a visual image using the principles and elements of art and interpret intended meaning.

All students participate in our Art courses which meet every other day for one trimester. Both Grade 7 and Grade 8 Art courses give students the opportunity to be creative thinkers. We study and interpret specific artists and art styles. Students learn skills that help them achieve success when working two dimensionally and three dimensionally. Students are introduced to different art media and tools that help them express themselves. Final artworks are displayed throughout the community during the school year.

Music and Theater Electives

As a result of a K-12 education in the Madison Public Schools, all students will be able to independently use their learning to:

- Employ the creative design process to create a piece of music.
- Interpret and adapt a musical composition and refine musical skills in order to perform for a variety of audiences.
- Develop an emotional response to a musical composition through analyzing and interpreting the structure, context and composer's intent.

All students have the opportunity to choose from the following elective courses:

Chorus (meets three out of six days)

Band (meets four out of six days)

Jazz Band (meets three out of six days)

Orchestra (meets five out of six days)

Polson Musical Theatre (meets three out of six days)

Polson Theatre (meets three out of six days)