

## About Marston Middle School

There is no other school like Marston Middle School. Marston offers the most STEAM courses and has the best learning environment. Marston students take 7 classes per day, while most schools offer just 6. Marston students get to choose an elective class from a list of about 10 choices. In addition to the elective class, Marston students take 10 exploration courses throughout the year during first period. Marston offers about 50 of these 3-week, non-graded, exploration courses and students only attend the exploration classes that they personally selected. We believe that it is only when students engage in something they are truly passionate about, that they can realize their full potential. Our structure allows students to build on their strengths and also explore potential new passions.

At Marston, we believe in all of our students and pride ourselves on integrating college-prep rigor into all courses. This is only possible because of the excellent teachers we have. Marston teachers are very experienced, compassionate and invested in the school and community. Marston has a very stable faculty; many Marston teachers have been working here for more than 15 years.



Marston students are anchors in the weekly newscast, *The Mariner Report*. Video Production is one of 10 elective classes at Marston.

## Comprehensive Student Support

We continuously have a pulse on each student's academic progress. Every 3 weeks, each student takes a test on the key learning targets from each core class. Students who do not pass the assessment participate in an intervention class where the student learns the content in a different format. This second attempt at learning helps students learn the key content and become prepared for the upcoming content. In addition to intervention classes offered during advisory, teachers make themselves available for extra help a few times per week. The Marston library is also open for help and enrichment before school, during lunch and after school. Reaching every child is possible at Marston because of the commitment, compassion and determination of all of our staff members.



Marston's orchestra performing at a concert. Marston's music program includes jazz band, choir, orchestra, band and guitar!

## 2022-2023 Elective Class Offerings

Band	Video Production
Advanced Band	Graphic Design and Animation
Orchestra	Engineering (PLTW Gateway to Tech)
Choir	Visual Art and Guitar
Construction	Spanish (2 levels)



Marston's award-winning robotics team practices for competitions with the help of Clairemont H.S. mentors. Robotics meets during exploration class time. Marston offers over 50 exploration courses.

## Exploration Courses

(3-week courses, during the advisory period)

ASB	Guitar
Cooking and Nutrition	Jazz Band
Entrepreneurship	Rock Band
Coding	Anime and Manga Drawing
CPR and First-Aid	Cartoon Drawing
Egg Drop	Pencil Sketching
Video Editing	Painting
STEM Olympics	Origami
Robotics (Lego League)	Photography
3D Design	Theater and Improv
Computer Coding (Python)	Lacrosse
Cryptography	Yoga
School News Broadcast	Basketball
Yearbook	Flag Football
Gardening	Gymnastics and Tumbling
Creative Writing	Handball
Film Study: Anime	Hockey
Greek Mythology	Soccer
Pet Care	Softball
Crochet and Knitting	Tennis
Peer Buddies	Martial Arts
Friendship Bracelets	Volleyball
Fused Glass Pendants	Weight Training
Board Games and Chess	Walking
Reading for Fun	Juggling

### Academic Distinctions

Marston's test scores have increased annually since the implementation of the SBAC test. Marston exceeds the State average in all 6 testing categories. Marston regularly wins awards at local competitions such as The iVies (video production), CCTE Showcase (Project-Based Learning) and SoCal FLL Robotics.

### Advanced Classes

Marston's standard courses put students on the pathway to college acceptance. Marston also offers *Accelerated Math* and *Advanced English* for students performing above grade level.

### Neighborhood Enrollment

Neighborhood enrollment has significantly increased over the past 10 years. About 80% of Marston students are from one of Marston's five feeder elementary schools (Alcott, Bay Park, Cadman, Holmes and Toler).

### Neighborhood Bus

Marston offers free neighborhood busing to/from three local stops – Holmes, Bay Park and Cadman.

#### Marston Bell Schedule Traditional School Year

NOTE: Marston does not have weekly early release days

Period 1 (Advisory)	8:00 - 8:35
Period 2	8:40 - 9:30
Period 3	9:35 - 10:25
Period 4	10:30 - 11:20
Lunch	11:25 - 11:55
Period 5	12:00 - 12:50
Period 6	12:55 - 1:45
Period 7	1:50 - 2:40

### Before and After School Care

The YMCA's *Primetime* provides free on-campus before and after-school activities for students including sports, art projects, video games, cooking and homework help

### New Facilities

Marston will soon have the best middle school facilities in the region. Projects include a new gymnasium, 5-acre grass soccer field, new large parking lot and several renovated rooms including classrooms, locker rooms, bathrooms, music room and cafeteria.



Marston students will use the new gymnasium for P.E. classes, exploration courses, lunchtime basketball and after school sports

### Middle School Sports

Marston offers boys and girls sports teams for basketball, track, flag football, volleyball and soccer in the top middle school divisions. Marston will also offer sports training by professionals on campus in the new sports venues.

### Marston is Safe, Positive and Fun!

The Marston staff is fully committed to ensure all students are safe and comfortable. It starts with caring relationships and character education. Additionally Marston has a full-time campus supervisor, security cameras, perimeter fencing and ongoing professional development such as *Capturing Kids' Hearts* and *Restorative Practices*.

In addition to the exploration and elective courses, Marston offers many clubs and extra-curricular opportunities such as JumpStart Theater, *Peer Leaders Uniting Students*, CJSF and GSA.

### Come visit us!

We usually host school tours at 9:15 a.m. on the first Friday of the month. Please check the Google calendar on the Marston website prior to visiting.

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