

Teaching and Learning

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At Great Minds Virtual (GMV), we empower our students to build knowledge, community, and fearless curiosity about the world around them. We've carefully planned a research-based approach to teaching and learning to ensure that all students are active learners who engage in rich discussions to develop critical thinking skills and the competencies needed to collaborate with others.



High-Quality Curriculum

GMV uses only the highest quality knowledge-rich curriculum materials, and only those that are nationally recognized. This gives every student access to resources that have earned top ratings from independent, respected curriculum reviewers like the nonprofit organization EdReports. Middle school students at GMV learn with these curricula:

SUBJECT	CURRICULUM	GRADE LEVEL
English Language Arts (ELA)	<i>Wit & Wisdom</i> ®	6-8
Math	<i>Eureka Math</i> 2™	6-8
Science	OpenSciEd	6-8
History	Core Knowledge History and Geography (CKHG) and the Document-Based Question (DBQ) Project	6-8
World Languages	Immersive Spanish	6-8
Applied Arts and Sciences	Project Lead the Way	6-8
	Digital Photography	6
	Fine Arts	7
	Art History	8



STUDENT MATERIALS: GMV supplies every student with the materials they need for hands-on learning. These include materials for safe science experiments, art supplies, ELA reading materials, textbooks, workbooks, digital tools, and more. We also offer needs-based grants for technology hardware.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING: At GMV, we are committed to nurturing students' social-emotional skills. Our teachers encourage and support students as they learn to work collaboratively with their peers, communicate clearly (both orally and in writing), and problem solve through inquiry and exploration.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND ACCESSIBILITY (DEIA): The goal of our work in DEIA is to advance understanding among people of all backgrounds, cultures, religions, and races. We endeavor to create brave spaces for dialogue; highlight the benefits of diversity for our students, faculty members, staff, and administrators; and build bridges of respect among the different members of the GMV community.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: GMV's schedule includes time for co-curricular activities and clubs, giving students more opportunities to explore their interests, work together with peers, and contribute to the school community as well as the wider world.


Daily Schedule

Our instructional approach offers both structure and flexibility. Students start each day with a community-building advisory, followed by scheduled live academic classes via Zoom. Engaging live lessons allow students to interact with each other just as in a traditional school, asking questions and discussing answers among themselves. They also participate in writing exercises and engage in deep problem solving.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20-8:45	Advisory				
PERIOD 1 8:45-9:30	English Language Arts	Science	English Language Arts	Applied Science and Art	English Language Arts
PERIOD 2 9:35-10:20	Math	Science	Math	Applied Science and Art	Math
10:20-10:30	Break				
PERIOD 3 10:30-11:15	Spanish	Applied Science and Art	Spanish	Spanish	Science
PERIOD 4 11:15-12:00	Intervention/ Enrichment (A/B weeks)	History	History	History	Clubs
12:00-12:30	Lunch				
1-2 HOURS	Asynchronous Work - Teachers available during office hours				

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