

MICDS

JK-12 : A LIFE OF DISCOVERY



MICDS OFFERS INCREDIBLE STRENGTHS:

At MICDS, your experience will be shaped by meaningful relationships, purposeful challenges, and opportunities to discover what excites you, what challenges you, and what you are capable of becoming. You will explore new interests, develop your strengths, encounter perspectives different from your own, and learn to understand and navigate an increasingly complex world. Along the way, you will develop the curiosity, confidence, and compassion to ask difficult questions, engage thoughtfully with others, and make choices grounded in what is good and right.

Only at a school that spans ages 4 through 12th grade can those experiences build on one another throughout a student's journey. From the earliest years through senior year, each stage opens new possibilities for discovery while building on what came before, helping students grow not only as learners, but as thoughtful, capable people who understand their responsibility to others and are prepared to lead lives of purpose and service.



STUDENT PROFILE

- Total Enrollment 2026-2027..... **1,242**
- Upper School (grades 9-12).....**612**
- Middle School (grades 5-8).....**405**
- Lower School (grades JK-4).....**225**
- Class Size.....**12-18**

FACULTY PROFILE

- 63% female, 37% male
- Total faculty.....**162**
- Faculty with advanced degrees.....**77%**
- Average number of years teaching.....**21**
- Average tenure at MICDS.....**12 years**

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.

- Students of Color..... 42%
- Zip codes represented..... 74
- Countries represented at MICDS International Expo..... 40+



ARTS & 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 65 state championships in 14 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 2026, 356 students took 826 AP® exams with 89% of students receiving a qualifying score of 3 or higher.

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A CAMPUS DESIGNED FOR LEARNING

The natural beauty of our 100-acre campus, supported by generous philanthropy over 160 years, serves as a perfect backdrop for the School's exceptional facilities. Academic resources include a state-of-the-art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) facility, nine classroom buildings for our three divisions, and three libraries. Artists enjoy the use of three theatres and multiple art and music studios. Athletes practice and compete on outstanding fields and facilities, including an 80,000 square-foot multi-purpose center, a water-turf field, a multi-sport stadium, a dedicated track & field stadium, and a natatorium featuring a 40-meter pool. These resources, in addition to many inviting student-centered common areas across campus, support the School's goal of delivering an unparalleled learning experience in a supportive community.

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 (CLASS OF '26)	
MICDS Median	1340
ACT Composite (CLASS OF '26)	
MICDS Median	30

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 11, 2026. Applications for Grades 5-12 (with the exception of 9th Grade) are due January 12, 2027. The deadline for Grades JK-4 applications is January 29, 2027. 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.



2026-2027 TUITION & FEES

Junior Kindergarten (age 4) - Grade 4.....	\$28,120
Grades 5 & 6	\$32,560
Grades 7 - 12	\$38,570

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 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 2026-2027 school year over \$8.7 million in tuition assistance was granted to 31% of the student body. The average grant for lower school was \$18,500, for 5th and 6th grade \$19,750 and for 7th through 12th the average grant was \$24,690.

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