



Curriculum Guide to Eighth Grade



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HILLEL
ACADEMY

Child Development



Eighth Grade at Bader Hillel Academy...

is a culminating year that emphasizes leadership, independence, and readiness for high school. Students are challenged academically while being supported as they refine critical thinking, communication, and organizational skills. The year highlights personal growth, responsibility, and strong Jewish identity within a caring, values-driven community.

Social and Emotional Development

Social-emotional learning emphasizes leadership, resilience, and self-reflection. Students practice goal-setting, collaboration, and self-advocacy while navigating the responsibilities of their final middle school year. Teachers support students in developing confidence, integrity, and readiness for high school life.

Eighth Grade Experience

LANGUAGE ARTS

Eighth graders engage in advanced reading and analysis of literary and informational texts. Students examine themes, author's craft, and perspective while supporting interpretations with evidence. Writing instruction emphasizes clarity, structure, and voice across analytical, argumentative, and creative pieces. Students strengthen discussion, presentation, and research skills in preparation for high school expectations.

MATHEMATICS

Math instruction focuses on higher-level problem solving and abstract reasoning. Students work with algebraic concepts, linear relationships, geometry, and data analysis, building a strong foundation for high school mathematics. Emphasis is placed on accuracy, logical thinking, and explaining mathematical processes clearly.

SCIENCE/ SOCIAL STUDIES

Students engage in inquiry-based science learning that emphasizes investigation, analysis, and application of concepts. Science units deepen understanding of life, earth, and physical sciences. Social studies focuses on historical analysis, civic understanding, and global connections, helping students think critically about the world and their role within it.

JUDAIC STUDIES

Eighth Grade Judaic Studies encourages thoughtful engagement with Jewish texts, history, and ethical questions. Students explore Torah, Jewish history, and contemporary issues through discussion and reflection. Learning emphasizes leadership, responsibility, and applying Jewish values to real-world decisions as students prepare for the next stage of their Jewish and academic journey.

HEBREW

Hebrew instruction advances fluency in reading, writing, and conversation. Students engage with more complex texts, refine grammar and vocabulary, and use Hebrew in meaningful academic and cultural contexts. Instruction supports confidence and prepares students for continued Hebrew study in high school.

SPECIALS

Eighth graders continue to participate in enrichment classes that support balance, wellness, and self-expression. Art, music, physical education, and library experiences provide creative outlets and opportunities for growth beyond the academic classroom.