



**THE COLLEGE CRUSADE
of Rhode Island**

2018-2019

College Crusade of Rhode Island
Middle School Program Catalogue

A guide for Crusaders and families:

Participate in our programs to stay on track for success!

➤ Middle School Requirements

College Crusade programs you *must* complete before you graduate from middle school:

| Program description | Grade offered | Time of year |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school orientations: Crusaders attend a grade-level orientation presented by their advisor each year. They learn about our grade-level requirements and the elective programs and activities they can select to attend. This is also a great opportunity for Crusaders to meet other Crusaders. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | During or after school or on one Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory services: College Crusade Advisors keep students on the right track by providing support, guidance and resources to help make the middle school years a success. Crusaders are required to meet monthly with their advisors. Crusaders who do not have an Advisor assigned to their school can access Advisor Services through our Mobile Advisor or at Cru Club on Saturdays. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | All year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAAP 101 (Crusade Adventure and Academic Program): CAAP is a ten-week, high-intensity program designed to build self-esteem and confidence in Crusaders by having them take part in a variety of problem-solving tasks, group challenges and healthy risk-taking adventures. The program also includes a writing component during the school year and a reading component in the summer. | Once during middle school | Ten Saturdays in Oct-Dec or Feb-May or two weeks in summer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career exploration: Crusaders will explore careers and learn about educational requirements for different fields by listening to a career speaker or going on a career visit. Crusaders can also attend Career Day, which introduces them to a variety of career fields and to the people who work in them. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school or Saturdays during the school year |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cru Club activities: Every middle school Crusader must participate in a minimum of 9 hours of Cru Club activities over the course of each school year. Cru Club is held after school at advisor schools and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Community College of RI, Liston Campus. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school or Saturdays during the school year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career game: Crusaders in the 7th grade complete a career interest inventory with their advisor. | Grade 7 | During the school day or after school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transition activities – Step Up: Over the course of the school year, we provide information and activities for 8th grade Crusaders to help ensure a smooth transition from middle school to high school. This includes a workshop on selecting your high school, high school visits, and a Step Up Conference. | Grade 8 | After school during the school year, Saturdays in fall & winter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer reading: Crusaders entering 7th and 8th grade are required to read two books over the summer and write a book report on each one. | Entering Grade 7 or Grade 8 | Summer |

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► **Middle School Electives:** More College Crusade programs you can attend during middle school to learn new skills and prepare for higher education:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ReadMore: Our literacy program for 6th grade Crusaders uses the computer-based curriculum from Scholastic. It includes quiet reading, writing in response to text, and teacher-guided sessions. It is a great program that can help you improve your reading. | Grade 6 | Saturdays January-May |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Academy: This 30-hour program takes place on 10 Saturdays for 3 hours a day. Crusaders who are struggling with math will have the opportunity to improve their skills and stay on track, using a hands-on, kid-friendly curriculum. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | Saturdays October- December and February- April |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Program: Middle school Crusaders will look at the messages they get from the Internet, TV, newspapers, and magazine advertising and will write about how that can influence us and shape our values, both positively and negatively. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | Saturdays October- December and January- March |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homework Help & Tutoring: Participants are provided with quiet space to do their schoolwork and to get help with assignments. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school during the school year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hands on Science: Learn about lots of science topics and do experiments after school and during April vacation. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school and during April vacation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Speakers and Visits: Learn about a variety of careers and the people who work in them by visiting a place of employment or by listening to guest speakers. You can suggest careers you are interested in learning more about. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school during the school year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeskills: Lifeskills workshops are held after school and cover topics that are appropriate for middle school Crusaders. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school during the school year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kids2College: This program helps you learn about how going to college will help you get a good job in the future. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school during the school year |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College Visits: College visits are scheduled on Saturdays, over school vacations and on teacher in-service days. A college visit gives Crusaders a valuable first-hand look at college life. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | Fall, winter & spring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money 101: Come after school to learn real-life money skills and increase your financial literacy. Crusaders can learn about budgets, savings and checking accounts, credit cards, and other financial topics. | Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school during the school year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forensics: Come learn how investigators gather evidence at crime scenes and see how forensic scientists analyze it. Evidence such as fingerprints, bones, and blood can be used to help reconstruct events leading up to a crime. On the last day of class, you will use all the skills you learned to solve a complicated crime scene. | Grade 8 | Saturdays February-May |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Summers: An eight-module multimedia curriculum designed to help Crusaders prepare for academic success and postsecondary education. Students learn about the benefits of higher education, navigating the college application process, and how to financially plan for college. | Grade 7 Grade 8 | During February school vacation and summer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Clubs: Crusaders can join an afterschool book club at participating schools. | Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | After school during the school year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheeler Summer Camp: This camp is offered over the summer for three weeks in July and August. The camp combines fun, learning, swimming and sports in a beautiful setting. | Entering Grade 7 Grade 8 | 2 weeks in July & August |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island Write on Sports: Crusaders become sportswriters during this 2-week camp held on a college campus. They interview sports figures, write a feature story, and star in their own video. | Entering Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 | 2 weeks in summer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dolphin Program at Block Island Maritime Institute: A weeklong, hands-on, immersive experience in marine science hosted by the Block Island Maritime Institute. Students live on the island for a week and learn about ecosystems, biodiversity, and sustainability. | Entering Grade 8 | Summer |

***Welcome to your
new school year!***

