REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES 6, 7 AND 8

Middle school orientations
Crusaders attend a grade-level orientation presented by their advisor each year. They learn about our grade-level requirements and elective programs and activities they can select to attend. This is also a great opportunity for students to meet other Crusaders. Offered during or after school or on one Saturday.

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 with their advisor monthly. 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. Offered all year.

Career exploration
Crusaders will explore careers and learn about educational requirements for different fields by listening to a career speaker. Crusaders can also attend Career Day, which introduces them to a variety of career fields and to people who work in them. Offered after school or on Saturdays during the school year.

Saturday Academy
This 30-hour program takes place on 10 Saturdays for three hours each day. Crusaders who need additional help with math will have the opportunity to improve their skills and stay on track using a hands-on, kid-friendly curriculum. Offered on Saturdays October to December and February to April.

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. Offered on Saturdays October to December and January to March.

College visits
College visits are scheduled on Saturdays, over school vacations and on teacher in-service days. A college visit gives Crusaders a valuable firsthand look at college life. Offered fall, winter and spring.
Cru Club activities
Every middle schooler must participate in a minimum of nine 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 noon at the Community College of Rhode Island Liston Campus in Providence. Offered after school or on Saturdays during the school year. Options include:

- **Homework Help and Tutoring**: Participants are provided with quiet space to do their schoolwork and to get help with assignments.
- **Hands-on Science**: Learn about lots of science topics and do experiments after school and during April vacation.
- **Lifeskills**: Life skills workshops are held after school and cover topics that are appropriate for middle school Crusaders.
- **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. (Grades 7 and 8)
- **Book clubs**: Crusaders can join an after-school book club at participating schools.
- **Kids2College**: This program helps you learn about how going to college will help you get a good job in the future.

ONCE DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAAP 101 (Crusade Adventure and Academic Program)
CAAP is a 10-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. Offered 10 Saturdays from October to December or February to May or two weeks in summer.

GRADE 6 ONLY

ReadMore
Our literacy program for sixth-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. Offered on Saturdays from January to May.
GRADE 7 ONLY

Career game
Crusaders in the seventh grade complete a career interest inventory with their advisor. Offered during the school day or after school.

GRADE 8 ONLY

Transition activities – Step Up
Over the course of the school year, we provide information and activities for eighth-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. Offered after school during the school year and on Saturdays in fall and winter.

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. Offered on Saturdays from February to May.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Rhode Island Write on Sports – entering Grades 6 and 7
Crusaders become sportswriters during this two-week camp held on a college campus. They interview sports figures, write a feature story and star in their own video.

Summer reading – entering Grades 7 and 8
Crusaders entering seventh and eighth grade are required to read two books over the summer and write a book report on each one.

Dolphin Program at Block Island Maritime Institute – entering Grade 8
This weeklong, hands-on, immersive experience in marine science is hosted by the Block Island Maritime Institute. Students live on the island for a week and learn about ecosystems, biodiversity and sustainability.

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