

# Middle School

Concordia's middle school program provides challenging educational opportunities for students in grades 5 through 8. There are many options for parents of middle school students in northeast Indiana. We believe Concordia is unique. Here are some reasons why.

## Concordia is large enough to...

- Offer high quality Christian teachers with skills in specific curricular areas.
- Provide leveled instruction in mathematics and other subjects.
- Effectively integrate writing and the use of technology into all subject areas.
- Integrate art and physical education activities with the core curriculum in order to enhance learning.

## Concordia is small enough to...

- Make a sense of Christian community among teachers and students a natural part of the educational process.
- Facilitate teamwork among teachers to provide for each student's needs.
- Make each student's participation in athletics, music, drama, student government and other activities meaningful.
- Involve Concordia's pastors as leaders in Christian faith instruction.
- Give middle school students leadership roles in working with younger students.

## Concordia Emphasizes High Academic Performance

Both the state mandated ISTEP+ testing and the STAR Math & Reading testing show that Concordia middle school students significantly surpass state and national averages in academic achievement.

Concordia students are welcomed at all area high schools where they are recognized for being well-prepared for the rigors of secondary education. High percentages of Concordia graduates take honors or advanced placement courses in high school. Both parents and students feel that graduates are well prepared for freshman year.

## Concordia Encourages Involvement in Music, Physical Education and Art

All Concordia middle school students participate in at least one musical performance group. At a time when many students seek the opportunity to withdraw, Concordia encourages students to gain confidence by performing publicly. Students are offered the options of choral music, band, hand chimes or strings. Seventh and eighth grade students can join the auditioned choral group, The Gospel Lights.

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In alternate years, Concordia's middle school students present a musical theater production.

At the middle school level art and physical education are key parts of the curriculum, meeting regularly throughout the year.

### Concordia Offers Learning Through Interscholastic Sports

Concordia students participate in organized sports competition with other area schools. As a member of the Lutheran School Athletic Association, student athletes compete in regular season contests and tournaments. Concordia also competes with other area parochial and private school.

Athletics in grades 5 and 6 emphasizes the instructional component of sports attempting to build individual skills and team concepts. All players receive meaningful playing time. In grades 7 and 8 the success of the team begins to gain more importance and the teams strive to compete effectively.

Student athletes must maintain acceptable athletic and behavioral records to represent Concordia in sports.

#### Girls

Volleyball  
Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Track and Field  
Soccer

#### Boys

Soccer  
Basketball  
Wrestling  
Track and Field