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Currently enrolled in 6th grade @ Didion

You don't have to do anything!
You will be **automatically enrolled** into our middle school.

Not enrolled in 6th grade @ Didion

Apply through Open Enrollment from **February 2- February 16** by going to:

<https://www.scusd.edu/open-enrollment-k-8>.



If you have any questions, please contact:

- Mrs. Gail Hori in the main office at 916-395-4575
or
- Principal James Eder at james-eder@scusd.edu.

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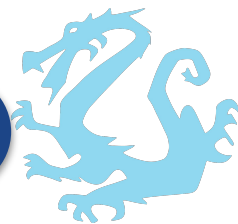
About Didion Middle

Didion Middle is a K-8 school where academic achievement and social and emotional development are a primary goal. Located in the Greenhaven/Pocket area, our priority is to provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where students are challenged, but also provided the support they need to reach their full academic and social-emotional potential.

Smaller class sizes allow teachers to better establish relationships with our students and families and provide targeted support to students who need it. In addition, our students consistently excel each year on the state-standardized CAASPP exams and are well-prepared to excel and succeed in high school.

Director Voices

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"Didion students are ... a great addition to PACE ... a college prep honors program and they come to us strong in the areas of class participation, writing skills, time management and creativity."

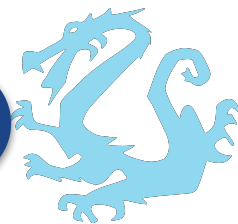
Todd Whalen, Director, PACE, JFK HS

"Didion students who come to HISP are ... socially and academically ready to take on the high school experience ... They are leaders and scholar-athletes and artists and performers."

Ellen Wong, Director, HISP, CK McClatchy HS

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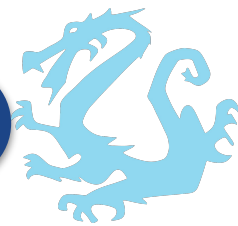
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8th graders sharing their thoughts about Didion Middle

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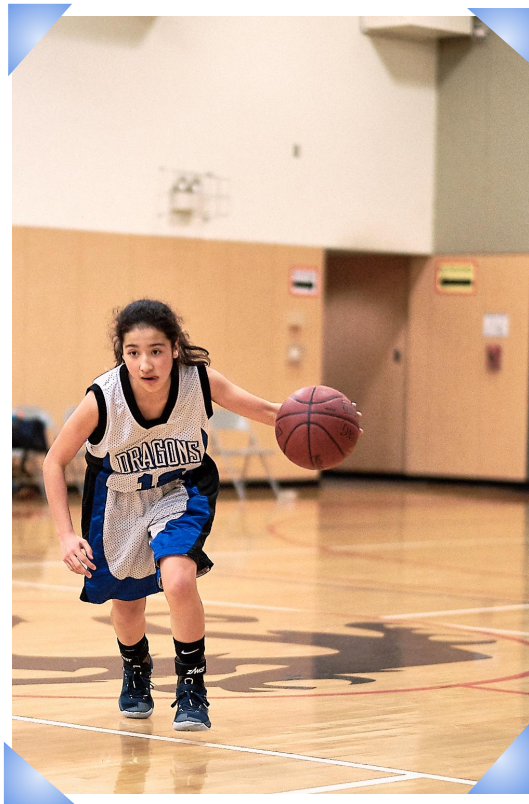
Programs*

- ★ 8th Grade Catalina Island Trip
- ★ Washington D.C. Trip
- ★ Student Council
- ★ After School Athletic Teams
- ★ Accelerated Mathematics
- ★ Exploratory Wheel
 - Visual & Performing Arts
 - Technology
 - Leadership
 - Humanities
- ★ Clubs
 - Mathletes
 - Speech & Debate

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some trips or programs may be postponed or cancelled, but we will make every effort possible to continue as many programs as possible in the 2020-2021 school year.



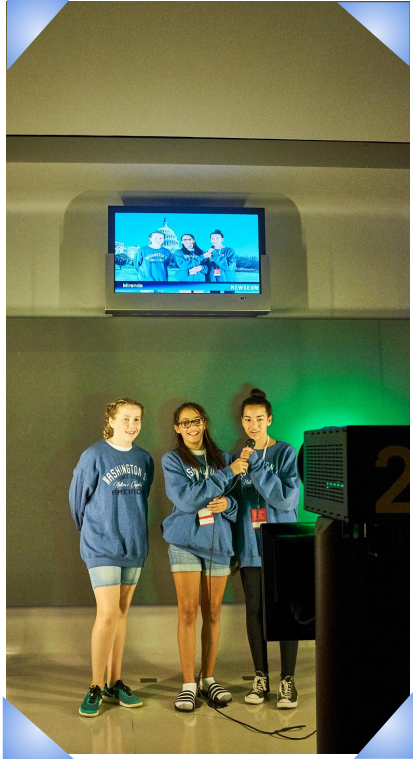
Athletics



8th Grade Catalina Trip



Washington D.C.



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Social Studies

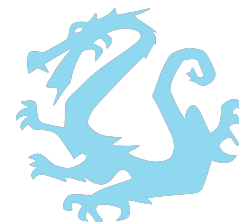
Language
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Science

Math 7/8
Math 8/1

Physical
Education

Math 7
Math 8



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Social Studies

Richard Howe, Social Studies. MastersEd. GATE Certificated. 2007 Sacramento County History Day Teacher of the Year. Social studies is an active, constructivist-based classroom with problem-based learning. Instruction is largely interactive with a strong focus on the multiple learning intelligences and cooperative interaction in group work.

Broadcasting. Student-directed teams develop their own broadcast assignments, research their stories, conduct interviews, capture necessary video, and package it together.

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Science

Rocio Almanza, Science. Multiple Subject and Single-Subject Credential in Science with 8 years of teaching experience.

In this science class students investigate scientific topics through productive dialogue, inquiry, purposeful reading and meaningful writing. Both 7th and 8th grades are integrated subjects where students investigate real-world phenomena.

Spanish-Humanities. Introduction to Spanish language and Latin-American & Chicano culture.

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Language Arts

Pamela Tateishi, Language Arts. BA in English, MastersEd, from UC Davis with 16 years experience teaching grades 7-12. Students will use curriculum from the newly adopted *My Perspectives* textbook, in addition to reading supplemental novels. An important component of the class is the Independent Reading Project, where students will be choosing and analyzing novels of their choice throughout the year.

Visual and Performing Arts. Students participate in a variety of theater and team-building activities in order to increase their comfort performing in front of an audience.

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Physical Education

Mike Carras, Physical Education. Kinesiology Degree, UNC Wilmington, and credentials from Sac State with 19 years teaching experience in middle school. Students participate in sports and activities that allow for development and understanding of their physical abilities. Students become aware of the social benefits of activity through participation: individual and dual activities in 7th grade and team sports in 8th grade.

Leadership. Students work in small, self-directed groups to plan and perform many of the school-wide spirit activities, which include spirit days, rallies, dances, and various fundraisers.

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Math 7/8 & 8/1

Leigh-Ann Fassiotto, Math 7/8 and 8/1. I love teaching, working with kids, and seeing students get excited about learning (particularly learning math)! While helping students to master their math skills and increase their mathematical understanding, I also try to help students develop productive study habits that they can use to be successful students in the future. Though I currently teach Math 7/8 and Math 8/1, I have ten years of math teaching experience in the Sacramento area in a variety of levels ranging from 7th grade intervention up to 12th grade AP Calculus. I have a BS in Mathematics, a single subject teaching credential in Mathematics, and an MA in Education from UC Davis.



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Math 7 and Math 8

Tat Lam, Math 7 and Math 8. I graduated from UCLA in Math System Science way back in 1986! I have over 30 years experience teaching Math and Science in California and in Nevada. I am so happy to be the new Math teacher at Didion, and I will work hard to get everyone to be successful in my class.

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