



The Enrichment Program

Marian's educational model combines three necessary components to educate the whole child: Academics, Enrichment, and Graduate Support. Marian's Enrichment Program provides students with opportunities for self-discovery, leadership development, and career exploration.

These activities also foster belonging and connection once students graduate Marian and enter their new high school environments. The skills they build – like leadership and time management, healthy decision-making, and forming positive relationships with others — last a lifetime and help them become even more successful throughout their high school, college, and career journeys.

Marian Girls choose from more than 25 different classes each trimester and they participate in up to four different electives each week. Enrichment classes fall into four categories. Within each of these areas, students have a variety of enriching choices that will enable them to develop talents and gain additional knowledge outside of the classroom.

- *Fine and Performing Arts* offers courses such as dance, choir, fashion design, digital storytelling, and piano.
- *Fitness and Wellness* offers courses such as basketball, culinary arts, volleyball, and yoga.
- *Social Awareness* offers courses such as etiquette, culture club, Girl Scouts, Model United Nations, and service club.
- *Academics* offers courses such as coding, creative writing, book club, yearbook/media, French club, Spanish club and STEM club.

The program also includes counseling to help meet the social and emotional needs of students. Making sure that students are socially and emotionally healthy ensures that they can be better prepared to focus on the academic and extracurricular opportunities that await them.



“Marian has helped me transform what was once the spark of an idea into a life journey,” said Nyla Green, Marian Alum Class of 2016. I've loved dancing since I was a child, but was never able to take classes. Through Marian's Enrichment Program, I took classes every Tuesday, joined the Theatre Club and began performing. I gained confidence and learned that I could become a successful performer even though I began learning later than most trained dancers. Today as a senior in high school, I have already performed professionally at the Muny. **Thanks to Marian, I've planned the rest of my journey, and I know the sky is the limit for me.** Next, I plan to get my Bachelor's in Musical Theatre at Southeast Missouri State University, and one day, perform on Broadway. I am so grateful Marian is helping me get there!”

About Marian Middle School: Marian Middle School was founded in 1999 to provide a life-altering education to girls with limited means, but high potential. In 2000, Marian opened with 14 fifth and sixth grade students. Today, Marian supports up to 70 fifth through eighth grade girls and more than 265 alumnae. Marian is the only all-girls Catholic middle school in St. Louis serving urban adolescent students. Marian's students face significant socio-economic challenges: 91 percent qualify for the free and reduced fee meals program, a national indicator of poverty.