



# Classical Studies

*“Classical Education cultivates wisdom and virtue by nourishing the soul on truth, goodness and beauty.”*

Classical Studies, based on the belief that good citizens are active, well-informed participants in their community, is a school within a school program focused on growing leaders, thinkers, and good citizens.

This small learning community (limited to 20 students per class) nurtures well-rounded students who learn to think critically and creatively while making connections to the value and relevance of history in their community and society. Students develop their voices and cultivate confidence and competence through active learning and leadership. Rigorous and engaging hands on academics, Socratic seminar, Latin, and the arts infuse this classical curriculum that began for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in 2015 -16. It has since grown to include 6th through 7th grade. For the 2019-20 school year, the program has 128 students.

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Teachers in Classical Studies have experience teaching gifted and talented students and completed coursework in this area. Three teachers have National Board Certification.

Current BMS Enrollment is: 504 students

Classical Studies builds on the learning of the past to develop responsible, knowledgeable, creative 21<sup>st</sup> century citizens.



# What People are Saying

(It's good!)



**“What it means to me to be a classical studies student is that classical studies is a very creative program with learning that is fun and artistic. The teachers are great and do many projects with the students. The teachers also are very creative and artistic; it’s not just the students. It’s everyone who joins or is in classical studies.”** - Emma Hooper, 6th grade Classical Studies student



**“To me, being a student in Classical Studies means that instead of all our subjects being separated, they all come together so we can learn about history, ELA, Math, and Science all at the same time by doing projects that combine subjects.”** - Liam Gibbons, 6th grade Classical Studies student

**“As a third-year parent, I am grateful for everything the teachers, administration, and support staff do to make Beaufort Middle School a great school and learning experience. I always feel welcomed and lines of communication are always open. It is a supportive environment and teachers go the extra mile to connect with their students and help them meet their potential. With emphasis not just on academic results but also on growing in confidence and developing into capable and happy people, it is clear how much the teachers and staff care about their students. If your child is interested in the arts, student clubs and activities, or sports, there is something for everyone at Beaufort Middle School.”** - Ali Rogers, Parent of 8th grade student



**“The school maintains an ongoing effort to infuse arts** throughout the content areas of the curriculum including math, history and the sciences, in order to strengthen academic achievement as defined in their strategic plan. We commend Beaufort Middle School for their focus on quality arts programming and integration for all students. We are fortunate to be able to share in the fruits of their labors as evidenced by those students and their families that have developed a life-long appreciation of the arts as a **result of their exposure to the arts in school.”** *-Alana Adams, Director of Education at Arts Center of Coastal Carolina*

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