

Experience the Difference
Ruth Murdoch Elementary School
Junior High

We invite you to the unique junior high experience that Ruth Murdoch Elementary School has to offer.

Our Mission Statement: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School is a school where parents, teachers, church and community unite to bring children closer to God. Striving toward excellence, this diverse family of learners works with heads, hearts, and hands to nurture Christ-like character. In preparation for heaven, we will show Christ's love through service.

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School gives students every opportunity and encouragement to experience a closer walk with Jesus. Daily worships, bible classes, Bible study group, special assemblies, weeks of spiritual emphasis, student week of prayer, student organized and led vesper programs, the "buddy" program, Agape feasts and other events provides the seeker for a better relationship with Jesus a multitude of spiritual experiences.

Opportunities for Developing Leadership Skills: Junior high students have an opportunity to participate in organizing and leading out in many spiritual and social activities. Leadership opportunities come by way of the Student Association, class officers and yearbook staff positions.

Opportunities for Academic Growth: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School offers the junior high student a unique academic program. Along with the decided commitment to excellence in the core subjects, students are offered to option of selecting from a smorgasbord of life-enriching mini-courses. RMES students may also enroll in Andrews Academy for high school math classes if they have mastered 8th grade math content and met the requirements for an accelerated program.

Graduation Requirements

Students who have successfully completed six grades of elementary level schooling need to complete the following junior high requirements in order to receive an eight grade diploma given by the Michigan Conference Office of Education through Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

Students who attend seventh and eight grades need to complete the full slate of requirements. Those who join RMES for the eight grade year will need to do the eight grade core subjects and half of the mini-course requirements.

Core subjects

2 years of junior high religion

2 years of junior high math

2 years of junior high science

2 years of junior high language arts
2 years of junior high social studies
8 quarters of physical education [included in the mini-courses]

Mini-courses

At least 4 quarters of music [we recommend some choral and some instrumental]
At least 4 quarters of art
At least 2 quarters of health
At least 2 quarters of English Literature
At least 4 quarters of technology [computers; prerequisite of minimum keyboarding skills required]
At least 2 quarters of current events
At least 2 quarters of Bible study
At least 2 quarters of math content [other than the core math class]
At least 2 quarters of science content [other than the core science class]
At least 2 quarters of outreach activities
At least 2 quarters of language and cultural studies
At least 2 quarters of work-education
At least 5 quarters of electives - a quarter of Lego robotics is highly recommended. Any of the above over the minimum required may be considered an elective.

All seventh graders are required to enroll in the **Study Skills/Time Management Class** during their first quarter in the junior high.