

## **INTRODUCTION TO BRIGHTON ACADEMY**

We are an independent private day school offering Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade instruction. Classes are Monday through Thursday for all students with middle and high school students attending occasional classes on Fridays. Our clean, spacious, and modern campus is located a few blocks from downtown Grants Pass in the beautiful Rogue River Valley of Southern Oregon. Brighton Academy is a fun and dynamic school with a unique vision.

## **OUR MISSION**

**WE – THE BOARD, ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS OF BRIGHTON ACADEMY – ARE DEDICATED TO INSPIRING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER SELF-DISCOVERY, PERSONAL INITIATIVE, AND ENTREPRENEURIALISM.**

## **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

At Brighton Academy, we believe that there is a divine plan for every child. Therefore, education should be a process of self-discovery not a system of external pressures designed to shape rebels and conformists within the status quo. Children should learn from their inner-promptings and natural curiosity, not from social indoctrination and the tactics of conditioning. We believe that children build their character and discover their potential genius by applying concepts to experiences that extend beyond the classroom into the great outdoors, the world of commerce, and the life of the community. Our programs at Brighton Academy strive continuously to make the connection between education and real life experience. We want children to experience what is truly good for their individual souls. We encourage them to be active participants in their education rather than passive recipients. For instance, students might be inspired to bring an historical event alive by preparing a realistic enactment for an audience of their peers or their parents. A physical science project might evolve into a competitive event between local schools to develop a marketable patent. An English class might decide to write, illustrate, and publish their own children's book, and so on.

Of course, this kind of education relies heavily on the inspiration and creativity of exceptional teachers as well as the support and enthusiasm of caring parents. At Brighton Academy, we are all – faculty, administration and parents included – encouraged to approach school with joyful expectations, open-minded inquiry, and a spirit of adventure.

## **OUR HISTORY**

Brighton Academy is a private, non-profit, independent school serving Jackson and Josephine Counties in Southern Oregon. Registered as a private school with the state of Oregon and as an Oregon non-profit 501(c)3 corporation, Brighton was accredited in 2002-2003 by the Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities and annually seeks renewal for full accreditation with Northwest Association of Accredited Schools.

Although the original school known as Evelyn Street School was established in 1985 to support a group of home-schooling parents, Brighton Academy was officially founded in 1990 with a move to its current location. In 1998 a major renovation of the campus was

## **RELIGIOUS STATEMENT**

Brighton Academy is a non-denominational Judeo- Christian school. We do not teach any specific religion and we firmly believe that it is the family's responsibility to establish and maintain it's own religious belief system. Judeo-Christian values, as found in the Ten Commandments, the New Testament and the ideals of our nation's founding fathers, are the cornerstone of Brighton Academy's principles. All directions the Academy takes come from these guiding principles. Brighton Academy may use biblical material for it's historical content or when applicable to our curriculum.

**Judeo-Christian** : *is a term used to describe the body of concepts and values which are thought to be held in common by Christianity and Judaism, and typically considered a fundamental basis for Western legal codes and moral values.*

## **STATEMENT OF DEDICATION**

Brighton Academy dedicates its facilities, programs, faculty and staff to the education of children.

The **parents** of Brighton Academy are requested to make the following commitments toward a successful educational environment:

- To promote by example an "interest in character development"
- To promote by example an "interest in education"
- To support the intent and statements made in each of our policies/procedures
- To provide all supplemental materials needed in the classroom
- To deliver your children to school and school functions on time and appropriately dressed
- To discuss all educational concerns with the appropriate staff/faculty members in a timely manner
- To fulfill their required volunteer duty
- To have fun!

The **students** of Brighton Academy are requested to make the following commitments toward a successful education:

- To follow the intent and statements of all Academy policies/procedures
- To complete all proper and reasonable requests to the best of your ability
- To insure a classroom that is free from your own disruptive attitudes and actions
- To encourage an open exchange of ideas and opinions
- To participate in all course work / discussions

## **ACADEMICS**

### **FACULTY**

The Brighton faculty is comprised of individuals who have the dedication to turn words like character, compassion, competence and completion into reality. Their tools are honor, consistency, humor, enthusiasm and patience. They recognize that interest is a crucial element in motivation and that a worthwhile education requires effort, imagination and discipline.

### **CURRICULUM**

Curriculum at Brighton Academy follows Oregon State guidelines for grades K-12. An outline of our programs and titles/authors of textbooks, are available. Please contact our Business Office for information specific to your child.

### **PRIVATE TUTORING**

Brighton Academy may require any student who upon enrollment is working below level to attend and pay for private tutoring (cost approx \$20.00 per hour.)

### **CONFERENCES**

Regular conferences are scheduled annually in the fall and spring to review student progress. Teachers may request additional conferences for the following reasons:

1. if the student is not maintaining passing grades or achieving the expected level of performance.
2. if the student is not maintaining behavior expectations.
3. in any other case the teacher seems necessary.

### **TEXTBOOKS AND ADDITIONAL COSTS AS NEEDED**

Textbooks, paperback books, workbooks, projects, classroom supplies, lab equipment and athletics will require additional costs. A description of these costs and grade level materials lists are available in the Business Office. These costs may be defrayed through fundraising. Additional (supplemental) class charges may occur during the school year in order for us to ensure that high-end additions can be contributed to our schedule.

### **LOST SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES**

The Brighton Academy administration strives to keep tuition and supply cost down. Non-consumable textbooks and supplies are reused each year. Each of these textbooks cost around \$50.00 per book. Therefore, we must charge the student when they lose or destroy their issued textbooks. Likewise, there will be a replacement charge for lost student planners or other Brighton issued supplies.

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### **Pre-K & KINDERGARTEN**

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten programs will provide opportunities to develop the students' oral language and creative expression through show and tell, retelling of stories, et cetera. The classroom environment is one in which the children will be surrounded by written language that is meaningful to them.

Our kindergarten staff will provide a SAFE environment for your child to learn in. We will regularly address different social situations so that when the children are met with adversity, they will have their choice of "tools" to use. Students and parents are encouraged to "use their words" and let the teachers know ASAP if something isn't right.

We will systematically develop the students' phonemic awareness with a strong phonics program. There will be plenty of opportunity to communicate in writing. We understand that reading and writing reinforce each other. We will help all of the children achieve the goal of beginning to read and write on their own by the end of the school year.

And, yes, we want the children to have a fun-filled experience at the same time!

Please refer to the enclosed information handout specific to grade level for schedule and details if you have asked for Pre-K or Kindergarten information

## SECOND GRADE PROGRAM

### Language Arts

#### **Phonics and Spelling**

Students review single-syllable words and the more complex vowel spellings. This class introduces plurals, contractions and common word endings progressing to two-, three-, and four-syllable words and putting words in alphabetical order.

#### **Reading, Vocabulary and Grammar**

A variety of instructional reading books enhance the student's vocabulary skill, the student's understanding of main idea, sequence of events, characters and plot. These books will also help the student's reading comprehension. Novels may include: The Titanic, Tornado, Stone Fox, Sarah Plain and Tall, My Father's Dragon, No Flying in the House, Ramona's World, The Mouse and the Motorcycle.

#### **Penmanship**

The second grade continues manuscript, but quickly transitions the student into cursive writing. Students will practice the five basic strokes, review straight lines and practice writing sentences with the easiest letters. Class work will integrate the more difficult letters while reviewing previous learned material.

### Social Studies

Students will learn important ideas about themselves as unique individuals and how all of us live, work, and interact together, plus valuable social studies concepts involving neighborhoods, communities, our country, our history, and countries around the world. Our units include:

- ❖ People and Places
- ❖ How People Celebrate
- ❖ Earning and Spending
- ❖ How People Get Along
- ❖ Communities of the Past
- ❖ Communities Around the World

#### **Geography**

Students expand their understanding of maps regarding distance and place. They also participate in a study of the local area, combined with games that reinforce the importance of geography. Later in the year, students will learn about hemispheres and continents.

### Arithmetic

Each day your child will participate in a wide variety of mathematic activities. Your child will learn through hands-on experiences, discussion and exploration. Concepts and skills in Math 2 include computation, problem solving strategies, measurement, geometry, money, time, identifying patterns, fractions, borrowing and carrying, multiplication, graphs and charts.

Number facts are introduced using fact strategies and are practiced throughout the year. The children compete only against themselves and strive to improve their own scores on fact sheets. Assessment of your child's progress occurs every five lessons. Each written

above all inspiring introduction to American history focuses on people, recounting how men and women, fired by heart and spirit traveled from all corners of the globe to America and became its people. Necessity many times was the mother of invention as students will see time and again throughout the year. Students will be asked to partake in inventions of their own as different needs arise. Oregon History will also be taught.

### **Science**

The third grade will be introduced to six distinct modules, each focusing on a different scientific concept. These include habitats, gardening, finding shelter, movement, sound and protecting the earth. Hands-on experiments will be integrated.

### **Arithmetic**

The third grade students review addition, subtraction, multiplication, measurement, time and money. A strong foundation in basic math concepts is laid, later the student is introduced to fractions, simple division and dealing with mixed numbers.

## **FOURTH GRADE PROGRAM**

### **Language Arts**

#### **Spelling**

The fourth grade spelling program will continue to teach spelling through phonics. Students will study vowel-consonant patterns, rhyming sounds, dictionary and proofreading skills and will work toward vocabulary enrichment.

#### **Reading**

The fourth grade reading program will continue to focus on reader comprehension and voice inflection. Students will be introduced to figurative language, fact and opinion, and will predict outcomes. Students will read poetry, fiction, non-fiction and write informal book reports.

#### **Writing/Grammar**

The fourth grade program continues the study of correct sentence structure. Students are asked to identify the various parts of speech, verb and prepositional phrases, and subject verb agreement. Students will continue with creative writing which will introduce the art of writing persuasively.

#### **Penmanship**

The fourth grade handwriting program focuses on instilling confidence in the student with the emphasis placed on legibility. Cursive writing is expected for all writing assignments.

### **Social Studies**

#### **Geography**

Students at this level will gain a deeper understanding of geography with practice in making maps, grids and mock trips. Students will become familiar with general world regions, land features and diverse cultures.

## **Social Studies**

### **History/Geography**

This course will include the study of the United States, as well as, countries around the world. Students will learn about the history and geographic features of the countries they study. They will also compare the physical and cultural characteristics of these world regions. Students will gain an understanding of map reading by studying street maps, longitude and latitude, and physical and political maps.

## **Science**

Students will study more intensely the four areas of science: physical, earth, life and the human body. Within that range students will study vertebrates, invertebrates, and the solar system.

## **Mathematics**

The student will review the four basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) of whole numbers. Students will be exposed to story problems, measurement, and telling time. They will study the positive and negative of fractions with common denominators, equivalent fractions and mixed numbers. Decimals will be introduced.

# **MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

At Brighton Academy, our Middle School is grades 6, 7 and 8. Our Middle School is a preparatory program for High School, our early bird college program and our community service program.

We offer math classes to our middle school students by level, benefiting all students. Our remedial students are offered needed foundational strengthening, our at-level students move at a comfortable pace and our accelerated students are not held back.

In Middle School we offer an integrated science program that comes alive with hands on activities and experiments.

Our elective programs may include Video Production, Computers, Ceramics, Theatre, Cooking, Spanish, Dance and Music. We stress community involvement with our Interact Club, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club. This is a true application for leadership on both a local and an international level. Our community involvement allows our students to experience real life opportunities; whether on a community theatre's stage, performing community service with a charity such as Habitat for Humanity or running an entrepreneurial venture.



### Science

**Sixth grade** – In general science we focus on four broad areas of science: Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science and the Human Body. This class is designed to build on what the students have learned in elementary school. Emphasis is on the use of the scientific method and experimentation.

**Seventh grade** – Physical science includes matter, chemistry, motion, forces and energy, heat energy, electricity and magnetism and sound and light. This course also teaches the scientific method and each student will do a science project. The seventh grade classes emphasize essay writing, research, critical thinking, problem solving, and experimentation.

**Eighth grade** – This course covers the four main branches of earth science: meteorology, geology, oceanography and astronomy. From these four branches, eight units will go in depth studying the earth, the dynamic earth, composition of the earth, reshaping the crust, the history of the earth, oceans, atmospheric forces and studying space. Several experiments will complement this study.

### Social Science

**Sixth Grade World Geography** –Students will learn to identify the location of key physical and cultural features on maps and globes. They will compare physical and cultural characteristics of regions of the world and describe how transportation and communication networks affect people, goods and ideas. Students will be able to explain how human modifications of the physical environment affect locations and discuss the causes and effects of historical events from more than one perspective.

**Seventh Grade World History** –This course will introduce students to the world, its history, geography and social science. The course will start with the five basic geography themes and continue into the world regions, with each of their histories through time. Key topics will include Egypt, Rome, Asia, Africa, Europe and conclude with new nations, boundaries, and governments in our ever-changing world.



## High School Program

At Brighton Academy, our High School is grades 9 through 12. Our high school students must go through an interview process to make sure they are a fit with our program. All Brighton classes correspond with the New Oregon Diploma, meeting state standards. We are fully accredited through the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools.

In High School we continue to emphasize Literature and Writing, as well as, offer a well-rounded, comprehensive History program. We offer math classes to our high school students by level, with courses in Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus.

In our Science program we offer Biology, Chemistry and Physics, In High School we allow our students to earn a two year, university transferable degree (AAOT) that can be earned concurrently with their high school diploma. Unlike most high schools our students only take courses that apply to the AAOT. Our students take full college courses with college teachers but are guided by Brighton's support staff. Classes are held on our campus or on the community college campus with a group of Brighton students accompanied by a Brighton teacher. We believe this gives our students a competitive edge, whether it is to enroll at a university as a junior or simply using it as an impressive résumé addition that sets them apart from their peers.

Our elective programs may include Physical Education, Computers, Ceramics, Theatre, Cooking, Spanish, Bowling, Student Teaching, Work Experience, Dance and Music. Our high school students run our Interact Club, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club, giving them leadership application on both a local and an international level. Our community involvement allows our students to experience real life opportunities; whether on a community theatre's stage or community service by working with a charity such as Habitat for Humanity. We also provide opportunity for student entrepreneurial ventures, such as opening a booth at our local Growers' Market, which we host on our campus, running the concession stand at one of our theatre performances, or using our campus café for fundraising.

The goal of Brighton Academy is to provide a solid academic foundation, build character while honing leadership skills for our high school students in preparation for success in life.

- Students are expected to complete and turn-in homework and classroom work on time.
- Students are expected to listen and follow directions.

### BRIGHTON ACADEMY'S DISCIPLINE POLICY

A disruptive child in class will be given verbal warning. After reasonable warning the student will be separated from the classroom and asked to read quietly. After 5 minutes the student will be allowed to re-join the class. If disruptive behavior continues parents will be contacted by the Principal and/or a staff member and the student may be suspended or expelled.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are prohibited on this campus at all times: weapons, fireworks, smoking products, drugs and drug paraphernalia.

### PLAYGROUND RULES

While on the playground, students are expected to:

1. Play safely and use equipment wisely.
2. Be considerate of other's games
3. Leave the playground as soon as the bell rings.
4. Follow monitor's directions immediately.
5. Use appropriate language and behavior among each other.
6. Keep hands, feet and objects to themselves.

### TARDY AND ABSENCE POLICY

When returning to school after an absence or after being tardy, a student must bring his/her excuse to the office to receive an admit slip. The student must bring the admit slip to teacher's of the missed classes.

### ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

No hand held gaming devices (game boy, ds, etc. ) , music devices or other electronic entertainment devises are allowed on campus. Cell phones must be turned off and stored away during school hours.

### SKATEBOARDS/ROLLER BLADES/SCOOTERS

Skateboards/roller blades/scooters or similar devices are prohibited during school hours unless the administrator for a specific activity gives special permission. These devices are not allowed inside school buildings. Use of skateboards/roller blades/scooters on the school premises during non-school hours is at the user's risk.

## Infractions

**Minor Infractions:** To be handled by teachers or the school administrator. Punishment: detention. Second infraction will prompt a phone call home. Third infraction results in suspension.

Tardiness  
Talking in classroom  
Disruptive behavior  
Dress code violations  
Work assignments not completed

**Major Infractions:** To be handled by the school administrator. Punishment: Parents to remove student from school premises for the remainder of the day; suspension; or ineligibility for sports, dramatics, field trips, etc. Third major infraction results in expulsion for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be notified of each major infraction, including measures taken.

Insubordination  
Fighting/bullying  
Immoral behavior  
Obscene language  
Failure to report to detention  
Persistent failure to turn in work  
Excessive repetition of minor infractions  
Disallowed use or possession of electronic devices  
Lying, cheating or academic fraud (plagiarism)  
Use or possession of tobacco products

**Grave Infractions:** To be handled by the school administrator. Punishment: Suspension/Expulsion for the remainder of the school year.

Cutting/Skipping class  
Use, possession, purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol, drugs or drug paraphenalia  
Any illegal activity  
Possession of purchase of weapons or fireworks  
Indecent or immoral behavior or fraternization  
All physical displays of affection  
Obscene gestures, expressions, writing or conversations – including postings of such on the internet.  
Accessing immoral, obscene and inappropriate material via electronic devices/media or publications.  
Excessive repetition of major infractions  
Theft

# BRIGHTON ACADEMY

## DRESS CODE 2018/2019

Brighton Academy believes that learning about appropriate dress is an important part of a student's education and personal growth. An awareness of dressing for occasions and events will prepare students for success in their chosen careers. For this reason, Brighton Academy maintains a conservative dress code for all grade levels.

### HEAD:

- No facial piercings or exposed body piercings are allowed. Only girls are allowed ear piercings, but no excessive jewelry or piercings.
- No tattoos, heavy make-up or unconventional hair colors or styles.
- Hair must be neat and well groomed. Boys hair must be cut above the ears and collar.
- No hats or hoodies worn in class.

### ELECTRONICS:

- GRADES 9-12 NO CELLPHONE OR IPOD USE DURING CLASS!
- GRADES K-8 NO CELLPHONES ALLOWED DURING SCHOOL HOURS!

### UPPER GARMENTS:

- Proper under garments must be worn at all times.
- NO crop tops, tube tops, halters and spaghetti straps (anything less than 2 inches is considered a spaghetti strap.) Strapless dresses without jackets are unacceptable.
- The display of cleavage is unacceptable. Low cut blouses, tops, sweaters, etc. with plunging necklines are not allowed.
- All garments must be long enough to clearly overlap the beltline at all times even when moving or seated.
- No skin tight or form fitting tops.

### LOWER GARMENTS:

- Dresses, skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh or below in length.
- Leggings, tights, spandex or yoga pants may only be worn under a dress, skirt or shorts.
- Undergarments and buttock must be entirely covered even when sitting.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- No wheeled shoes or skates.
- No skate boards, scooters or bicycles can be ridden on campus.

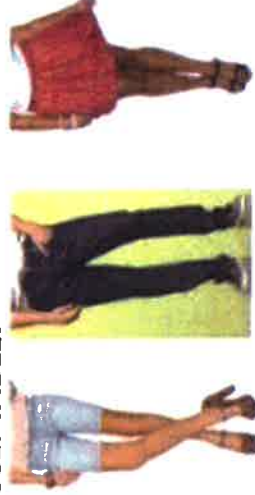
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