

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Approved Program Summaries

2017

Program 2 – OVATIONS ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

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The Arts Academy Charter Middle School Ovarions Achievement Program is an option for seventh and eighth grade students in the English and Science subject areas who demonstrate advanced skills, comprehension and interest. The Ovarions Achievement Program classes cover more materials at an accelerated pace, with a more concentrated focus. Ovarions Science students follow the same curriculum and standards as all other students, but also study advanced-level materials and work on independent short and long-term assignments. The Ovarions Achieve Program provides innovative and extended learning activities that require students to increase their use of critical thinking skills, including analysis, synthesis, and problem solving. Students are encouraged to dig deeper and engage in lively, collaborative classroom discussions.

The Ovarions English Program provides advanced and in-depth language arts exploration, including literary analysis, reading comprehension, independent essay analysis, language conventions, vocabulary development in meaningful contexts, and reference skills. In addition to following the standard seventh and eighth grade language arts subject matter, Ovarions students use more complex text to study various genres including the short stories, novels, drama, biography, poetry and informational materials as dictated by Pennsylvania Common Core Standards.

The Ovarions Science Program involves innovative, advanced and in-depth exploration of all areas of science, engineering and technology. In addition to following the standard seventh and eighth grade science subject matter, Ovarions students work on science based projects independently, utilizing the inquiry technique to apply concepts and comprehend new information, and to inspire creative ways to approach problems. Students read science-related fiction and non-fiction literature to expand their science knowledge base, and also participate in science project field trips to conduct scientific research. Ovarions Science students also produce science research projects and participate in the annual juried Lehigh Valley Science and Engineering Research Fair, facilitated by Lehigh University and Insaco, Inc.

Designed for students performing at the highly proficient to advanced levels, students have shown both an interest in the subject areas, and the work ethic required to succeed in an advanced program.

The Ovarions Achievement Program was created for AACMS students with advanced skill levels and interests in English and/or Science. An advanced curriculum was added in order to attract and retain these students. The intent of the Ovarions Achievement Program is to engage and challenge students to reach their fullest potential, and provide them with the level of knowledge and experience necessary to pursue advance level classes and programs in higher education.

The Arts Academy Charter Middle School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Mission: The Arts Academy Charter Middle School provides opportunities for students to explore their artistic passions and talents in a supportive, challenging and rigorous academic and artistic environment.