

As we looked for the proper environment for our son, we knew it had to include many things to spur his continued development. Springmont has everything we ever imagined.... But, most importantly, Springmont has adults who understand that the adolescent should be treated as an adult, while still needing a safe and academically challenging environment.

Nicole and Clayton Sinclair,
Springmont parents, 2014 - Present



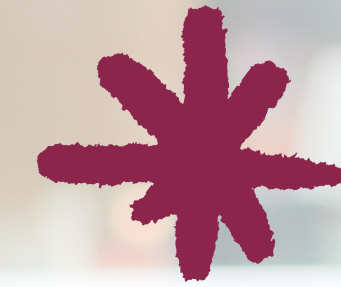
Springmont's mission is to provide a learning environment where diversity of thought and global perspective empower students to be inquisitive, knowledgeable, independent, compassionate and effective.

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Middle School Program
(12-14 years)



Early adolescence, that unique stage between childhood

and young adulthood, is a time of rapid change. Often thought of as a period of physical and emotional uncertainty, this is also a period of opportunity and growth. Given a safe and supportive learning environment, caring and knowledgeable adults, and carefully chosen experiences, tomorrow's adults try on their new roles as

members of society with rewarding results. Springmont's Middle School program provides an academic and social environment that uniquely supports the development of the early adolescent.

A Rare Middle School Experience



Springmont provides an atmosphere ripe for developing problem solving, logical reasoning and research skills through hands-on lessons and personal engagement.

The Springmont curriculum animates our Core Values. Students develop character born of mutual respect, stewardship and engagement and skills born of collaboration, leadership and responsibility.

Inquisitive.
Knowledgeable.
Independent.



In addition to stellar academics, Springmont’s Middle School program is experiential. This is important to the development of adolescents who are exploring their role and impact on the world around them. The **Explorer** program allows students to delve into a wide variety of subject matter in a four- to six-week workshop format. The Middle School’s **Micro-economy Program** manages all aspects of a business including orders, customer satisfaction, working with vendors and earning money used for the year-end class trip. The **Outdoor Program** utilizes Springmont’s 86-acre Landschool located in the foothills of the Appalachian Trail for “time away,” contemplation, immersion in nature and team building opportunities. **Internships** are designed to give students opportunities in the work force. Seventh-year students work on campus, giving back to the Springmont community. Eighth-year students work in a business such as a landscaping firm or an investment or magazine office, sharpening their communication skills and practicing professional etiquette.



Core Subjects

Curriculum and instruction are designed to be a two-year program beginning in the 7th grade. Academic, social and work experiences are designed to develop social skills, organization and application of knowledge. Lessons on time management and test taking, group and individual projects, oral presentations and student-led conferences are an important part of our Middle School experience. Teachers mentor and coach students in activities that foster creativity, self-expression and independence. Lessons are taught in a classroom-style setting after which students are given time for extensive one-on-one work sessions with the Teacher.



- **Language Arts** includes the study of vocabulary, literature, writing and grammar and mechanics.
- A variety of **mathematics** courses are offered including Pre-Algebra, Algebra I and Geometry.
- The two-year **science** curriculum encompasses the study of earth, physical and life sciences and focuses on lab-based learning.
- **Humanities** includes the study of geography and history. The **geography** curriculum includes themes of location, place, movements, regions and interactions of people and their environment. The **history** curriculum focuses on world and US history, from the beginning of recorded history through modern times.
- **Physical education** focuses on team and individual sports, developing basic skills, sportsmanship and team work.
- **Spanish** instruction encompasses oral proficiency, vocabulary, verb conjugation, reading and dictation.
- **Latin** provides an overview of syntax and vocabulary and enhances the understanding of romance language sentence construction.
- The **fine arts** support the young adolescents’ need for self-expression and include visual and performing arts. **Music history**, world dance, chorus and lessons in drumming and Orff instruments are included in the music curriculum.



Path to High School

Springmont students are well prepared for future success. Graduates matriculate to their choice of Atlanta’s competitive independent schools as well as public, IB and magnet programs. Graduates and families are supported in the outplacement process by Middle School faculty and the Admission Office. Ultimately, 98 percent are accepted into their first school choice.

[Schools] should base their curriculum not on the idea of separate subjects, but on the much more fertile idea of disciplines... which makes possible a fluid and dynamic curriculum that is interdisciplinary.

Sir Ken Robinson, Educator, Author and TED presenter

