



COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
COSTA RICA
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Middle School Electives
2018

The core courses in middle school are English Language Arts, social studies, Spanish, mathematics, and science. We also offer electives for 6, 7 and 8th grade.

6th Graders rotate through all four options below on Mondays and Thursdays, changing in each quarter. Boost is an optional program for some students. On Tuesdays and Fridays they choose one of the four music options for the whole year.

Name of elective	Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3 or Quarter 4	Day of the week
Lego Robotics	Students rotate during the four quarters of each semesters	Monday and Thursday
Drama	Students rotate during the four quarters of each semesters	Monday and Thursday
Broadcast Media	Students rotate during the four quarters of each semesters	Monday and Thursday
Art	Students rotate during the four quarters of each semesters	Monday and Thursday
Boost	Extra support class	Monday and Thursday
Cadet band	All year	Tuesdays and Fridays
Choir	All year	Tuesdays and Fridays
Strings	All year	Tuesdays
Piano Lab	All year	Tuesdays and Fridays

7th and 8th grade elective time is between 2.10 and 3.00pm. Students can choose two electives for each semester, one on Mondays and Thursdays and one on Tuesday and Fridays. They can re-select their elective at the end of the semester.

Name of the elective	Description	Day of the week	Semester
Art 7&8	Students apply their creative potential by experimenting with different art forms like painting, drawing, photography, and sculpture. They will also work with new media in 3D printing and modeling, animation, and video.	Monday and Thursday & Tuesday and Friday	1 &2
Green Club	Students learn about nature and develop environmental awareness. This elective allows students to be outside enjoying the fresh air and moving around while planting and caring for both edible and ornamental plants and trees. Students learn the basics of gardening.	Monday and Thursday	1
Junior Model UN	Students role play as delegates of the United Nations and simulate U.N. Committees to address global issues and international policies. Students will increase their skills in negotiating, public speaking, and writing resolutions through diplomatic competitions.	Tuesday and Friday	1 &2
Drama 7&8	Drama students will have fun while learning techniques of voice projection, movement on stage, and creativity of expression culminating in a production on stage in December.	Monday and Thursday	1 &2
MathCounts	MathCounts is a math competition that challenges middle school students in different math concepts, problem solving, and teamwork. Class is limited to 15 students with the understanding that the team who will be eligible to represent CDS at the MathCounts competition at the American School of El Salvador in February, 2019, can only consist of 12 students. Priority for team members will be given to students in the class. Though challenging and non-routine, the competition problems focus on grade 6-8 standards of the National Council of Teachers in Mathematics.	Tuesday and Friday	1
STEAM:	Students engage in activities that are fun, exciting, and connect students to the world in which they live. Students use math, science, and technology to meet open-ended challenges that have multiple solutions, problem-solving, teamwork, communication, and creative thinking skills.	Monday and Thursday & Tuesday and Friday	1 &2

Boost:	Boost offers the opportunity for students to work on organisation, time-management and executive functions.	Monday and Thursday	1 &2
Life Skills 8	Students learn about interpersonal relationships, drug and alcohol prevention, decision making, stress-management, peer pressure, and balanced nutrition. This course is obligatory for all 8th graders to take once during the year.	Tuesdays and Friday	1 &2
Coding	Students learn to code!	Tuesdays and Friday	2
Choir 7&8	Students develop their group singing skills	Tuesdays and Friday	1 &2
Design Thinking	Students learn how to use Design thinking to solve problems they find in their communities.	Monday and Tuesday	2