

Louis and Sarah Block Yeshiva High School **School Profile**

Louis and Sarah Block Yeshiva High School is an Orthodox Jewish college-preparatory school, which includes grades nine through twelve. Separate campuses are provided for boys and girls, and the total enrollment is approximately fifty to sixty students.

The school was founded in 1977 with the dual purposes of teaching and instilling traditional Orthodox Jewish beliefs and practices through the study of Tanach, Talmud, and the classic commentaries, and of providing a strong college-preparatory education.

Block Yeshiva fosters a love for Israel and the Jewish people by teaching Jewish history, Hebrew language, literature and culture. The school teaches that the creation of the State of Israel is one of the seminal events in Jewish history. Recognizing the significance of the State and its national institutions, we seek to instill in our students an attachment to the State of Israel and its people as well as a sense of responsibility for their welfare.

Accreditation and Affiliations

The Commission of Schools of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has accredited the school since 1981. It is recognized by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, is a member of the Day School Council of the Central Agency for Jewish Education, and is a beneficiary institution of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

The Curriculum and School Day

Consistent with the dual goals of the school, all students are enrolled in full curricula of both Judaic and General Studies. As a consequence, their school day is nearly nine hours in length.

The Judaic Studies curriculum is skill-based, and primarily utilizes texts in the original Hebrew and Aramaic. Each student is enrolled in five courses taught on one of four levels each semester. The subjects of these courses include:

Gemara or Mishna (Talmudic Text and Commentaries)

Chumash (Biblical Text and Exegesis)

Navi (Prophetic Literature)

Ktuvim (Jewish Thought)

Halacha (Applied Jewish Law)

A minimum of twenty-one additional credits is required in the General Studies curriculum.

The typical course of study is:

Grade Nine

English 9 (Grammar)
World History I
Algebra I / II/ Geometry
Studio Art/ Music/Film
Hebrew¹
Jewish History²
Survey of Science
Chemistry

Grade Ten

English 10 (American Literature)
Business & Government
Geometry/ Algebra II/ Pre-Calculus
Biology
Hebrew¹
Jewish History²
French I
Survey of Science

Grade Eleven

English 11 (British Literature)
French II
European History
Algebra II/ Pre-Calculus/Calculus
Advanced Chemistry/AP Chemistry
Human Anatomy
Hebrew¹
Jewish History²

Grade Twelve

English 12 (Composition)
American History
Algebra III/ Calculus/ Mathematical Analysis
Advanced Physics /AP Biology/ AP Psychology
Hebrew¹
Zionism/Holocaust Studies
Calculus/Mathematical Analysis
Journalism

¹Denotes partial credit course.

²Denotes ¼ credit course.

Eight AP Course Offerings

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| 1. U.S. History | 5. Literature |
| 2. European History | 6. Composition |
| 3. Biology | 7. Art |
| 4. Calculus | 8. Chemistry |