



Middle School Group Study Sessions / "Study Buddies"

MONDAY-THURSDAY:

Homework Club

(Mon-Thurs: Session I - Monday through Thursday 3:45-5:45 PM/Session II - Monday through

Thursday 5:00 - 6:00 PM) For students in Grades 6-8

Cost: FREE (prior registration through D-E 360° is required)

Middle School is a time of tremendous growth—academically, socially, and personally. Students mature and develop at different paces: some come home ready to dive into homework independently, while others benefit from extra guidance in building organization and study habits. The path toward independence takes time, and the best results often come when students can practice strategies with support, gradually learning to internalize them.

One way we foster this growth at D-E is through our Group Study program, available Monday through Thursday after school. Designed for 3–5 students at a time, these sessions create a balance of structure and collaboration. Scheduling is aligned with sports seasons—fall sessions begin in mid-September and run through December—so students can participate without conflict.

At the heart of these sessions is peer-to-peer learning. Our Upper School "Study Buddy" volunteers are trained to provide subject-specific tutoring while also serving as mentors. They not only help Middle School students work through homework challenges but also model positive study habits, time management, and resilience. This dynamic fosters a sense of community, where younger students see what successful independent learning looks like and older students gain leadership and empathy by guiding their peers.

Group study sessions take place in the Imperatore Library and offer flexibility: students can use the time to stay focused on homework, get help in a tricky subject, or collaborate with classmates on shared assignments. Whether a student joins for accountability, support, or enrichment, the sessions are designed to help them thrive in a positive, interactive environment.

By pairing academic support with mentoring, our Group Study program not only strengthens subject knowledge but also builds confidence, independence, and a deeper connection to the D-E community. Prior registration is required to ensure that we match each group with the right number of Study Buddy volunteers.

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