

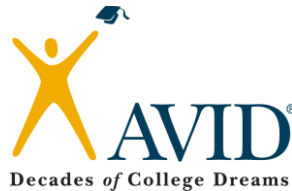
School Vision: Building a Community of Lifelong Learners through Academics and the Arts

School Mission: Expanding Minds, Strengthening Bodies, Nurturing Souls for Lifelong Success



Cambridge Secondary 1 develops learner skills and understanding in English, mathematics and science for the first three years of secondary education. The Cambridge program is intended for students who score Level 4 or 5 on the FCAT in Reading and Math. It offers a challenging curriculum that enhances critical thinking and problem solving skills to prepare students for advanced programs in high school. Cambridge students are students who are:

- confident in working with information and ideas,
- responsible for themselves, responsive and respectful of others
- reflective as learners themselves, developing their ability to learn
- innovative and equipped for new and future challenges
- engaged intellectually and socially and ready to make a difference in the world.



### **(Advancement Via Individual Determination)**

AVID is a full-year elective class offered to students in grades 6 AVID-8 who would like to prepare for accelerated high school classes and four-year universities. The curriculum features writing, inquiry, collaboration, note taking, study skills and college/career/motivational activities. College students routinely join the AVID classroom as tutors and field trips are taken to local universities. Students must commit to taking notes in subject-area classes on a daily basis. Other requirements include satisfactory citizenship, good attendance and an FCAT Reading AND Math score of Level 3. **AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) prepares students so they can qualify for a four-year university study. With a proven track record in bringing out the best in students grades 4-12 and in closing the achievement gap, AVID targets students in the academic middle--B, C, and even D students--who want to go to college and are willing to work hard. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential. Typically, AVID students will be the first in their families to attend college; many are from disadvantaged families. AVID pulls these students out of unchallenging courses and puts them on the college track, providing acceleration instead of remediation



## BSMCA Comprehensive Arts Program

**The BSMCA Creative Arts** program provides enrichment and instruction in visual, theatre, and musical arts for all students. Learning experiences encourage students to work independently and collaboratively through the arts and to display their appreciation of the arts, develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and enhance self-esteem through exploring the creative opportunities available. **Teachers in the core classes integrate the arts into their curriculum to help students make the connection of art to the world. All students are encouraged to take at least one arts class a year.**

### **Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts**

Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts was built in 1979. We have a strong history of providing high level academics in a nurturing environment. We provide our students with a rigorous and relevant curriculum while teaching our students how to be respectful citizens in our community.

Above the district approved curriculum, BSMCA also provides:

- Cambridge Program
- Full time Gifted Program
- AVID Program
- Comprehensive Arts Program
- PE/Health and Intramural Program
- Before School Horseplay
- Free After School Tutoring
- Early Stallions Program for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- A wide variety of student organizations:  
NJHS, Student Council, Green Team, Math  
Team, Odyssey of the Mind

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