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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Digital Literacy for Middle School GVL

Wednesdays Only

Grades: 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Fees: \$180 per year

Sections Offered: [1st Hour \(Wednesday only\) - Branche](#)

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Laptop or Chromebook with Wi-Fi and internet browsing capability (iPads/tablets are not compatible with this course)
- notebook
- pencils

Course Description

Digital Literacy is the ability to navigate our digital world using a multitude of skills to communicate proficiently and effectively. It is important for students to be properly equipped to use digital tools and technologies in order to operate in this digital society. This course is an elective and is to be considered for students who would like to gain experience with Google Drive as they utilize Docs, Slides, Sheets, and Forms as well as students who may need a refresher on how to use these programs and tools.

In addition, time will be dedicated to digital etiquette with a focus on online behavior, digital footprint, cyber-bullying, and media literacy. In this course, students will collaborate with others to use technology to find, evaluate, and creatively communicate information through these different platforms. They will also develop awareness of technology's impact on both society and students while beginning to cultivate safe and manageable online habits. The exposure to digital skills in this course is a tool that supports student success.

To be successful in this class:

Students should come to class with needed supplies including a laptop or Chromebook; this device must have Wi-Fi and internet browsing capabilities. Students must be ready to utilize critical thinking, work well collaboratively, participate and follow directions. All assignments will be completed in class; however, unfinished assignments may need to be completed as homework prior to the next class.

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Meet Betsy Branche

Education:

- BA in Elementary Education and Masters of Education in Educational Leadership

Certifications:

- Certified in middle school level math and science, elementary and administration

Teaching Experience:

- 4 years teaching 5th grade all subjects and team teaching math and science
- 2 years teaching 6th grade math and science
- 4 years leading women's ministry and bible studies
- Homeschooling my own children since 2019

UHC Courses Taught:

- Math 6
- Math Labs

Began teaching at UHC in 2023

