



The  
**SAGE SCHOOL**  
EXPERIENCE YOUR EDUCATION

# 6-7 BAND





# BANDS OVERVIEW

## INTENTIONALLY DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

Like you, we were troubled by the human disconnect from self, community, and nature in the traditional school systems, which is why we rebuilt it.

Our founders have a combined 60+ years of educational experience that informs our unique approach to learning.

We've all been told there's only ONE way to be educated. We believe there is another option, we want to show you.

Discover what a holistic and developmentally designed education looks like.

## EDUCATION THAT HONORS YOUR TEAN YEARS

People are made to learn, which is why we cultivate an environment where it truly happens.

### + GAIN AUTONOMY IN LEARNING

Leave behind the one-sized fits all approach to learning.

### + BE WELL PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

Graduate with your tank full of curious energy.

### + ACTUALLY LOVE LEARNING

Retain your childlike wonder and curiosity.





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## THE OTTERS

The Explorers or Otters are ready to jump in and discover new lessons about the world. They want to get their hands dirty with tangible experience, while still inhabiting an inner world of childhood magic. The 6th and 7th grades represent the transition from childhood to adolescence. This is a dynamic and flexible age in which students' critical thinking skills are maturing as they move from a mindset dominated by concrete thinking to a new, abstract mode of understanding. As a result of these changes, we give them opportunities to explore story and mythology, create artistic products, build and understand how things work, and to begin mastering the tools needed to thrive beyond The Sage School. These experiences tap into the Explorer's natural energy and desire, while keeping learning fun, engaging, and meaningful.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Because of our two-grade band structure, we have the good fortune to teach our students for two consecutive years. Each year of this two-year cycle we focus on a distinct Human Ecology curriculum. The 6/7 curriculum charts demonstrate a detailed outline for the course of study by trimester. As students move through the 6/7 band they are presented with developmentally appropriate tasks that reflect their natural curiosity and their growing skills and abilities. Throughout this process, the students will engage projects designed to be authentic, relevant, social, and active. These projects intentionally elicit student motivation. Sixth and seventh grade students want to see

the connections to the real world, be engaged meaningfully, and challenged appropriately.

One year focuses on understanding ancient cultures and their contributions to our modern lives. What impacts did the ancient Greeks, Romans, Indians and Chinese have on the world?

The other year focuses on the importance of self, family structures and US history. We delve into the study of self and how our own stories relate to the broader picture of the history, geography, and philosophy of American families and culture over time. We ask our students to think deliberately about what it means to study their own history and how this fits into the history of our nation.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

The 6/7 schedule creates a daily experience where students thrive in an environment that provides a challenging, authentic curriculum centered on human ecology, math, writing and Spanish. Throughout the week, the Otters' schooling includes many experiences designed specifically to promote self-awareness, community responsibility, and a sense of place. Adolescence is the scaffolding on which we build our schedule and it clearly reflects our mission.

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## COURSE FOCUS

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Year Two focuses on the importance of self, family structures and US history.

## EXPERIENCE

- + Field studies start our year with community building experiences such as rock climbing and a ropes course.
- + Write and produce a play based on your class's family histories.
- + Explore US History by traveling the Oregon Trail through Idaho.
- + Explore the world of the Ancients by building ancient structures and inventions.
- + Connect with learning is engaging, challenging, meaningful, and fun.



## Overview

The journey into adolescence starts in a playful, engaging space where our 'Explorers' truly begin the discovery and exploration of self and community.

## Testimonial

**“**Sage goals are the same as mine- to grow healthy, well-rounded children that have an awareness for the world they live in.”

-Nikki parent of 2 Sage students

