

# Sunset Middle School

**FOCUS**

International Baccalaureate  
Middle Years Programme (IB)

**PRINCIPAL**

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**ENROLLMENT**

395 Students

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**Sunset Middle is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World Middle School committed to high-quality, challenging, international education using global contexts.**



## Highlights

- Sunset Middle offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme which builds from the IB Primary Years Programme and prepares students to successfully complete the rigorous, two-year IB Diploma Programme at Niwot High School
- All Sunset Middle students are enrolled in the IB Middle Years Programme rigorous course sequence which engages students in a global educational perspective rooted in the 10 attributes outlined by the IB learner profile and inquiry-based learning
- Sunset Middle offers two World Language options in French and Spanish
- Students have access to advanced courses at every grade level, including Algebra and Geometry
- Sunset Middle's recent student achievements include: competitive robotics programming with three-time consecutive qualifying state robotic competition, two qualifying teams attended world competition, VEX IQ Robotics Competition winners; District Geography Bee winners; two-time winners of the ReNew Our Schools Energy Competition
- The Sunset Middle 3E Learning Philosophy drives excellence through an engaged and empowered student community
- Eighth-grade students participate in a capstone community project focused on creating real-world solutions to empower students to become active agents of change within their communities
- Diverse learning opportunities available for Gifted and Talented students in core content classes and engage in unique learning activities through Gifted and Talented advisory classes
- Eighth-grade students participate in Where Everybody Belongs (WEB), a middle school orientation and transition program for students and are leaders for sixth grade students for the transition year



**Athletics for Character, Discipline, and Collegiality**

Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling



**Visual and Performing Arts**

**Music:** Band, Choir, Jazz Band, Mariachi, Music Exploration, and Orchestra; advanced course options in all music subjects

**Art:** Visual Art and Film Studies

**Theater and Dance:** Drama



**Co-Curricular Activities**

Geography Bee, Homework Club, Musical, Mwebaza Club, National Junior Honor Society, Robotics Club, STEM Explorers, Cooking Club, Stitch Club, Mushroom Club, Where Everybody Belongs (WEB), and Yearbook



## Bailey Williams

8TH GRADE

**What do you like best about your school?**

What I like best about Sunset Middle is the friends I've made and the relationships I have built with my teachers. The lessons I've learned from my teachers will never be forgotten, and will help me in high school and beyond. Both my peers and teachers have influenced me to become the person I am today.

