

**Cross-curricular Approach**

**CASL**

**to Student-driven Learning**

### What is CASL?

Students will work alongside three teachers covering Language Arts, Global Studies, and Science in a cross-curricular approach. This program will place an emphasis on community building through collaboration.

### Why are we doing this?

Research shows an increase in student connection to topics when they incorporate elements from multiple disciplines. We know that students learn in a variety of ways. At SEJH, we want to deliver an innovative program that acts as an alternative to the traditional junior high structure. Providing a larger block of time allows teachers freedom to tailor lessons to best meet the needs of their students.

### What type of student do we envision for CASL?

CASL is open to incoming 7th grade students. Students who are willing to learn collaboratively, as well as independently.

### What will a student's day look like?

Students will spend a block of time in the program in which they will receive instruction in Science, Language Arts, and Global Studies. CASL will feature elements of traditional instruction and flexible scheduling. Math, Literacy, PE and exploratory classes will meet outside of the program.

### How will subjects be taught and assessed?

Students will be instructed and assessed using the same Language Arts, Global Studies, and Science standards as the traditional classes at South East. CASL's flexible scheduling will allow for instruction across the three content areas. Students will still receive an individual grade for each content area.

### How will students be selected for CASL?

Each elementary feeder school will be allocated program space, based on the size of the school's student population. A brief application needs to be submitted for each potential participant. The application is accessible online through the South East website [www.iowacityschools.org/SouthEastJH](http://www.iowacityschools.org/SouthEastJH). Families can also pick up a hard copy application at their child's elementary school. Application deadline is May 1st, 2017.

