

Middle School 101

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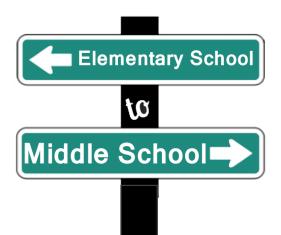
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Anxiety Check

My child is heading off to middle school!







Middle School Philosophy

- "Make a large school small"
- Teams approx. 150 students on a team
- 5 core teachers per student
- 1 special education teacher assigned to a team
- Challenging Curriculum
- Schedule
- Focus on social and emotional development



Curriculum

Five periods of "core" classes (English, Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies)

Two periods of Unified Arts – 9 week courses (Art, Computer Science, Family Consumer Science, Music, PE/Health, and Tech Ed)

Only selection in grade 6 is Music (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, and Classroom Music)

Where can I learn more about Course Descriptions & Curriculum?

Counseling Dept

For Parents



Sample Schedule

	S	MP	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Homeroom 10 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
Period 1 47 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 O4	World Cultures and Geography					
Period 2 47 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Reading Through Time					
Period 3 47 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Unified Arts					
Period 4 47 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Unified Arts					
Period 5 30 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Period 6 47 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Period 7 47 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
Period 8 47 minutes	S1 S2	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	English	English	English	English	English	English



Unified Arts Schedule

Broken Down by Semesters and Marking Periods

	S	MP	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Period 3 47 minutes	S1	Q1 Q2	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health
	S2	Q3	Food Science	Food Science	Art	Art	Art	Art
		Q4	Computer Sciene Applications	Computer Sciene Applications				
Period 4 47 minutes	S1	Q1	Computer Science Fundamentals	Computer Science Fundamentals	Classroom Music	Classroom Music	Physical Education	Physical Education
		Q2	Manufacturing Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering				
	S2	Q3	Technology/ Robotics	Technology/ Robotics	Classiooni Music			
		Q4	Computer Studies	Computer Studies				



Levels of Instruction

Grade level – addresses rigorous standards at 6th grade level

Honors – rigorous standards at 6th grade level with some self-directed learning

Accelerated Honors – address rigorous standards beyond grade level with self-directed learning



Team Structure

Create smaller learning communities within the school

Teachers meet regularly to discuss and plan:

- student progress
- interdisciplinary planning
- parent communication



Where is the staff contact information found?

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Technology

Each student **receives a laptop and orientation** on use and care.

Teachers post course materials and assignments on **Schoology** (Learning Management System).

 Students are expected to bring their charged laptop with them to school each day

Where can a student or parent go for technology support?

For Parents For Students



After School Activities

Intramurals – e.g. soccer, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, and track

Clubs – e.g. TV Studio, Drama, Ski, Best Buddies, Newspaper, Yearbook, Student Council **Events** – e.g. school fundraisers, dances, socials, sporting

How do you find out about these activities?

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Transition Camp

You will receive more information at the 5th Grade Parent meeting regarding dates, times, and instructions to sign-up your child to attend.

Fugett – July 30 and August 6

Peirce – August 5, August 12, and August 19

Stetson – July 20 and August 3



The Middle Years

- Increased need for independence
- Drama frenemies and bullies
- Importance of Socialization peer pressure, temptation
- Physical Changes
- Importance of Goal Setting
- Cell phones and social media

Where can a student or parent go for support?





Don't Forget!

5th Grade Parent Meetings Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7 pm