

Welcome to Junior High!

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✓ What will be new and exciting for your 6th grader?

- Choosing their electives
- Changing classes
- Different teachers throughout the day
- Mixed grade electives (6-8th)
- Start and end time of school day (7:45/3:15)
- Lunch schedule (5th) period-3 lunches for Junior High)
- Sports (cross country, swimming, golf, soccer, football, basketball, baseball, softball, cheerleading, track & tennis)

✓ 6th Grade Schedule

- 7 periods/day/semester including homeroom
- 4 academics (Math, Social Studies, Science, & English language Arts)
- Well-Trained Mind (semester long) and Managing Junior High/Adolescent Skills (semester long) (Required for all 6th graders)
- 2-4 electives (YOU SELECT-based on availability)(some are year-long and some are semester long)

✓ Choosing electives

- Students will have 3 electives each day.
- Course descriptions for all the junior high electives will be on D2L and on the web site.
- Performing arts classes (Chorus, Band, Musical Theatre, and Orchestra) are yearlong classes.
- Students will receive forms to select electives this week
 - Form needs to be returned by, Tuesday, February 12 to their homeroom teacher
- All 6th graders are required to take **The Well-Trained Mind** (covers art, music, history, etc.) and **Adolescent Skills** (Managing Junior High)

✓ Sample of choosing electives

<p>➤ Semester 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Well-Trained Mind (Required) <i>semester long</i>● Physical Education <i>semester long</i>● Chorus <i>year-long</i>	<p>➤ Semester 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adolescent Skills (Required) <i>semester long</i>● Business/Computer Sci. <i>semester long</i>● Chorus <i>year-long</i>
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✓ **Survival Skills for 6th graders (and their parents 😊)**

- Organizational Skills
 - How to use their agenda
 - Keeping up with multiple classes and teachers
- Time Management
 - Plan around after-school activities
- D2L Navigation
 - Homework, important dates, classwork all in one spot
 - The go-to resource when your child is absent

✓ **Georgia Milestones**

- State Law requires that in order to be promoted to the 6th grade, a student must meet the following requirements:
 - Earn “On/Above Grade Level” on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment in reading.
 - Earn an achievement level of “Developing Learner”, “Proficient Learner”, or “Distinguished Learner” on the math section of the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.
- Any student who scores at the beginning level for reading and/or math will receive remediation for reading and/or math and will be given a Milestones retest.

✓ **ACE Promotion/Retention Policy**

- Students must have no more than 10 unexcused absences for the school year.
- Students must pass ALL academic classes (even if all Milestones are passed).
- Parents may appeal this process by submitting a letter to the counselor within 5 days after the last school day. The counselor will convene the Placement Committee who will meet with the parent and review all records for the previous year to make a determination in the best academic interest of the child.