

Making the Transition to Milliken Middle School



A transition for Students, Parents and Caregivers

The transition from elementary school to middle school is an important one. While students and parents are sometimes worried about this transition, we know that with the right support, encouragement and attention, students (and parents/caregivers) will thrive at our Milliken Middle School.

The Transition

Elementary School	Middle School
<i>Students have 1 primary teacher and “Specials” teachers that rotate days</i>	<i>Students see 7 teachers a day</i>
All academic subjects taught by one teacher	Each academic subject taught by a different teacher
<i>All materials kept in one room/desk</i>	<i>Materials kept in lockers and carried to different classrooms</i>
At least two recesses a day	One recess during lunch
<i>2-3 “Specials” classes a year</i>	<i>Up to 6 Encore classes a year</i>
Students are “escorted” to “Specials” classes by a teacher	All students have a 4 minute passing period to move between classes while teachers monitor the hallways
<i>Students wear street clothes for P.E. class</i>	<i>Students change into gym clothes for P.E. Class and use gym lockers</i>
Each academic teacher is responsible for 30 students	Each academic teacher is responsible for up to 130 students

Sweet

Home

Home



- 6th graders take all of their classes, including lunch, with 6th graders only.
- 6th grade teachers work together to assist students with the transition into middle school.
- Common expectations throughout 6th grade classrooms.
- In the fall 6th graders will transition to middle school by participating in WEB.
- 6th graders are assigned an 8th grade leader to assist them with the transition in to middle school.

Important Information

- School begins at 7:30 am each day
- School ends at 2:35 pm each day
- Approximately twice a month we have a Late Start Schedule. School begins at 9:30 am on Late Start days
- 6th Grade Lunch is from 12:17 to 12:47
- Students have 4 minutes passing time between classes

It's a BIG Difference

- Students will see 7 teachers every day
- Each teacher will have a unique style and approach to teaching
- Although we try to keep most expectations consistent across classrooms, each teacher has specific expectations to how they structure their classroom environment, procedures and rules
- 6th graders will need to learn to adapt to each teacher's expectations

Middle School is different than when I went to school...

The truth is...

...we know more about how people learn now compared to even 10 years ago.

...learning expectations are higher now.

...the skills needed to be productive in the future work force are continuously changing at a rapid speed.

...the careers we are preparing students for have not even been thought of yet.

State Standards

- Are more rigorous than in the past
- Students are expected to think, reason, problem solve and support/justify their thinking using documented resources
- grades are determined by the students' ability to do the afore mentioned at a level of proficiency.

Instructional Resources

- text books are no longer a primary source of instruction but are used to support instruction when appropriate
- teachers will use a variety of sources in the classroom with an increase use of technology

Middle School begins
the time when an
increased responsibility
for the students
education begins to be
given to the student.

Extra Curricular Activities

6th grade students can participate in the following activities:

- Cross Country
- Wrestling
- Soccer (KQA)
- Sports team manager (football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, track)
- Spelling Bee
- FCCLA (Family and Consumer Studies Club)
- After School Shop
- Chess Club
- National Junior Honor Society

Students' Biggest Fears About Middle School

Taken from an informal survey conducted by PARENT magazine

- Combination Locks
- Being Late to Class/Getting Lost
- Not Having Friends
- Facing The Cafeteria
- Being Too Different
- Tough Classes

Combination Locks



- Buy them now and practice
- Get a two pack with the same combination
- Avoid fancy locks and get the good 'ole 3 number combination lock

Being Late to Class/ Getting Lost

- Work with child to be able to open their locks
- WEB orientation helps students become comfortable with the school and their schedules
- WEB leaders spend the first week of school assisting 6th graders to get to their classes
- Work with your child on organization

Thank You!

- Web Leaders will meet you in the commons to take you on tours of the building and answer questions.
- Principals/Counselors/Teachers will be in the Commons to answer questions.
- Tour on your own.