



Middle School Matters: Articulation Information

Transition from Elementary to
Middle School

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"True learning is figuring out how to use what you already know in order to go beyond what you already think."

- Jerome Bruner



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<http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>

General Middle School Curriculum Overview

Each middle school student will be registered in a minimum of seven (7) courses per year while in a Pinellas County middle school.



The basic course requirements are listed below for middle school student progression. Students must pass all twelve (12) of these courses or higher level courses:

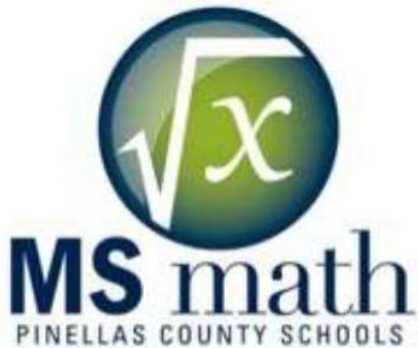
Language
Arts: Grades
6, 7, 8

Mathematics:
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Science:
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Social Studies:
Grades 6, 7, 8

Natural Progression for Middle School Math



Grade	Course #	Abbreviated Title
6	1205010	M/J Grade 6 Math or
	1205020	M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6
7	1205040	M/J Grade 7 Math or
	1205050	M/J Accelerated Math Grade 7
8	1205070	M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra
	1200310	Algebra 1 (HS Credit)
	1200320	Algebra 1 Honors (HS Credit)
	1206320	Geometry Honors (HS Credit)

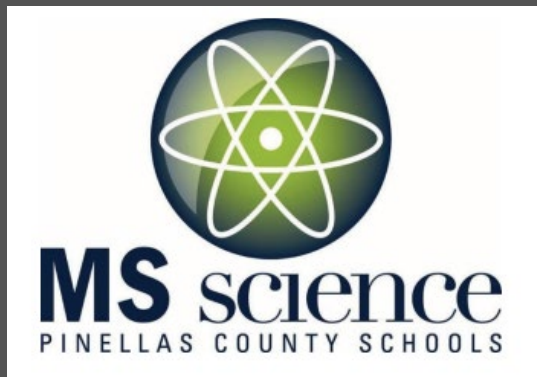
Natural Progression for Middle School Language Arts



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Grade	Course #	Abbreviated Title
6	1001010	M/J Language Arts 1 or
	1001020	M/J Language Arts 1 ADV
7	1001040	M/J Language Arts 2 or
	1001050	M/J Language Arts 2 ADV
8	1001070	M/J Language Arts 3 or
	1001080	M/J Language Arts 3 ADV or
	1001320	English 1 Honors (HS Credit)

Natural Progression for Middle School Science



Grade	Course #	Abbreviated Title
6	2002040	M/J Comp Science 1 or
	2002050	M/J Comp Science 1 ADV
	2002055	M/J Accelerated Science 1 Honors
7	2002070	M/J Comp Science 2 or
	2002080	M/J Comp Science 2 ADV
	2002085	M/J Accelerated Science 2 Honors
8	2002100	M/J Comp Science 3 or
	2002110	M/J Comp Science 3 ADV or
	2003320	Physical Science Honors
	2003335	Pre-AICE Physical Science

Natural Progression for Middle School Social Studies



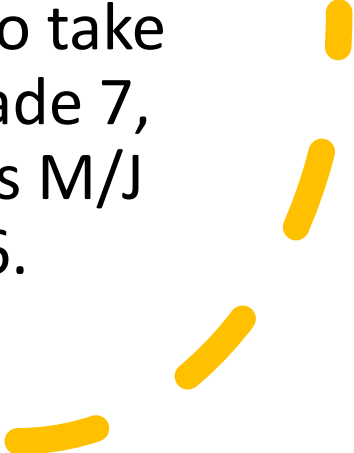
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Grade	Course #	Abbreviated Title
6	21090156	M/J World History & CP
	21000256	M/J US His ADV & CP
7	21000157	MJ US History & CP
	21060267	M/J Civics ADV & CP
8	21060168	M/J Civics & CP
	21090258	M/J World His ADV & CP

General Core Course for 6th Graders by Subject

Course Number:	Course Title:
1001010	M/J Language Arts 1 or
1001020	M/J Language Arts 1 ADV
1205010	M/J Grade 6 Math or
1205020	M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6
2002040	M/J Comp Science 1 or
2002050	M/J Comp Science 1 ADV
2002055	M/J Accelerated Science 1 Honors
21090156	M/J World History & CP
21000256	M/J US His ADV & CP

Grade 6 Math Options

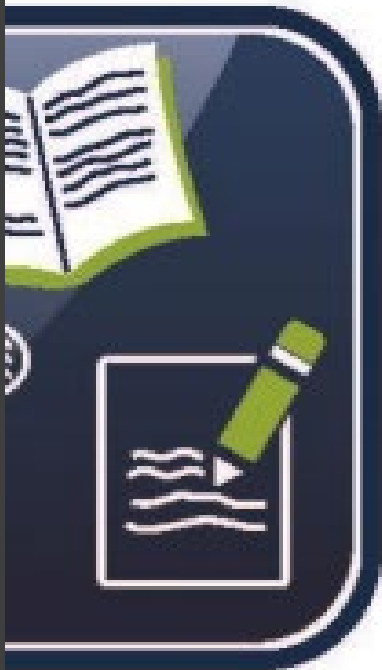
- 6th grade students with a Math FSA Score of Level 3 or higher will be scheduled into M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6
 - 6th grade students with a Math FSA Score of Level 2 will be scheduled into a double block math course (M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6 paired with Intensive Math).
 - In order grade 6 student to take M/J Accelerated Math Grade 7, he/she must take and pass M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6.
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Intensive Math Requirement

In **Pinellas County** schools, Intensive Math is an option used to support students who earn a **L2** on the grade 5 FSA assessment. This course is used to provide students with additional academic support.

Reading Requirement

- Middle school students who score at **Level 1 or Level 2 on the statewide, standardized Reading assessment or the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment the following year will be enrolled in and complete a remedial course (Intensive Reading).**



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Additional Reading Requirement

Sixth grade students who scored *Level 3 or higher* may take a year-long reading course as determined by the school.

Sixth grade students enrolled in the gifted elective or a district level application program may exempt this requirement if they scored at Level 3 or above on the fifth grade statewide, standardized Reading Assessment.

Physical Education Requirement

Physical education is required in grades 6, 7, and 8 for a minimum of one (1) semester.

Middle School Physical Education Waiver Process

- A parent/guardian may request a waiver for their student to opt out of physical education.
- These waivers may be accessed through the following process:
 - Access the Pinellas County Schools Homepage (<https://www.pcsb.org/>)
 - Click on Departments and Divisions
 - Click on Health and Physical Education
 - On the left panel, click on +Physical Education
 - Click on +Middle School Physical Education
 - Click on Middle School Physical Education Waiver, then click on the link.
 - Parents will need to use their log-in credentials to access this site.
 - Once logged in, the online form will appear.



What does a typical sixth grade schedule look like?



On average, students within Pinellas County Middle Schools are on a 7 period school day (very few schools are on a block schedule).

4 Required Courses (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies (1) of each)

2 to 3 elective courses (a ½ Semester of PE is required for ALL 6th graders)

Reading and/or Math Intervention is provided to students who are below the proficiency level as measured by the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

30 minutes of lunch daily

4 minutes of passing time between classes

Other Acceleration Options

Grade Level		Math	Science	Language Arts	Social Studies
5	Accelerated (PVS option)	M/J Accelerated Math Grade 6			
6	REG	M/J Math 1 REG	M/J Sci 1 REG	M/J Lang Arts 1 REG	M/J World History & CP
	ADV	M/J Math 1 ADV	M/J Sci 1 ADV	M/J Lang Arts 1 ADV	M/J US History ADV & CP
	Accelerated	M/J Accelerated Math Grade 7	M/J Sci 1 ADV Accel		
7	REG	M/J Math 2 REG	M/J Sci 2 REG	M/J Lang Arts 2 REG	M/J YS History & CP
	ADV	M/J Accelerated Math Grade 7	M/J Sci 2 ADV	M/J Lang Arts 2 ADV	M/J Civics ADV & CP
	Accelerated	Algebra 1 HON	M/J Sci 2 ADV Accel		
8	REG	M/J Math 3 REG	M/J Sci 3 REG	M/J Lang Arts 3 REG	M/J Civics & CP
	ADV	Algebra 1 HON	M/J Sci 3 ADV		M/J World History ADV & CP
	Accelerated	Geometry HON	Physical Sci Honors	English 1 HON	Pre-AP World History and Geography

Please contact your zone Middle School for additional information

Accelerate Math Options Grade 6

	Recommended Criteria	2020-21 Grade 6	2021-22 Grade 7	2022-23 Grade 8
Math Acceleration Option 1 (student earns 1 high school math credit)	2018 4 th Gr. FSA Math Level 3, 4, or 5	Accelerated Math Grade 6	Accelerated Math Grade 7	Algebra 1 Honors (high school credit)
Math Acceleration Option 2 (student earns 2 high school math credits)	2018 4 th Grade FSA Math Level 4 or 5 <u>AND</u> Successful completion of Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) Grade 6 Math Advanced with Final grade no less than 70% average "C"	Accelerated Math Grade 7	Algebra 1 Honors (high school credit)	Geometry Honors (high school credit)

Elective Options

6th Grade Elective Classes

- AVID
- Band
- Chorus
- Computers/Technology
- Orchestra
- STEM
- Visual Arts
- World Language (Spanish, French, etc.)



SPORTS

Middle schools offers:

Volleyball, basketball, track and field and cheerleading teams.

Intramurals broaden options with Fitness Club, Step Team, Archery, Fencing, Indoor Soccer and more.

Check what is offered at your school.





CLUBS

Have fun and learn new skills in clubs, such as Astronomy, Drama, Chess, Debate, French, Lego Club, Peer Mediation, Model United Nations, Minecraft, Gardening and more. Check with your school for offerings. If you don't see the club you want, ask about starting one.



COMPETITIONS

- Mighty Mu
- Battle of the Books
- Science Olympiad
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Quiz Bowl

If you don't see the competition you want, ask about starting one.



Middle School Application Programs

International Studies

- [Cambridge Pre-Advanced International Certificate of Education](#)
- Pinellas Park Middle (M)
 - Cambridge Pre-Advanced International Certificate of Education
- Tarpon Springs Middle (N)
 - Cambridge Pre-Advanced International Certificate of Education
 - Cambridge Pre-Advanced International Certificate of Education with Arts (Leadership Conservatory for the Arts)
- [International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme](#)
- James Sanderlin PK-8, an IB World School (CW)
- Largo Middle School (N & S)
- [International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Candidate School](#)
- John Hopkins Middle (S)

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

- [Center for Advancement of the Sciences and Technology](#)
- Bay Point Middle
- [Center for Innovation and Digital Learning](#)
- Tyrone Middle School
- [Middle Grades Engineering Gateway to Technology](#)
- East Lake Middle (N)
- Azalea Middle (S)

Middle School Application Programs

Fundamental

- [Clearwater Fundamental](#)
- [Madeira Beach Fundamental](#)
- [Thurgood Marshall Fundamental](#)

The Arts

- [Center for International Studies in the Arts and Multimedia Journalism](#)
- John Hopkins Middle
- [Leadership Conservatory for the Arts with the Cambridge Pre-Advanced International Certificate of Education \(AICE\)](#)
- Tarpon Springs Middle

Journalism

- [Center for International Studies in the Arts and Multimedia Journalism](#)
- John Hopkins Middle

Gifted

- [Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies](#)
- Dunedin Highland Middle (N)
- Morgan Fitzgerald Middle (M)
- Thurgood Marshall Middle (S)



Application Period for District Application Programs

Starts: January 8, 2020 at 12:01 AM

Ends: January 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM






Acceptance Period

Starts: February 10, 2020 at 12:01 AM

Ends: February 21, 2020 at 5:00 PM



Transition Advice for Students & Parents

Get organized.

- ✓ Use a planner or calendar to keep track of due dates.
- ✓ Color-code folders and notebooks or use an accordion file.
- ✓ Keep your locker and backpack cleaned out.

Do your homework.

- ✓ Schedule your time wisely. Allot a certain amount of time every night for homework and study.
- ✓ Start early, don't procrastinate.
- ✓ Keep track of your homework assignments and their due dates.

Communicate

- ✓ Ask questions. If you are unsure of an assignment, what you need to be doing or anything, just ask. Your teachers are there to help you.
- ✓ Talk to your parents and keep them informed about what is going on in your middle school life.

Get involved in extracurricular activities.


- ✓ Find things that you enjoy - sports, clubs, activities and get involved.

Stay healthy.

- ✓ Get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before school.
- ✓ Choose your friends wisely.

How Do I Become Involved In My Child's School and Education?

Visit your school's parent/student organization such as the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Go to a PTSA or other parent organization meeting in the spring before your child starts school. Find out how you can join and get involved. Contact your child's school to learn of meeting dates and times.



Keep a family calendar. Ask for a copy of the upcoming year's school calendar and put important dates such as open houses, parent conferences, and holidays on your family's calendar. Encourage your child to add items such as tests, project due dates, and extracurricular activities as well. Make it a point to check it daily.

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Attend school activities. Go to school functions such as curriculum and career nights, sporting events, or student performances.



Volunteer at home or at school. Participate by mentoring students, helping out in the media center or computer lab, or serving as an advisor for an extracurricular activity or club.



Share your ideas. Find out which school committees seek to include parent representation, such as Title I, School Council, and Family Engagement. Talk to the principal and other parents about getting involved in decision-making processes.



Be an informed parent. Carefully read information sent home from the school on school policies, procedures, curriculum, and meetings. Check out newsletters, websites, and other resources. Learn how to use the parent portal so you can monitor your child's progress daily.



Show your child that you care. Ask your child about his or her school day. Monitor your child's academic, social, and developmental performance. Get to know their interests and what truly motivates them to do better. Support them in those endeavors.



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