

## A note to students:

In middle school, you will experience more responsibilities and more freedom. You will also grow as a scholar as you prepare for high school. Use these tips to set yourself up for success.

### Get organized

- Track due dates with a planner or calendar.
- Use color-coded folders, notebooks or an accordion file.
- Keep your locker and backpack clean.

### Do your homework

- Schedule time nightly for homework and studying.
- Start early. Don't procrastinate.
- Keep track of assignments and due dates.

### Communicate

- Are you unsure of an assignment?  
Are you doing everything you need to do?  
Ask your teachers for help.
- Talk to your parents. Tell them what is going on at school.
- Speak with a trusted adult when you have concerns or a problem.

### Get involved

- Get involved with things you enjoy - athletics, clubs or other activities. You will make friends and have fun.

### Stay healthy

- Get a good night's sleep, and eat a good breakfast every day.
- Choose friends wisely.
- Social media can be fun. It can also be a distraction. Be responsible with social media.



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**Mission:** Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life.

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to  
Middle  
School





## Middle School Academics

Students register for seven courses each year. Courses include core academics, physical education, health, electives and/or reading.

Students in grades 6-8 complete language arts, mathematics, science and social studies courses each year. All students in 6th grade take a reading course. Advanced courses are available in all grades.



Core courses in 6th grade:

- Language Arts 1 or Language Arts 1 Advanced
- Grade 6 Math or Accelerated Math Grade 6
- Science 1, Science 1 Advanced, or Accelerated Science 1 Honors
- U.S. History or World History

**High school credits:** Students can progress to Algebra 1 (Honors Geometry Honors, English 1 Honors, Physical Science Honors, World Languages and Digital Information Technology) to earn up to seven high school credits while in middle school.



Getting on track: Students with Level 1 or 2 scores on the Florida Standards Assessment take reading and/or math intervention in addition to core classes. Students can also get ahead by enrolling in Summer Bridge, a six-week program available to all students.

### Did you know?

- Students in schools with block schedules take eight courses per year.
- A student with written parental consent may be exempt from the physical education requirement. Ask your school for information.

## Sample Schedule in 6th Grade

### Before school:

Breakfast is available for all students in all schools at no charge. Schools also provide enrichment or tutoring options.

**Period 1:** Language Arts

**Period 2:** Elective class (PE must be 1 semester and other options vary by school)

**Period 3:** Science 1

**Period 4:** Reading or Gifted Elective

**Lunch** (30 minutes)

**Period 5:** Elective class, such as Band, Visual Arts, Spanish, Technology, Career Exploration and others (options vary by school)

**Period 6:** U.S. History or World History

**Period 7:** Mathematics

### After School:

- Middle schools offer 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.
- Write code in a Robotics Club or test a vehicle's speed in a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy.
- 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.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q** *My student is unsure about which elective to take. What do we do?*
- A** Consider the Career Exploration class during the first semester of 6th grade.
- Q** *What options are there for before- and after-school care?*
- A** Each school can provide information about local services for before- and after-school care.
- Q** *When does school begin and end?*
- A** Most middle schools begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Some schools have different hours. Please check with your school for exact times and information on arrival and dismissal procedures.
- Q** *What is TIP?*
- A** TIP stands for Talent Identification Program. High-performing students in 7th grade take the SAT college entrance exam in March of each school year. Test prep is provided before or after school. Students discover their abilities and can qualify for summer programs or scholarships. Contact your school for more information.
- Q** *When does my child take the PSAT?*
- A** All students in 8th grade take the PSAT 8/9. Free preparation is available on SATpractice.org. The PSAT provides a baseline for students to understand their strengths and areas to improve to ensure they are college and career ready by the time they graduate.

