

7th Grade Orientation

August 8, 2024

Welcome to Junior High!

7th Grade Courses

Reading
English
Math
Science
Ancient World History
Physical Education
Computer
Springboard (new class)
Music, Choir, and/or Band
Study Hall

8th Grade Courses

Reading
English
Math
Science
American History
Physical Education
Health

¼ each of Agricultural Science &
Workforce Career Readiness

¼ each of Art & Computer OR
Band and/or Choir

Students will get their locker assignment when they get their schedule. There are four minutes between classes to allow students to get from one class to the next and to use their lockers. All 7th and 8th graders have lunch together, between their 4th and 5th period classes.

If a student has Intervention or CATS class, then one or more of the semester elective classes may not be on their schedule.

Independence

As a junior high student, you will have an increased responsibility to take your classes and behavior seriously. This does not mean that school isn't going to be fun, but it does mean that students are held increasingly accountable for their actions. You will discover strict guidelines on being on time to class, on turning in homework, and on classroom behavior. You are on the high school side of the building now. This is one of the biggest challenges that face incoming 7th graders.

Grades really are important.

Students who do well in Junior High are much more likely to succeed in high school classes and beyond. To be promoted to the next grade level, you must earn passing grades in 4 out of 5 of your core classes. This is determined by your final averages in those classes. Core classes include Reading, English, Math, Science, and History. Students who do not pass the minimum courses will be required to take Summer School.

Remember to continually keep track of yourself (or your student), academically. All students and parents have access to grades via ProgressBook. If you ever need help with accessing ProgressBook, please contact the office.

Grading Scale

A 93-100% B 80-92% C 70-79% D 60-69% F 0-59%

Extra-curriculars

It is documented that students that participate in interscholastic activities earn higher grades in their classes, are better prepared for life after high school, and can face adversity more easily.

Athletic

At the end of each quarter, athletic eligibility will be determined. To participate in a school sport, you must have passing marks in a minimum of 5 one-credit courses (or the equivalent) and have a minimum 1.5 GPA (grade point average) to be eligible to play sports.

Fall sports (Cross Country, Volleyball) have already begun.

In the Winter, there is Basketball and Cheer.

The Spring bring seasons for Track, Baseball, and Softball, as well as Cheerleading tryouts for the following year.

Each of these sports offer additional opportunities for students to challenge themselves physically and mentally.

Non Athletic

Here are some of the options:

PAWS

Student Council

Power of the Pen

Spelling and Geography Bees

Junior Honor Society

Washington D.C. Trip (begin preparations in 7th grade for 8th grade trip)

Junior High Dance

Volunteer to help in the concession stand during home sporting events

Listen to the morning announcements for information on all extra-curricular activities!

Who am I?

My job is to help get you prepared for life after high school.

Sometimes you might need help with classes, your schedule, or maybe you just need someone to talk to when you are having a rough day. My door is always open. If you're not sure who to ask about something, ask me and we will find the answer together. I am here as a resource for you.

-Mrs. Merickel



LET'S HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!