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# HILLVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HAWKS!



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Academy

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## Mission Statement

Hillview Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Academy will provide academic challenges with accelerated expectations.

Classroom activities and curriculum will have real world applications in a collaborative environment, enhanced by technology and hands-on activities.





# Student Eligibility

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- 3.0 GPA or higher each semester with no D or F grades or 3 and 4 marks on a standards based report card.
- Meets or Exceeds Standards on 4th grade ELA & Math State Tests. \*
- An average of 10 or fewer absences when looking at both 4th and 5th grade. \*

\*Students who don't meet eligibility criteria #2 and/or #3 may still apply; however, they will only be considered if space is available after acceptance of all students that meet all levels of eligibility.





# Honors Class Schedule

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- Honors Language Arts
- Honors Math
- Honors Social Studies
- Science / Science Lab
- Lunch
- Advisory
- Physical Education
- Exploratory Wheel





# Honors Social Studies

## Ancient History

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- Cross curricular activities that align with Language Arts.
- Emphasis on peer collaboration.
- Project based learning.
- Focus on research skills.
- Increased use of classroom technology and personal devices for research purposes.





# Honors Language Arts

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- Through independent and collaborative activities, students will develop critical thinking, reading and writing skills, as well as, public speaking skills. Lessons will be taught using:
  - Common Core strategies
  - AVID curriculum
  - Whole Brain Teaching techniques
- Emphasis will be on:
  - Reading strategies
  - Non-fiction, cross-curricular texts
  - Document Based Questioning
  - Writing strategies and conventions





# Honors Math

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- Students will complete the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Common Core State Standards along with integration of 7<sup>th</sup> grade standards that will assist with grade level transition.
- Focus of 6<sup>th</sup> grade math
  - Ratios & Proportional Relationships
  - The Number System
  - Expressions & Equations
  - Geometry
  - Statistics & Probability





# Science / Science Lab

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- Students utilize observation skills with the metric system and present outcomes using data tables and graphs to organize their observations. NGSS
- Students will apply the scientific method through hands on lab activities using tools of the scientist: microscopes, triple-beam balances, graduated cylinders, scales, hot plates, etc.
- Students will explore career opportunities within the science fields, including educational requirements, career options, and current salaries.







# Physical Education

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- Students will learn physical conditioning, rules, strategies, and fundamentals of various team sports including:
  - Volleyball
  - Softball
  - Badminton
  - Ping-pong
  - Soccer
  - Flag football
  - Paddle ball
  - Lacrosse





# Exploratory Wheel

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- Computer Lab - Project Lead the Way
- Vex Robotics
- AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination





# Community Project

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- Our goal is to have the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class in charge of at least one service project during the year.
- Wreaths Across America, where they purchased wreaths for veterans and participated in the wreath laying ceremony, United Way support, etc.
- Working with students to support school activities.





# Extra-Curricular Activities

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- Lego League
- Sports: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, Soccer, and Cheer
- CJSF-California Junior Scholarship Federation
- Dancing Feet
- Mathletes
- ASB
- Science Olympiad
- And more...





# Insight from Current Students

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- Emily Cowan – Introduction
- Gian Velasco - Academics
- Elissa Layson – Exploratory / Electives
- Madison Niemeyer – Advisory/Lunch/Field Trips
- Gian Velasco – After School Activities
- Emily Cowan – Conclusion





# Application Process

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- Applications must include a copy of:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Report Cards showing Attendance through 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 18-19
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade State Testing Results
  - Current Westside students must submit an Intra-District transfer form with the application (attached to application).
  - Students from other districts must submit an Inter-District Transfer form, available from their home district office.





# Student Selection

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- The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade academy will have 99 seats available for students. A formula for the allotted seats per school will be applied. If applications from schools exceed their allotment, a lottery drawing will be used to select students.





# Registration

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- All applications must be submitted in person by 3:30 P.M. on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at our District Office. **There is no benefit in submitting the application early.**
- Notifications will be sent in June.

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# Transportation

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- Transportation is the responsibility of the parent. There is no busing available for this program.





# Contact Information

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If you have any questions regarding our program, please feel free to call or e-mail:

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Email is preferred. Please put “6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Academy” in the subject line.

