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HILLVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE HAWKS!



6th Grade Honors Academy

Mission Statement

Hillview Middle School 6th 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

1. All students applying for the academy must meet grade requirements which include:
 - a. If using letter grades, the equivalent of a 3.0 GPA or higher each semester during 4th and 5th grade with no D or F grades. and/or
 - b. Students on a Standards Based report card must have “2” or higher scores each semester during 4th grade, AND “2” or higher scores on their 5th grade, 3rd quarter progress report. *
2. Students must have a “3” or “4” score in College and Career Readiness on their 5th grade, 3rd quarter report card. **
3. Scores at or above 70th percentile on the NWEA 5th grade, 3rd quarter Language Arts Assessment, AND scores at or above 70th percentile on the NWEA 5th grade, 3rd quarter Math Assessment. Out of district students must show proficient levels on their 5th grade district assessments. ***
4. Student Meets or Exceeds Standards on 4th grade ELA & Math State Tests. ***
5. An average of 10 or fewer absences when looking at both 4th and 5th grade. ***

Acceptance to this program involves a commitment from parents and students. Classes will include: Honors Language Arts, Honors Math, Honors Social Studies, Science Lab, PE, and Exploratory Classes. The Exploratory classes consists of several different classes that students transition through. Classes typically include: Project Lead the Way, Robotics, and AVID. Students will also work as a whole group on one community based project each year. Students will also have access to all middle school extracurricular activities.

* - Students who meet grade requirements, but have multiple “2” scores, will be considered if space is still available after considering students who meet grade requirements and have “3” and “4” scores.

** - Students from out of district must have an A/B or equivalent score in citizenship (or similar category) on their 5th grade report cards.

*** - Students who don’t meet eligibility criteria #3, #4 and/or #5 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

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





Honors Social Studies

Ancient History

- 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

- 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

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





Science / Science Lab

- 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

- 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

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





Community Project

- Our goal is to have the 6th 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

- 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...





Application Process

- See the details posted on the website
 - 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

- The 6th 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

- All applications must be submitted in person by 3:30 P.M. on Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 at our District Office. **There is no benefit in submitting the application early.**
- Notifications will be sent in June.

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Transportation

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





Contact Information

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 “6th Grade Honors Academy” in the subject line.

