

Hillview Middle School

6th Grade Honors Academy

“Home of the Hawks”



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

- 3.0 G.P.A. or higher during 4th and 5th grade
- Satisfactory Attendance during 4th & 5th grade. No more than 10 absences each year
- Copies of 4th and 5th grade report cards must be submitted with application.



Honors Class Schedule

- Honors Language
- Honors Math
- Honors History
- Science Lab
- Lunch
- Advisory
- P.E.
- Exploratory Wheel



Honors History

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

- 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 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, and hot plates.
- Students will explore career opportunities within the science fields, including educational requirements, career options, and current salaries.



Physical Education

- Students will learn rules, strategies and fundamentals of various team sports including: volleyball, softball, badminton, ping-pong, soccer, flag football, paddle ball and lacrosse.



Exploratory Wheel

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



Community Project

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



Extra Curricular Activities

- Lego League
- Drama Club
- Sports-cross country, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer and cheer
- CJSF-California Junior Scholarship Federation
- Mathletes
- ASB
- Science Olympiad
- And more...



Insight from Current Students

- Cameron Nelson – Introduction
- Nilesh Kumar – Academics
- Grace Faulk – Advisory / Lunch
- Rylin Sewalson – Exploratory / Electives
- Andelin Briggs – Field Trips
- Hailey Obregon – After School Activities
- Cameron Nelson - Conclusion



Application Process

- Applications must have a copy of 4th and 5th grade report cards attached
- Current Westside students must submit a Intra-District form with the application (attached to application).
- Students from other districts must submit and Inter-District Transfer form, available from your district office.



Student Selection

- The 6th Grade academy will have 96 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 Friday, April 14, 2017 to our District Office. There is no benefit in submitting the application early.
- Notifications will be sent in late May or early June.

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Transportation

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



Information and Feedback

- Please fill out the front of the 3x5 card with the following information:
- 5th Grade Student's Name
- Student's current school
- Parent Names & Email Addresses
- Student's home address
- The best phone #(s) to reach parents at
- On the back, please give us any feedback you might have!

Contact Information

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

- Rodney Lots - Hillview M.S. Co-Principal
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If you email, please put “6th Grade Honor’s Academy” as the subject line.

