



Joe Walker Middle School STEALTH Academy

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Joe Walker Middle School would like to cordially invite you and your child to participate in an informational meeting about our 6th grade Honors Academy for the 2021-2022 school year. Your child has worked diligently during their elementary school years and our 6th grade Honors Academy may be a great place for them to continue their education. We hope that you will join us for an informational meeting about this program on Thursday, March 18th at 5:30 pm.

Joe Walker Middle School provides a safe and positive environment which promotes academic success in **Science, Technology, Engineering, And Learning Through Humanities**. Through the collaborative efforts of school staff, students, parents, and community partners, **STEALTH** education creates critical thinkers, increases twenty-first century literacy, inspires creativity and develops the next generation of innovators to improve the world in which we live. In order to best prepare our students for success with twenty-first century skills, we provide a balanced curriculum that educates the whole child combining science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with the arts and humanities. Every child will receive a STEALTH education at Joe Walker Middle School. Our unique program for 6th grade students was developed to provide an opportunity to expose 6th grade students to academically rigorous classes taught by staff specifically trained in their content areas. Below are some highlights of our program:

- STEM Focus
- Honors Math, Science, History, and Language Arts classes
- Access to electives: ASB, Yearbook, VEX Robotics, Band, Art, Woodshop, Home Ec., PLTW engineering classes, etc.
- Emphasis in all classes on:
 - Peer collaboration
 - Project based learning
 - Writing strategies and conventions
 - Focus on research skills
 - Classroom technology use
 - Classroom to career exposure
- Access to middle school sports and clubs including: basketball, volleyball, cross-country, track and field, soccer, cheerleading, FIRST Robotics (Lego), Drama, CJSF, Mathletes, and the list goes on!

Please join us for the 6th grade Honors Academy Informational Meeting

Wednesday, March 18th, at 5:30 pm

This will be an online meeting, so please visit our website for the link to join the virtual meeting. Please try to arrive 5-10 minutes early. You'll be admitted as soon as the meeting starts.

Joe Walker Middle School website: www.westside.k12.ca.us/jw

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Wood".

Steve Wood, Principal

(see reverse for 6th grade Honors Academy eligibility)

Student Eligibility:

- ✓ If using letter grades, the equivalent of a 3.0 GPA or higher each semester in 4th and 5th grade; no D or F grades. 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, 1st semester and 3rd quarter progress report. *
- ✓ Students must have a “3” or “4” score in College and Career Readiness on their 5th grade, 3rd quarter report card. **
- ✓ Scores at or above 70th percentile on the NWEA 5th grade, 3rd quarter Language Arts **AND** Math Assessments. Out of district students must show proficient levels on their 5th grade district assessments. ***
- ✓ An average of 10 or fewer absences when looking at both 4th and 5th grade attendance. ***

* - 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 the bottom two criteria may still apply; however, they will only be considered if space is available after acceptance of all students that meet all levels of eligibility.