

Welcome to **Middle School** **Class of 2026!**

(5th to 6th Transition)

Information and Tips for Creating a Successful Middle School &
Career Experience.

Mission Possible: Graduation & Beyond

Transition to Middle School

- ▶ Like anyone who begins a new journey, there will be excitement along with lots of questions.
- ▶ This presentation will help answer questions as well as prepare students and parents for the transition to middle school.
- ▶ As in elementary school, professional school counselors in middle school support district students in three life domain areas:
 - ▶ Academic
 - ▶ Career
 - ▶ Personal/social

Academics

**What classes will I take
during my 6th grade
year?**



Students have several teachers in middle school. During 6th grade year, students take:

- ▶ **Advisement/Homeroom/Academic Enrichment**
- ▶ **Language Arts**
- ▶ **Math**
- ▶ **Science**
- ▶ **Social Studies**
- ▶ **Two Connections classes (electives)**
 - ▶ **Family Consumer Science, art, music appreciation, chorus, band, computer science and connections Spanish**

Sample Schedule

- ▶ Homeroom
- ▶ NBI
- ▶ 1st Period-Science
- ▶ 2nd Period-Social Studies
- ▶ 3rd Period-Mathematics
- ▶ 4th Period-Language Arts
- ▶ 5th Period-Visual Arts
- ▶ 6th Period-Band

Some middle school
students will take
Advanced courses in
English/Language Arts,
Math, Science, and/or
Social Studies

Course Criteria (Next Slide)

Advanced 6th Grade Courses

Grade/Course	Grades	Teacher Recommendation
Advanced ELA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 15 out of 18 assessed reading standards by the end of the 3rd term• Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 8 out of 10 assessed writing standards	Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits
Accelerated Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 16 out of 20 assessed math standards by the end of the 3rd term• Scores at or above stage 7 on the IKAN Assessment	Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits
Advanced Science	Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 5 out of 7 assessed science standards by the end of the 3rd term	Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits
Advanced Social Studies	Demonstrates or exceeds mastery on 3 out of 4 assessed social studies standards by the end of the 3rd term	Considering attendance, homework completion, participation, and student work habits

High School Courses for High School Credit in 7th & 8th Grade

- ❖ World Language Course Begins in 7th Grade (Spanish I) Criteria: Advanced Language arts
- ❖ 9th Grade Honors Literature, Honors Physical Science, and Honors GSE Algebra I courses begin in 8th grade.
- ❖ Honors Algebra criteria: Accelerated math in 6th grade and 7th grade
- ❖ Honors Physical Science criteria: Must be in Honors Algebra 1

SB289 Online Courses

Students who are interested in taking an online middle school course must have the parent apply online during April/May/June on the district website for the following school year.

Online course opportunities are sometimes limited at both the middle and high school levels.

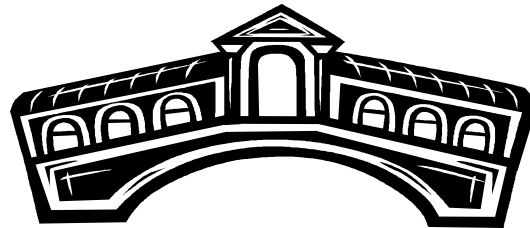
Counselors advise both students and parents regarding online course opportunities.

Please refer to the *MS 101* guide and/or the district *Career Planner* for further information.

What is BRIDGE

Building **R**esourceful **I**ndividuals to
Develop **G**eorgia's **E**conomy

Advisement?



All grade levels utilize SLDS/Counselor Companion



Student logs into the IC Student Portal

6th Grade

- GCIS JR Account is continues to be used or is created.
- Career Cluster Survey (48 questions) is completed.

7th Grade

- 3 Career Clusters are explored.
- You Science Career Inventory Snapshot is administered.

8th Grade

- Individual Graduation Plan is completed using the MYAP Tool in Infinite Campus.
- You Science Aptitude Snapshot is completed.

Helpful Adults

Principal: Mr. Bigham

Assistant Principals: Mr. Boyd and Mrs. Skelton

Evaluation and Assessment Coordinator:
Mrs. Canty

School Counselors:
Mrs. West and Mrs. Crawford

Lead Special Education Teacher:
Mrs. Weaver

School Nurse: Mrs. McDonald