

Welcome to Middle School Class of 2026



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

Mission Possible: Graduation & Beyond

Administration

Principal: Scott Viness
Assistant Principal: Dianah Johnson
Assistant Principal: Stephen Cherry
EAC: Karen Kirby

6th Grade Teachers

Ms. Jones: ELA
Mr. Berry: Science
Mrs. Black- Science/Adv Science
Mrs. McQueen: Math/Adv Math
Mr. Masters- Science/ Adv SS

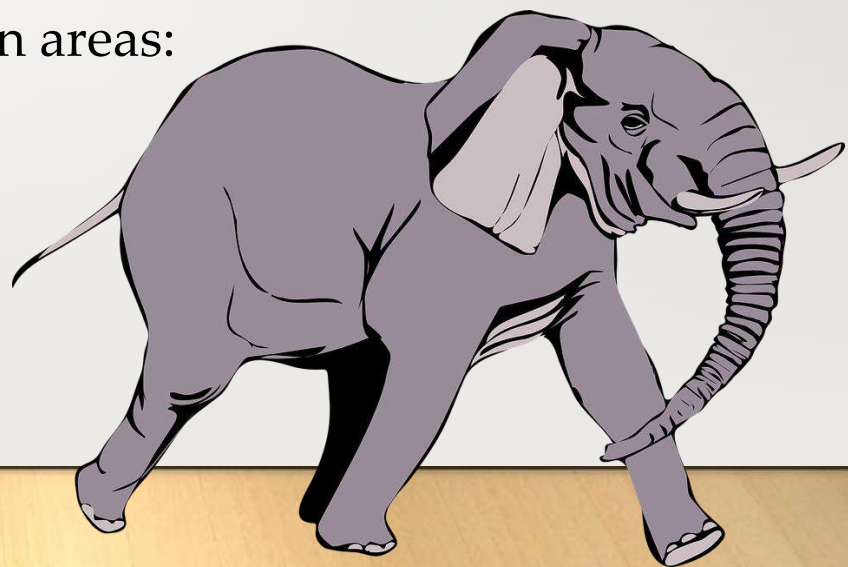
Mrs. Revelle: Social Studies/ Adv. SS
Mrs. Chartier: Social Studies & Adv ELA
Mrs. Whorton: ELA
Mrs. Kostopoulous: Math & SS
Mr. Hayes- Social Studies
Ms. Thompson- Math

Counselors

Lead Counselor: Elisha Martin
Counselor: Stephanie Pate

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



Getting Ready for Middle School (MS 101)

- Middle School 101 is a guide for students and parents and provides information about middle school.
- Where Can I find this?
 - Online (linked on MS Page of PCSD Website)
 - Printed Guide Available during April from your elementary school counselor
- Information is provided about:
 - 5th to 6th Transition Process and Events
 - Academics
 - Organization, Study Routines, Reminders
 - Important Definitions
 - Characteristics of Middle School Student and Middle School Vocabulary/Definitions
 - Middle School Courses
 - High School Courses Taken During Middle School
 - Testing

MS 101 Continued

- Career Planning
 - BRIDGE Advisement
- Personal and Social
 - Just Keep Peace
 - Characteristics and Concerns of Middle School Students
 - Parent Involvement and Tips
 - School Personnel
 - Differences in Elementary and Middle School
- Appendix

Academics

What classes will my student take during my 6th grade year?



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

- **Homeroom**
- **Language Arts**
- **Math**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**
- **Two Connections classes (electives)**



Sample Schedule

- Homeroom
- 1st Period-Band/Grade 6
- 2nd Period-Art/Grade 6
- 3rd Period-Science/Grade 6
- 4th period-Social Studies/Grade 6
- 5th Period-Mathematics/Grade 6
- 6th Period-Language Arts/Grade 6

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

Students will be recommended by
their 5th grade teachers for advanced
courses

Advanced 6th Grade Courses

Criteria

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

Accelerated Math



It is important to note that accelerated math begins in 6th grade with the student learning ALL of 6th grade math standards AND TWO units of 7th grade math standards.



In 7th grade the student learns the remaining 7th grade standards and ALL of 8th grade math.



If a student does NOT begin accelerated math in 6th grade, they cannot enter in the 7th or 8th grade.

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

- ❖ World Language Course Begins in 7th Grade (Spanish I) - *by teacher recommendation*
- ❖ 9th Grade Honors Literature, Honors Physical Science, and Honors GSE Algebra I courses begin in 8th grade.
- ❖ Thoroughly review this information in MS 101 Guide.
- ❖ It is important to do well in 6th and 7th grade courses and meet all requirements, if a student wants to take the above courses later in middle school.
- ❖ Honors Physical Science is new beginning this school year in 8th grade. In order to be considered for Honors Physical Science a student MUST be enrolled in both accelerated math and advanced science beginning in 6th grade.

Band and Chorus

- Band and chorus are classes **DURING** the school day.
- These are the only connections courses that can be chosen. All other connections courses selected at random.
- A student **MUST** begin band in 6th grade. They cannot begin after their 6th grade year



Connections Courses

- Physical Education
- Business and Computer Science
- Consumer and Family Science
- Chorus
- Band
- ★ Reading Connections
- Spanish
- Art
- Music Appreciation



★ Students are PLACED in Reading Connections based upon their Lexile from 5th grade milestone. This course is not requested



Testing

Georgia Milestones Assessment

Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students in grades 6-8 take these summative assessments.

Milestone Testing begins after Spring Break- beginning with 8th grade, followed by 7th grade, and 6th grade

What is BRIDGE

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

Advisement?



BRIDGE Advisement activities and plans help all students be College and Career Ready.

6th Grade

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

7th Grade

- You Science Career Inventory Snapshot is administered.

8th Grade

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



Personal/Social Support for Middle School Students

Differences in Elementary and Middle School

Elementary School	Middle School
One teacher and classroom	Different teachers and classrooms
Expectations that students are used to with frequent reminders from teachers	Expectations may be different and students are given more responsibility
Belongings stored in the classroom with teacher assistance	Students have specific place or locker to store belongings
Same students in each class	Different students in each class
Many of the same students kindergarten through fifth grade	Students coming from different schools. New opportunities to make friends.
Limited choices	Choices for clubs, organizations, band, chorus, orchestra, and intramurals.
Work is completed in class with some homework.	Students receive more homework and must learn how to organize book bags, lockers, materials, and their time.
Testing Georgia Milestones Assessments - 3rd - 5th Grades IKAN (Math Only) – 5 th Grade Math Inventory Screener (K-5)	Testing Georgia Milestones Assessments - 6 th - 8th Grades IKAN (Math Only) – 8 th Grade Math Inventory Screener (6-7)

Important Immunization Information

Please make certain you have taken care of immunization requirements for your student.

- ✓ The State of Georgia requires that all students entering public school have a completed certificate of immunization on file with the school.
- ✓ There is a requirement as students enter sixth grade that there is proof of meeting requirements on Form 3231.
- ✓ Students entering 6th grade must have had two MMR vaccines and show proof of immunity to varicella
- ✓ An up-to-date immunization form is due prior to the first day of school.
- ✓ Please check with your healthcare provider to see if your child needs any additional immunizations.
- ✓ The state sends an auditor to check 6th grade records each Fall. They will make a list of individual students who need additional immunizations.
- ✓ Failure to provide documentation of up-to-date immunizations can cause your student to be withdrawn from school.
- ✓ All requirements are on the district website link.





When will you have an opportunity to tour the school?

- If your student attends a feeder school, they likely toured the school on Monday, May 13th with their 5th grade classes
- If your student attends the summer camp in July they will have another opportunity to tour the school in a smaller setting
- Parents can tour the school and meet teachers on Open House in July



6th Grade Summer Camp



When: July 24, 2019



Time: 8:30 am- 12:30 pm



Fee: \$20 (includes, draw string bag, locker, and camp fee)



*Can be paid online or via cash or check with registration form



Questions?