

Mission Possible: Graduation and Beyond

CLASS OF 2025

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

Welcome to Moses

Administration

Principal: Scott Viness

Assistant Principal: Dianah Johnson

Assistant Principal: Stephen Cherry

EAC: Karen Kirby

6th Grade Teachers

Ms. Jones: ELA

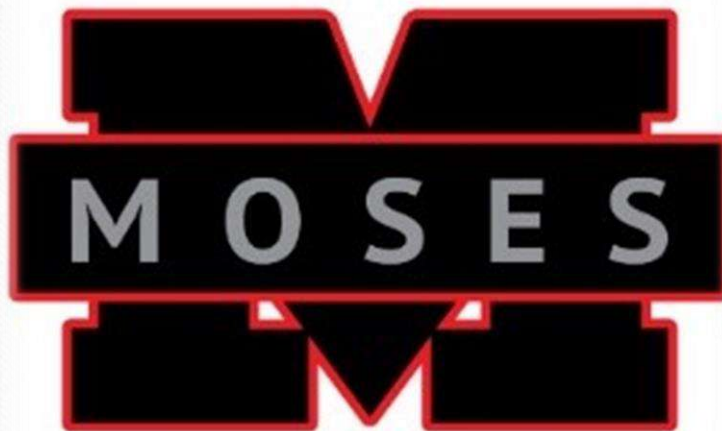
Mr. Berry: Science

Ms. McQueen: Math

Ms. Kostopoulous: Math

Ms. Revelle: Social Studies

Ms. Chartier: Social Studies



Counselors

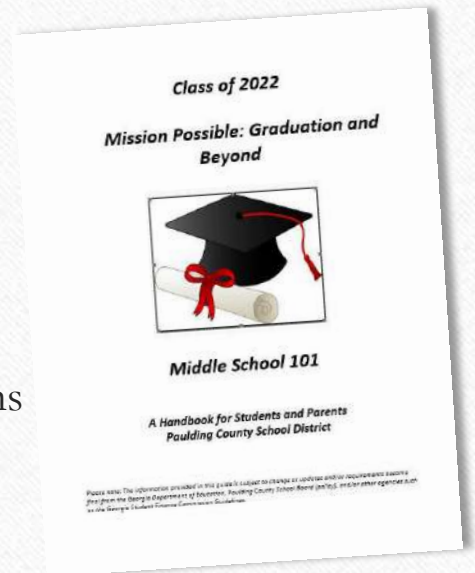
Lead Counselor: Elisha Martin

Counselor: Jonathan Miller

Getting Ready for Middle School

MS 101

- This document is a guide for students and parents and provides information about middle school.
- 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



Middle School 101

Career Planning

- BRIDGE advisement

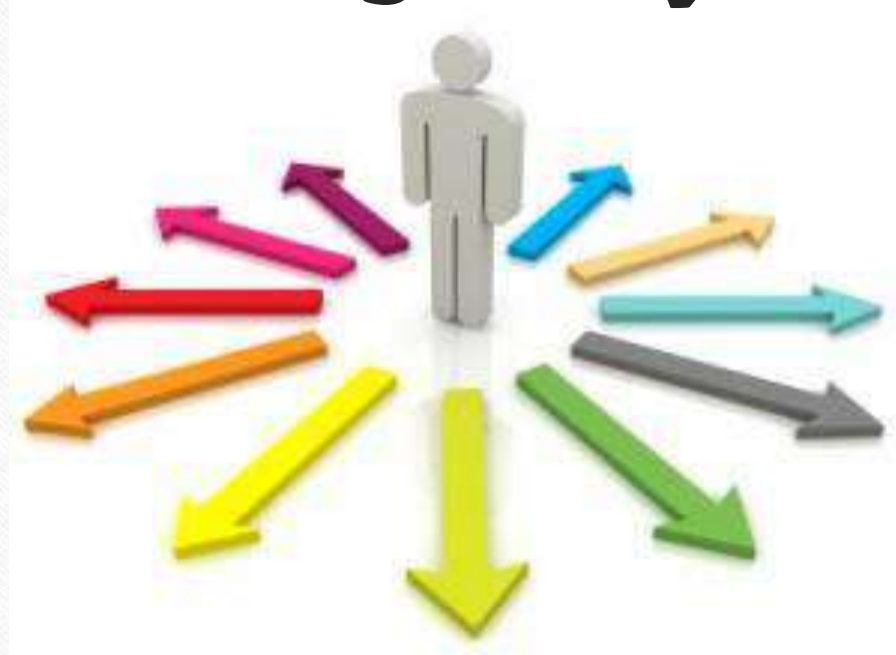


Personal and Social

- Just Keep Peace
- Characteristics and Concerns of Middle School Students
- Parent Involvement and Tips
- School Personnel
- Differences in Elementary and Middle School

ACADEMICS

What classes will my student take during their 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)**
- **LIVE (Advisement which focuses on literacy, STEAM, and character education)**



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

HOMEROOM 8:15 am - 8:45 am
LIVE 8:45 am – 9:27 am
1 st PERIOD 9:30 am – 10:30 am
2 nd PERIOD 10:33 am – 11:33 am
3 rd PERIOD 11:36 am – 1:01 pm Lunch 12:34 am – 12:58 pm
4 th PERIOD 1:04 pm – 2:04 pm
Connections 5 th : 2:07 pm – 2:47 pm 6 th : 2:50 pm – 3:35 pm

Advanced Courses

- Some middle school students will take advanced courses in:
 - English/Language Arts
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies

Criteria for Advanced 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

Testing

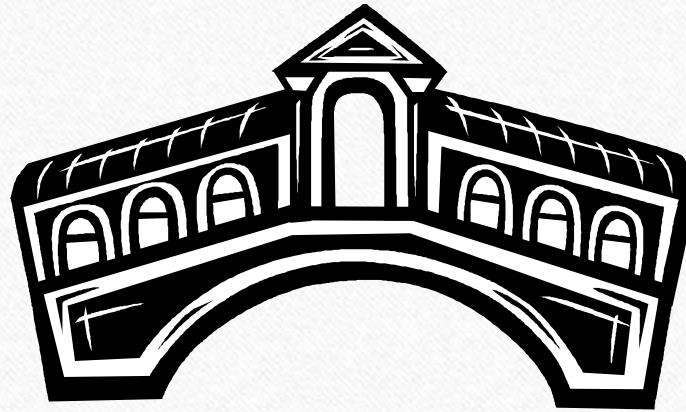


Georgia Milestone Assessment

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

What is BRIDGE advisement?

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

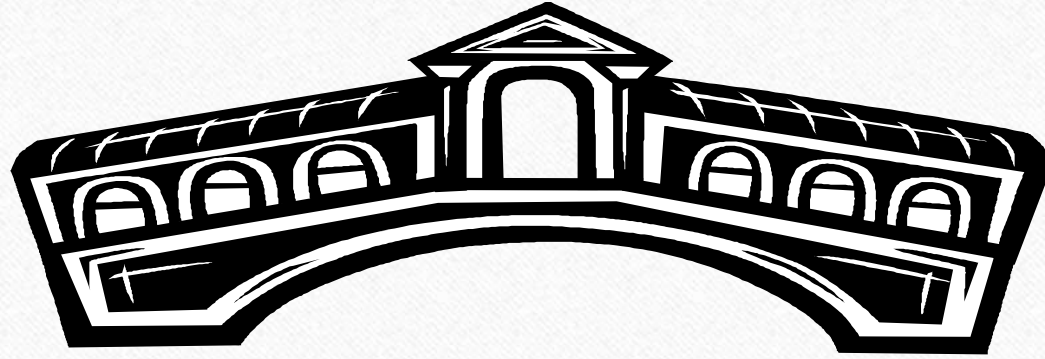


BRIDGE Advisement

- For all elementary and middle school students, there is BRIDGE advisement delivered by counselors through classroom guidance.
- BRIDGE advisement activities and plans help all student become college and career ready.
- During grades 1-5 elementary students learned about career clusters and 5th grade students complete a Career Portfolio on a career interest during the second semester.

BRIDGE Advisement Tasks in 6th Grade are completed on GCIS Jr.





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- ▶ The following BRIDGE Law advisement tasks are required to be completed in middle school on the student's Georgia Career Information System account:
 - ▶ Grade 6
 - ▶ GCIS Account continues to be used or is created
 - ▶ Career Cluster Survey is completed.
 - ▶ Grade 7
 - ▶ Reality Check is completed.
 - ▶ 3 Career Concentrations/Clusters are explored.
 - ▶ Grade 8
 - ▶ 3 Careers with Occupational Information are saved in the student's portfolio.
 - ▶ Plan of Study/Pathway is identified.
 - ▶ *Dual Enrollment/Move on When Ready* information is provided during advisement.
 - ▶ Individual (BRIDGE) Graduation Plan is completed and updated in each students' GCIS Portfolio.

Differences in Elementary and Middle School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- One teacher and classroom
- Students receive frequent reminders from teachers
- Belongings such as backpack stored in the classroom
- Same students in each class
- Work is completed in class with some homework
- Testing- Ga Milestones

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Different teachers and different classrooms
- Students are expected to have more responsibility and work more independently
- Different students in each class
- Students come from different schools
- More choices for clubs, organizations, band and chorus
- Students receive more homework and must learn how to organize and manage their time
- Testing- Georgia Milestone

Personal/Social Support for Middle School Students



JUST KEEP PEACE

- Just Keep Peace is a proactive program for bullying prevention. It promotes tolerance and acceptance. During school year, students will receive a classroom guidance lesson with an emphasis on bullying:

Is it Mean? Is It Rude? Is It Bullying?

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.

6th Grade Summer Camp



There will be a brief
parent orientation
from 9:00 am- 9:30 a.m.

A ½ day camp will be offered during the summer as an orientation to middle school on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 8:30-12:30

The cost is:

\$20.00

**This Includes a Moses Drawstring
Bag, Locker and Pizza!!!**

Registration deadline is July 13th
**You can register online beginning today or through paper
registration form.**

6th Grade Camp

During the Camp the Students Will:

- Participate in a scavenger hunt to learn their way around the building
- Meet some teachers, counselor, and administrators
- Practice opening their locker
- Learn organizational strategies that are helpful in middle school
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria
- Receive a MMS Bag



Stay Informed From the Counselor



There are several ways to reach the counselor:

Stay Informed on the Counselor's Website

Visit the counselor's website: <http://mosesmscounselorscorner.weebly.com/>

**Also accessible via the Moses homepage- listed under "For Parents"*

Email: elmitchell@pauling.k12.ga.us

Phone: [770-443-8727](tel:770-443-8727) ext. 27006

Thank You for your Time and Involvement!

