

Welcome to Bemidji Middle School, 6th Grade, & BETA Pod!

BETA POD School Supplies List

⇒ Beta Pod **DOES NOT** require a Trapper Keeper. Please do not purchase one.

- ☐ A 2 inch, 3-ring binder works best and is cheaper
- ☐ #2 pencils or mechanical pencils. You will need to replenish often so stock up 😊
- ☐ Two (2) - 100-page composition notebooks: one for Language Arts & one for Math
- ☐ * one pack of **lined** notebook paper
- ☐ * 1 box of Kleenex
- ☐ * glue sticks (1 pkg)
- ☐ * 1 pkg highlighters
- ☐ A pair of headphones/earbuds **WITH cord** (bluetooth devices NOT permitted)

(*) items are collected for pod use

Optional, but much appreciated:

- ☐ *\$10 science lab donation
- ☐ *Hand sanitizer (with hand pump)
- ☐ *one ream of copy paper
- ☐ *Expo (dry erase) markers
- ☐ Crayola markers (for personal use)
- ☐ colored pencils (for personal use)

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If you will be in Industrial Tech, please add one composition notebook and a box of pencils to your supply list.

Locker

Your locker number and combination are enclosed with this letter. You will be able to locate your locker and practice your combination at the BMS Orientation night on August 27.



A Note From Your Teachers!

We hope you have been enjoying your summer! It has gone by quickly and before long we will all be gearing up for a new school year.

We are looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive year. Come prepared to give us your best effort every day, and we will do the same for you! 😊

Sincerely,
Your Beta Pod Teachers



A Message for Caregivers

Tips for Success in transitioning to Middle School

- Help your child set up a nightly routine for homework.
- Daily completion of class work and homework is essential to your child's success in sixth grade.
- Pay attention to cut off dates for missing work in each class. Some classes do not take missing work after a unit has ended, and other classes use mid-quarter as a cutoff date for missing work.
- Check Skyward; the online grade book, at least weekly to keep up with your child's progress.
- Contact us whenever you have a concern. We are here to help!

Communication

We send a message daily through the **Remind app** letting you know about homework due, upcoming tests, important school news and announcements.

Check **Skyward**! Checking Skyward often is the best way to keep track of grades, missing assignments, tardies, etc...

We are available and encourage students to come in for help from 8:12-8:30 each day.

Contact us via email or phone call if you have questions, concerns or any other reason – you are an important part of the the team!

Relax! It's going to be OK!



Most importantly, relax! Do not stress over the start of sixth grade and the Middle School. We will be here to help you every step of the way.

We will help you find your classes that are outside of the pod.

We will help you with your locker.

We will help you with your work.

Anything else that comes up, ... we will help you! 😊