

Welcome to New Providence Middle School

Respect - Responsibility - Readiness



7th Grade Orientation
May 15, 2024- 7:00 pm

What is a Middle Schooler?

(Most dramatic brain growth since infancy)

- Capable of self-awareness, insight and empathy
- Values peer opinions more than those of teachers & parents
- Capable of more responsibility, accountability, and advocacy
- Learning a lot about themselves and how to manage emotions
- More able to think abstractly
- Increasingly able to organize their thoughts
- Learning to see both sides of an argument



People to Know



Principal

Mr. Henry

Assistant Principal

Mr. Criscitello

Administrative Assistants

Ms. Coppola

Ms. Peters-LaChance

School Nurses

Ms. Wright

Ms. Abbatemarco

Media Center Specialist

Ms. Nagle

School Counselors

Ms. Chrisostomides (A-L)

Ms. Stickle (M-Z)

Child Study Team

Ms. Hinz

Mr. Route

Ms. Shmuler

Student Assistance Counselor

Mr. Chango

District Crisis Counselor

Ms. Kinsella

Department Heads

Language Arts- Mr. Goldstein

Mathematics- Mr. Schaefer

Technology and Information Services- Mr. McGeechan

Music and Performing Arts- Mr. Ziegler

Science- Ms. Bromley

Social Studies- Mr. Tracey

World Languages- Mr. Santoro

Visual and Practical Arts- Ms. Florencio

STEM- Ms. Pasuit

Physical Education/Health- Mr. Carangelo





New Providence Middle School

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Pioneer Action Line (Help Desk)



School Info

Teachers

Programs/Services

Health Office

Media Center

NEW PROVIDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2023-2024



Program of Studies

New Providence Middle School 2023-2024



Student Handbook



Schedules

- Moved from a Traditional Bell Schedule to a Rotating and Drop Schedule this school year
 - 8 classes total; 6 classes per day
- ELA/Math course placement sent in June
- A complete schedule with periods and assigned teachers will be distributed on the first day

Benefits for the Middle School



- 8 academic periods
- Continuity of instructional time- 58 minutes per period/class
- More collaborative opportunities and greater depth of instruction
- Alleviated:
 - Stagnant schedule by rotating classes each day
 - Ensemble constraints by offering study hall during other blocks
 - Keep ELA time through Electives while building the WL program
- Rotation of classes:
 - Changes what time students see their teachers each day; assists with student participation/engagement
 - Assemblies, drills, and students leaving early for appointments, will rotate the classes that they may miss
 - Workflow in regards to homework will benefit students due to the dropped class in the rotation
 - In the event a student is late to school or has to leave early, it would not always impact first or last period

MS Rotations



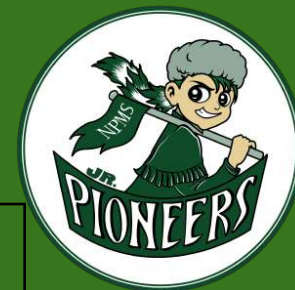
A Day	B Day	C Day	D Day
1	4	3	2
2	1	4	3
3	2	1	4
L/HR	L/HR	L/HR	L/HR
5	8	7	6
6	5	8	7
7	6	5	8

Example Student Schedule-Grade 7 (Non-Music Student)



Time	Day 1 (A)	Day 2 (B)	Day 3 (C)	Day 4 (D)
7:44-8:42	1- language arts	4- social studies	3-science	2- math
8:45-9:43	2- math	1- language arts	4- social studies	3- science
9:46-10:44	3- science	2- math	1- language arts	4- social studies
10:47-11:15	Lunch 7	Lunch 7	Lunch 7	Lunch 7
11:17-11:45	Advisory/HR	Advisory/HR	Advisory/HR	Advisory/HR
11:48-12:46	5- PE/Health	8-world language	7-elective (TBD)	6- elective (TBD)
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Academic Enrichment Courses

- Enriched Language Arts 7
- Enriched Language Arts 8
- Enriched Mathematics 7
- Honors Algebra 1 (Grades 7 or 8)
- Algebra 1 (Grade 8 ONLY)
- Honors Geometry (Grade 8 ONLY)
- Enriched Science and Engineering (Grade 8 ONLY)



Enriched LA Entry Requirements

Prerequisites in 6th Grade:

- A student must maintain an **A- (90%)** average or higher for the year. For both Reading and Writing, two of the three trimester grades must be an A- (90) or higher and one of the three grades cannot be lower than a B (85%), **AND**
- Advanced performance on a department-specific assessment. The assessment is split into an objective and an essay section. Students must obtain advanced performance in both sections to be eligible

Please note there is no appeal process for Language Arts placement.



Enriched Math Entry Requirements

Prerequisites:

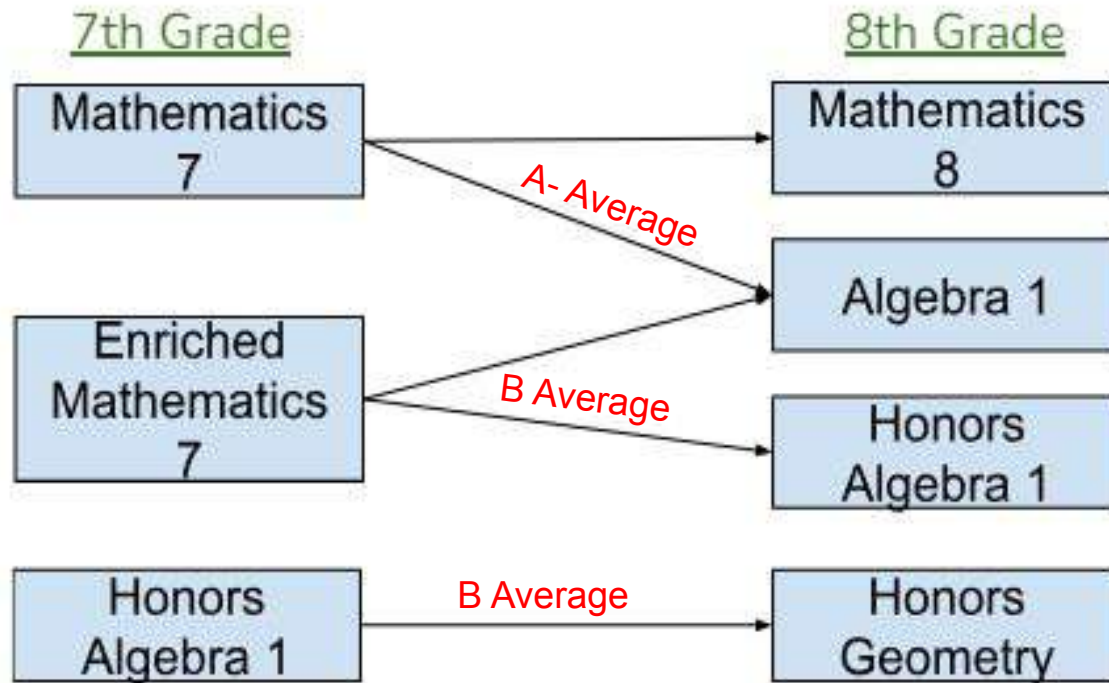
- A student must maintain an **A- (90%)** average or higher for the year. Two of the three trimester grades must be an A- or higher and one of the three grades cannot be lower than a B (85%), **AND**
- Advanced performance on a department-specific skills assessment administered during 6th grade, **AND** advanced performance on a department-specific concept-application assessment administered in 6th grade.

Please note there is no appeal process for 7th grade Mathematics placement.



Mathematics Progression Middle School

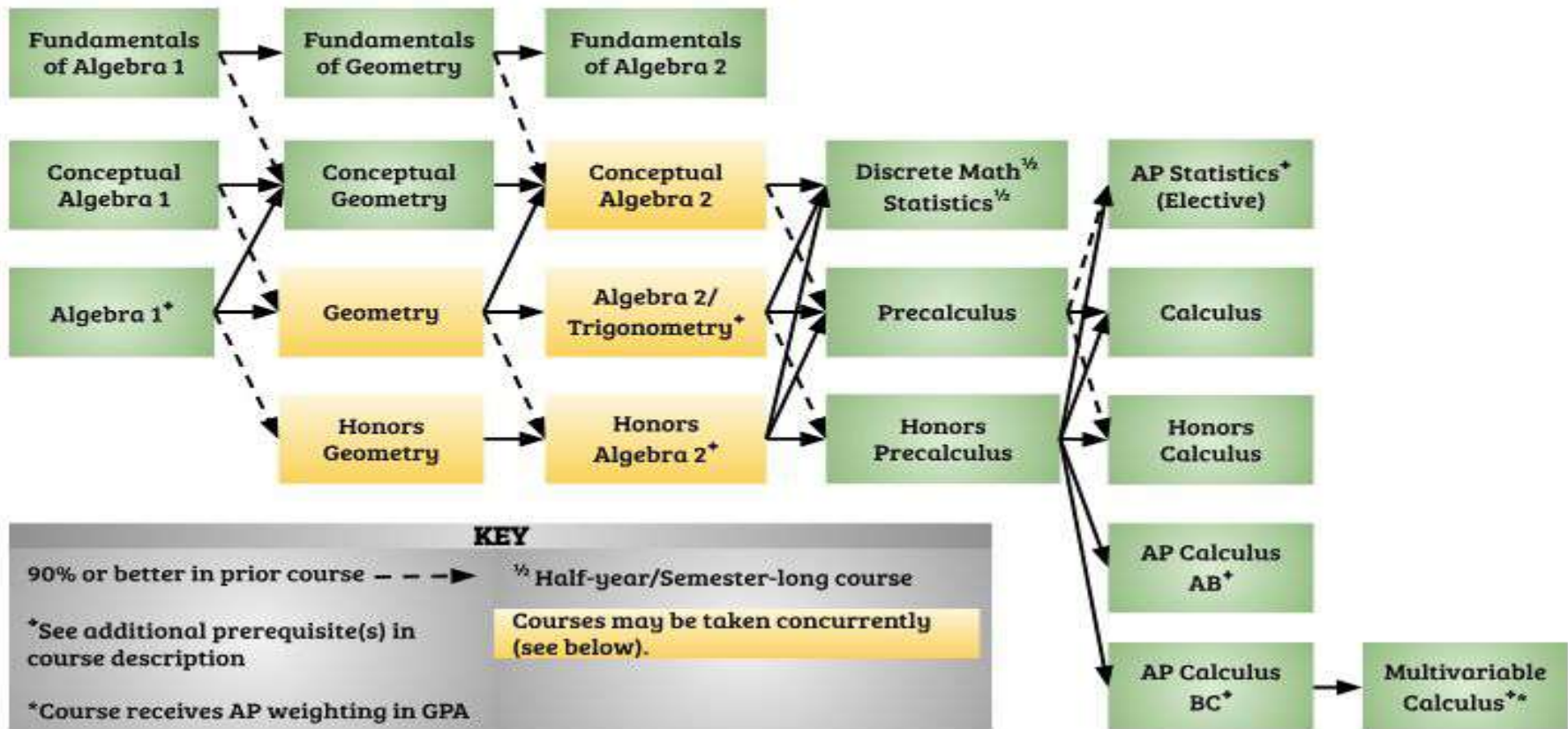
New Providence Middle School Mathematics Flowchart



Mathematics Progression High School

Mathematics

COURSE PROGRESSION



World Language

French and Spanish

World Language now every day for our 7th grade students!

An introduction to the Spanish or French language and their cultures.

Emphasis is on the development of listening and speaking skills as well as reading and writing.



Music Period Options

(Full Year)

- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus
- Any combination of 2 from the above list



NPMS Music Program

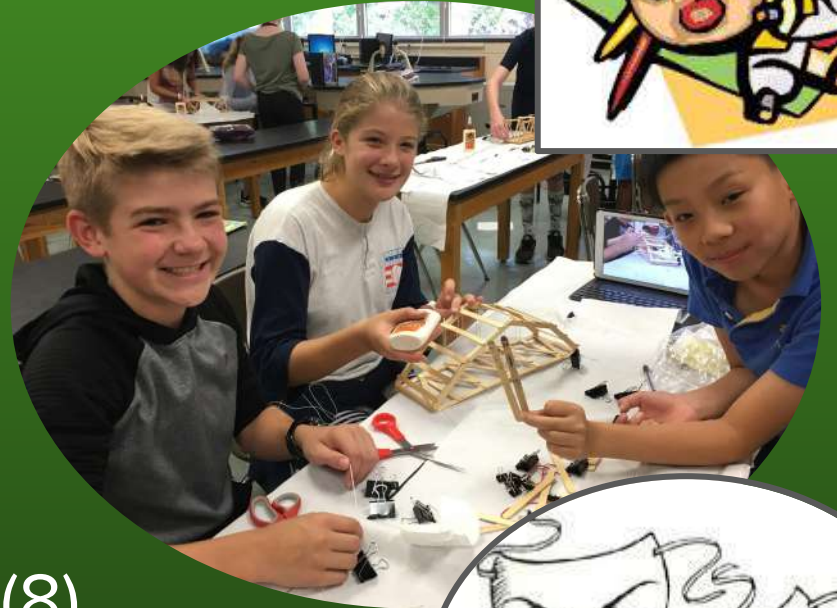
- Rehearsal Schedule
- Lessons (Rotating Pull Out)
- Practices
- Performances
- Field Trips



Exploratory Courses - Electives

Nine week courses

- Visual Art 2D/3D (7,8)
- Drama (7,8)
- Music (7,8)
- ELA Electives (7, 8)
- Coding (7)
- Design & Modeling (7)
- Painting with Pixels (7)
- Digital Art and Design (8)
- Financial Literacy (8)
- Robotics (8)





Homeroom

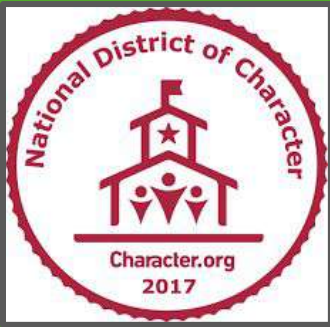
28 minutes daily



Opportunity for:

- Team building activities
- Service learning
- Extra help
- Assembly programs
- Homework completion





Character Education

- District–Wide Theme for 2024-2025: TBD
 - This school year it was “Now is the Time”
- School Theme/Motto:
Respect, Responsibility and Readiness
- School activities and competitions (HR Teams)
- Charitable fundraisers
- Student service/Community service



Co - Curricular Enrichment

- Art Club
- Drama Club
- Ensemble
- Esports (New)
- Math Club
- Peer Leadership (8)
- Robotics Club
- STEM Club
- Stage Band
- Student Council
- Student Services
- Technology Club
- Yearbook
- + Non-Sponsored Clubs

Communication

- Powerschool (login emailed to you)
 - Report Cards, Progress Reports, & Grading
- School Website
 - Calendar
 - Daily Announcements
- Link to PTO website
- PTO Meetings
- Back to School Night
- Teacher Email
- Google Classroom and/or Teacher Web Pages
- District Website
- Friday E-Blasts



Summer Reading

- Language Arts - two novels
- All information is posted on the School Website under the MEDIA CENTER tab



Summer Reading
Middle School

Assignments are part of class instruction in September



Welcome to Middle School!

We can't do it without
YOUR help.

3 Ways to Contribute



- Become a PTO Member
- Be a Junior Pioneer Volunteer
- Contribute to our “No Frills Fundraiser”

What does the PTO do???

- Lunch for 7th & 8th grade students & staff during opening week
- Help reduce the cost of the 7th & 8th grade class trips
- Provide mini-grants to teachers & staff for programs/events outside the regular budget
- Contribute and help organize Staff Appreciation Week
- Sponsor 8th grade outstanding student & citizenship awards
- Host a dinner dance after promotion for 8th grade students
- Provide an annual assembly
- Contribute to the 8th Grade Capstone Project
- Participate in the HS/MS Student Art Festival



Other Student Events



Winter Glow Party

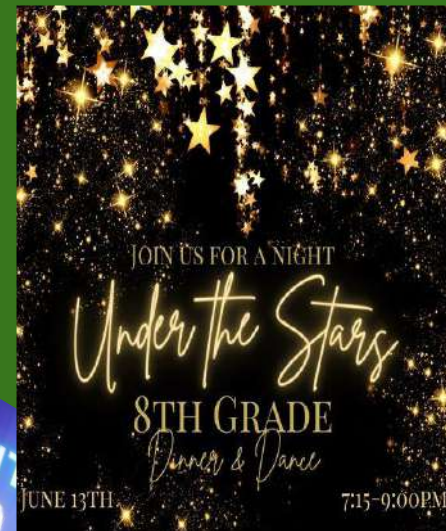
Bi-Annual Career Day

Bi-Annual Talent Show

Winter Chess Tournament

Spring Volleyball
Tournament

Brain/Talent Show
(Assembly)



WE NEED YOU!

2 open board positions for the
2024-25 school year!
Speak to a Board Member or
email us @
newprovmiddleschool.pto@gmail.com

A blue rectangular graphic with a white border. At the top center is the NPMS PTO logo, which includes the text "NPMS PTO" and a circular emblem with a pioneer figure and the word "PIONEERS". Below the logo, the text "We Are Looking For" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath this, a list of two positions is shown: "• Co-President" and "• Recording Secretary". At the bottom, a white rectangular box contains the text "Interested? Contact us:" followed by the email address "newprovmiddleschool.pto@gmail.com". Two cartoon hands holding megaphones are positioned on the left and right sides of the graphic, pointing towards the center text. The background of the graphic has a subtle pattern of small white dots.

NPMS PTO
We Are Looking For

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- **Recording Secretary**

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**Have a
Great
Summer!**

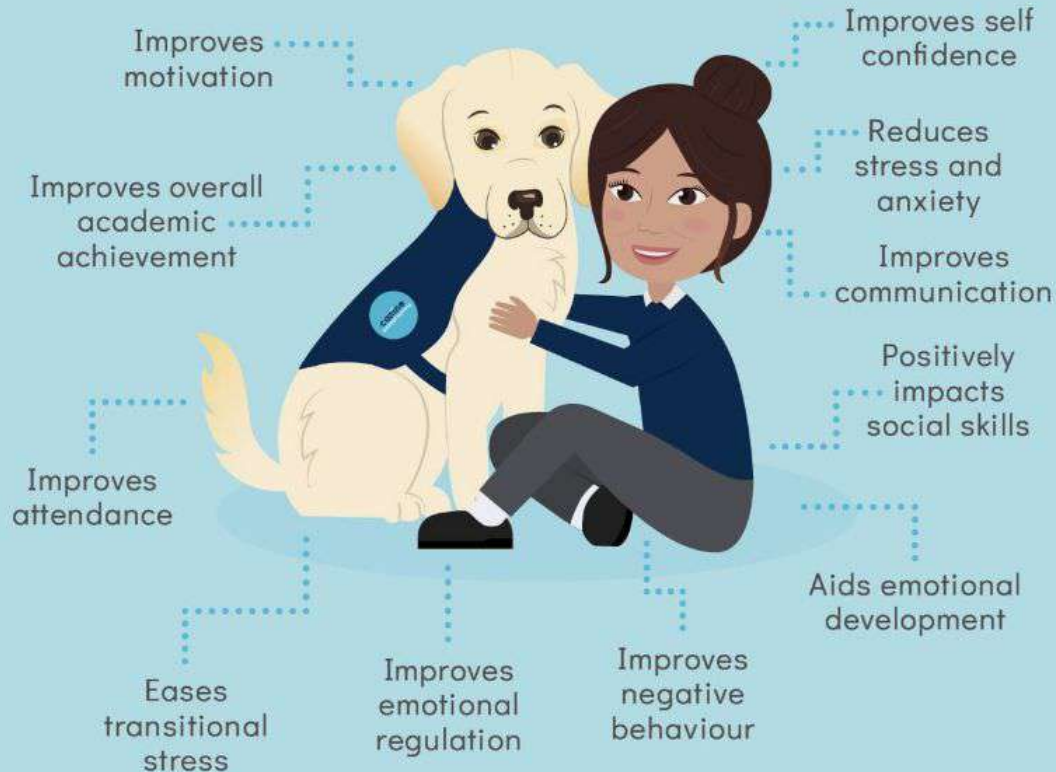


**New Providence
Middle School PTO**

**Website:
NPMSPTO.org**

NPMS Dog Therapy Program

Benefits of a Child-Animal Bond in Education



BENEFITS TO
THERAPY DOGS IN
SCHOOLS

Who
will
the
NPMS
therapy
dog be?



Meet Finny



About Me

Phineas aka "Finny" is a 7 year old Golden Retriever who has graduated from the AKC Canine Good Citizen program and is certified through Creature Comforts Pet Therapy and Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs. Ms. Stickle got Finny when he was just 8 weeks old. Above all, Finny loves humans and being pet, as he is a lover and cuddler. He especially loves kids and has been around them his whole life, so he absolutely cannot wait to get into school and work with Ms. Stickle's students to brighten their days and show everyone his tricks. Finny was born to put a smile on your face!



When?

Once a week

Where?

NPMS

My Favorites

TOY: Anything squeaky

FOOD: Treats and Bananas

HOBBY: Boat Riding, Spending time with humans, walking and running

TRICK: Balancing things on my nose



Me and my friends walking into school
knowing it's a Finny day



Finny can't wait to meet you!



Summer Orientation Program

7th Grade Orientation

TBD based on Summer HVAC Project

Students Only



Thank You for Joining This Evening!



WE EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING
OUR NEW JUNIOR PIONEERS IN SEPTEMBER!
PLEASE ENJOY THE ARTS FESTIVAL WHICH ENDS
AT 8:30 PM