

Common Q & A for Parents of Middle School Students

Will my child have different teachers for each subject?

Yes.

Mrs. Morgenstern: 6th grade homeroom, 6-8 social studies, 6th grade math

Mrs. Greenrose: 7th grade homeroom, 6-8 Language Arts

Mr. Amundsen: 8th grade homeroom, 6-8 science, 7th grade math

Mr. Ha: 6-8 advanced math, 8th grade math

Mrs. Doble, Special Education

Mme Rispoli: French

Mrs. Burcalow: Band and chorus

Mr. Payson: Phys Ed and Health

Mrs. Cochran: Guidance

What school supplies does my child need?

- Pencils - lots and lots of pencils!
- Blue or black ink pens, red pens for Math
- Colored pencils or markers and colored pens. Papermate Flair pens are great because they don't bleed through paper!
- Earbuds or headphones that can be left at school
- Sturdy take home folder
- Assignment book
- Index cards
- Glue stick
- Thin dry erase marker
- Folders for French/Guidance
- Science - composition notebook (without spirals) and folder
- Language Arts - composition notebook (without spirals) and folder

How can I communicate with my child's teacher?

The best way to get in touch with your child's teacher is via email. Email addresses for all staff members can be found in our Parent Teacher Handbook. Teachers will make every effort to respond within 24 hours. Emails sent over the weekend will be addressed at the beginning of the school week. Middle school is the time when we practice more self advocacy with students. We encourage the first line of communication be between student and teacher.

What extracurricular activities are available in the middle school?

Student Council

Stage Band

Chess Club

Drama Club

Busline Soccer*

Busline Basketball*

HAL Baseball*

HAL Softball*

*Pending on enough numbers to field a team. 6th graders are able to participate if there are enough spots. 7th and 8th graders have first priority.

Will my child need to learn how to use a lock on a locker?

No. All lockers are kept unlocked at HES.

Will my child have recess in middle school?

Yes. All MS students have 20 minutes of outdoor recess unless it is raining or temperatures are below 10 degrees.

Can my child take his/her MLTI laptop on the bus to sporting events?

No. Laptops must be left in the main office and picked up when they return from the event.

How does band and chorus work in the middle school?

Students may choose and are encouraged to be in band, chorus, or both.

Which math class will my child be assigned to?

To be determined by criteria such as testing data and teacher recommendation.

What is Powerschool?

Powerschool is an online program that teachers use to track homework, classwork, and learning targets. There will be an open portal for students and parents by mid to end of September. Parents should check this every week to 10 days. It is important to remember that you may see grades less than 3, but not to be alarmed as what you are seeing is a snapshot of the learning continuum and not the final grade.

What should I expect if my child misses more than two consecutive days of school?

Although assignments may be given as homework, students should plan to stay for Supported Study until all work is made up. By staying for Supported Study, students will be able to get assistance from their teachers.

It is important to remember that it's not only the homework that is missed and needs to be completed, but the classroom experience is also missed. It is not always possible to recreate the conversations, group activities, or oral projects that occur every day at school. Please consider carefully the impact of missing time during the academic day and whether this time will have a long-term impact on [your child's](#) learning.

HES Make-Up Policy For a one-day absence, all work is to be made up within the first three days of school attendance following the absence. For absences of more than one day, two days for each day of absence will be allowed. These allowances are to be considered maximums. Every effort should be made to complete missed work as soon as possible.

What is service learning?

Service learning combines learning objectives with community service. Examples of this include kitchen cleanup, flag raising, recycling, organizing common areas, gardening, and assisting with younger students.

What is project based learning?

Project based learning (PBL) is a student centered approach to education in which students spend an extended amount of time investigating and responding to authentic and engaging problems or challenges.

Can my child bring a cellphone to school?

Students are able to bring cellphones to school, but they cannot be used during the school day unless there is a specific purpose given by a teacher.