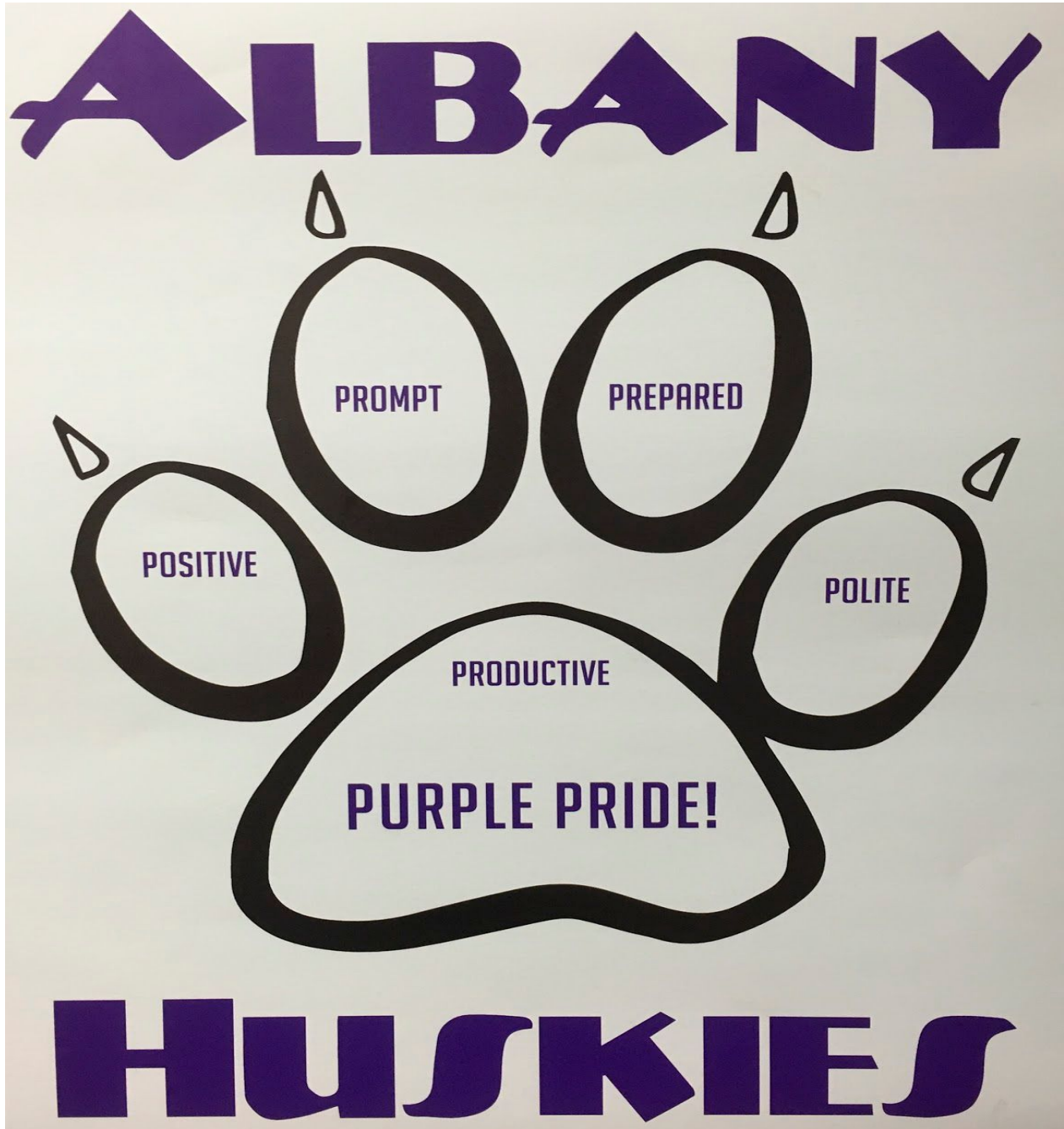


Albany Area Middle School



**Everything You Need To Know About
ALBANY AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**EVERYTHING WE DO IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
IS BASED OFF THESE FIVE CHARACTER TRAITS**

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PURPLE PRIDE

We are POSITIVE

*accept consequences for decisions
learn from mistakes
focus on learning not grades
try even if you are not sure ... CAN DO attitude*

We are PROMPT

*attend class on time
complete assignments on time
return books by due date
pay dues and fees on time*

We are PREPARED

*attend class with all materials
use agenda book
check schoology
assignments completed by due date*

We are POLITE

*follow directions the first time
respect self and others
understand relationships change
take care of chromebooks and iPads*

We are PRODUCTIVE

*attend school every day
set a time for homework each day
power down (turn cell phone off) while doing homework
inform teachers of absences*

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What happens in 7th grade?

You might be wondering, "How different is Middle School from Elementary School?" This guide will help prepare you for some changes and choices you will experience in Middle School.

This will be a new and exciting experience:

1. You will have as many as seven different teachers at a time.
2. You will have to be organized to be successful.
3. You will have opportunities to join clubs and activities. 7th and 8th graders may participate in sports.
4. You will be required to be more responsible for your education.
5. You will have new classes like Family & Consumer Science, Spanish and Automation & Robotics.
6. You will become classmates of students from three different schools.

What is the Purple Pride Student program? Students who are positive, prompt, prepared, polite, and productive may be nominated for student of the month by staff. Those chosen will have their photo displayed in the school, be recognized in the Albany Enterprise, interviewed on Huskie News and receive a small gift.

What do I do before school starts? Students must stay in the commons area until 8:00 unless they have a pass from a teacher. This is a time to visit with friends and grab some breakfast.

What are announcements? Your period 2 teacher will read the announcements everyday. Announcements have important information about activities, happenings and reminders for the day and week.

When may I use my cell phone or personal device? You may use these before and after school while you are in the cafeteria. They may not be used in the hallways. You may only use them in class if the teacher gives you permission.

What is a PEP Fest? Certain times of the year special activities like Homecoming, Snow Week or if a group makes it to the state tournament are celebrated with a PEP Fest. This is when the whole student body goes to the gym to show our Purple Pride. Sometimes groups perform skits or have competitions.

When do I eat lunch? 6th and 7th grade students eat lunch from 11:56 - 12:26. Students may go through the regular lunch and use the ala-carte line. During lunch, students are free to sit anywhere in the cafeteria.

What is ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted)? Students may be zapped by a teacher for not completing homework. Students will come to the office and call parents to inform them they must stay after school and complete the work. This may require a student to miss sports or performance practice or game. ZAP is on Mondays through Thursdays from 3:05 - 4:15 in designated area.

What is Targeted Services? This intervention program is to provide students specific instruction on skills they need more practice with. Targeted Services is held Monday through Thursday from 3:05 - 4:15.

What is STAR Activity? At the end of each quarter STAR students are allowed to attend a special event. STAR Students must meet all requirements:

1. I will not be disruptive in class and/or advisory.
2. I will not have excessive tardies.
3. I will not have incomplete work or be unprepared for class.

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4. I will not abuse using devices (chromebook, cell phone ect).
5. I will not be disrespectful to other students and/or staff.
6. I will not display a poor attitude, be uncooperative, or be a non-participant.
7. I will not cheat or plagiarize.
8. I will not waste class time.
9. I will not display disrespect towards school property.
10. I will not have any unreturned library books or unpaid fines.

Where do I go for PE class? Every 7th & 8th grader will be given a locker in the locker room to use during the quarters they have PE class. You will be given a lock as well. This means you will have two combinations to remember. You must buy a PE uniform online and pick it up from the office. You work hard and sweat, so everyone will shower after class. 6th graders will not have a PE locker or change clothes.

How do I know if I have PE or Health? PE teachers will inform students when they have health class.

Do I need a lock for my locker? All students are required to have a lock on their locker for safety reasons. You are responsible for everything in your locker. Locks and Lockers are school property and may be searched at any time. Never share your lock combination with others. If you forget the combination, the office assistant will have it on file. Open food containers or open drink containers are not allowed in lockers. Please keep your locker clean. This will help you stay organized.

How do I open my lock? All combinations have three numbers. To open first spin the knob to the right twice and stop on the first number; then spin to the left past the first number and stop on the second number; then spin to the right and stop on the third number. After closing the lock, spin it twice to prevent someone from opening it. Watch this youtube video for instructions. www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kmx4WCAj77A&feature=youtu.be

What is Ala Carte? Ala Carte is an option for you to buy healthy snacks at designated times during the day. It is open for students to buy items before after school activities.

May I carry my backpack? Backpacks must be kept in your locker. They may not be carried from class to class. Make sure your backpack is packed and ready to go each night before you go to bed. This will save you the trouble of rushing around in the morning, which is normally how we forget things. ALSO, take time every week to clean out your backpack!

Stay Organized!! Keeping yourself organized is the key to success in Middle School. You will have 6 classes each day. You should have a different section in your notebook for each class. If your notebook isn't set up for 3-hole punched paper, make sure there are pockets or folders for loose papers. You might even have a section for "completed homework" that needs to be turned in. Whatever system you choose, make sure it's one that will keep you organized.

Do I have to use my Agenda Book? YES!! ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO USE IT! The agenda book will also be used as your pass to be out of class for any reason.

Because you have MORE classes and more work to complete in Middle School, it is VERY IMPORTANT to be organized. Each student will be given an agenda book to write down homework assignments, test dates, project due dates, etc. We cannot stress enough how important it is to make your agenda part of your daily routine. We can tell you that the number one difference between students who pass their classes, and students who don't, is

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organization. Finally, as important as it is to write things down in your agenda – DON'T FORGET to take it out of your backpack and LOOK AT IT when you get home.

Passing Time: The time between classes. We give students 4 minutes to get from class to class. This may not seem like much time – but believe us, it's plenty to get where you need to go.

Period: The 51 minutes which a class is taught. There are 7 periods each day: 6 classes and 1 resource.

Daily Schedule

Period 1	8:20 - 9:11
Period 2	9:15 - 10:06
Period 3	10:10 - 11:01
Period 4	11:05 - 11:56
LUNCH	11:56 - 12:26
Period 5	12:26 - 1:17
Period 6	1:21 - 2:12
ADVISORY	2:16 - 3:05

Late Start and Early Dismissal Schedules: These schedules are in your Student Handbook.

Resource: Students will attend a designated resource where they will complete homework, missing assignments or meet with teachers for extra help. Students are required to remain in school during this time. This is also a time for school assemblies, meetings, pep fests and other all school activities. Grade 6 will have band and Top20 training during Resource.

What classes will I have?

GRADE 6

Core

Math and English = every day all year

Science and Social = rotate through every teacher

Specialis

PE = every day for 3 quarters

Art = every day for 1 quarter

Media/Computer = every day for 1 quarter

GRADE 7

Core

English, Math, Science, Social = One period all year

PE / Health = Quarters 1, 2, 4

Digital Literacy & Applications = Quarter 3

Specialist

Family & Consumer Science, Automation & Robotics, Spanish, Art = 1 Quarter, opposite band/choir

Band = all year, every other day

Choir = all year, every other day

GRADE 8

Core

English, Math, Science, Social = One period all year

PE / Health = Quarters 1, 3, 4

Genius Hour = Quarter 2

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Specialist

Family & Consumer Science, Automation & Robotics, Spanish, Art = 1 Quarter, opposite band/choir

Band = all year, every other day

Choir = all year, every other day

SAMPLE SCHEDULES

Quarter 1	6th Grade	Quarter 1	7th Grade	Quarter 1	8th Grade
Period 1	Specialists	Period 1	PE	Period 1	Science
Period 2	Math	Period 2	Social	Period 2	Math
Period 3	Math	Period 3	Science	Period 3	English
Period 4	English	Period 4	Math	LUNCH	LUNCH
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	Period 4	PE
Period 5	English	Period 5	English	Period 5	Band or Choir Specialists
Period 6	Science / Social	Period 6	Band or Choir Specialists	Period 6	Social
ADVISORY		ADVISORY		ADVISORY	