



Frequently Asked Questions...



About 7th Grade



What time will our day start and end? Homeroom starts at 8:05

AM. Dismissal is at 2:41 PM. There are 2 dismissal bus runs — half of the students leave at the first bell and half leave at the second bell. Your bus will always be in the same run. You will ride the bus with 8th graders.

Do they run on a 6 day cycle? Yes, just like 5/6th grade.

How many teams are there? 5 — Incas, Egyptians, Celts, Greeks, Romans



How many periods are in a day? 7 — 5 for major subjects, 1 for minors, and 1 for specials



How many minutes are there between classes? 3 (This is plenty of time to get where you need to go!)

How many major subjects will I have?

5 — Reading, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies



What are "minors?" Your minor subjects are your world language, P.E., and Health. You will have these the same period of the day throughout your 6 day cycle. Some students will take target reading class instead of a world language.



When will I have my world language? If you are taking a world language, you will have Spanish or French three times a cycle, three days in a row. You will have this world language in 8th grade too.

How often will I have P.E.? 2 times a cycle



Will I have to change for P.E. class? Yes — Yellow/gold shirt and navy blue shorts. These items can be purchased here at school or on your own.



How many "specials" will I have?

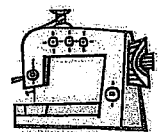
4 — Art, Music, Family Consumer Science, and Technical Education (Tech. Ed.) You will have one special per marking period and you will go to special every day for that marking period.



What will we do in Family Consumer Science (FCS)? Child development/babysitting, careers, nutrition, cooking and kitchen safety, and hand sewing

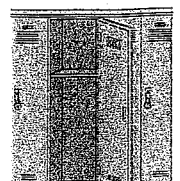
What will we do in Tech. Ed.? Focus is on technology; learn about radio waves, electricity, weather, airplane and driving simulators, etc...

Should I go to my locker between classes? The best thing to do is to go to your locker first thing in the morning, before or after lunch, and at the end of the day.



Are my classes far apart from each other? For the most part, NO. Science labs are all in the same wing, but otherwise most teams have their classes within the same hallway or close by.

Will I travel with the same kids all day? Yes and No...You will have your 5 major subjects with most of the same kids (like you do now). However, your specials and minors are mixed up with other kids on your team, as well as kids from other teams.



How many lunches are there? 4 — First lunch is at 10:15 and last lunch is at 12:33.



Can I sit with anyone I want at lunch? Yes, you do not have to sit by homeroom anymore. Some lunches may even have kids from other teams in them.



Will I have Target Time? Yes, but it is structured differently than at the 5/6 Center. You have Target Time every morning. During this time, you'll have the chance to meet with any of your teachers and get extra help. It is also when you would go to Band or Chorus. Target time is NOT a time to do homework. You do your homework at home.



Will I get a lot of homework? Sometimes — but you should expect homework in every subject area. You need to be organized and independent to stay on top of everything. You can always check your teachers' webpages through Final Site to find out about homework you may have forgotten to write down. There is a Homework Club you can join. It meets after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 P.M.



What are demerits? You earn demerits for a range of behaviors — from inappropriate behavior and language, lateness to class, unexcused tardiness, loitering in halls/stairwells, eating gum/food in classes or halls, etc...to dress code violations, cutting classes, bus infractions, vandalism, or disruptive behavior. The number of demerits you receive determines the kind of consequence you earn. If you go 45 days without earning ANY demerits, up to 5 demerits can be removed from your record. The demerit system is described in detail in the Middle School Handbook, which is available on the 7th Grade Center website.



Can I get detention? Yes. Detention is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:45 P.M. There is also a 4-hour detention on Saturdays like we have at the 5/6 Center. In addition, teachers can assign lunch detentions, as needed.

What do kids get detentions for? Same as at the 5/6 Center — inappropriate behavior or language, disrespectful behavior or language, breaking the rules, multiple incomplete homework assignments, etc....

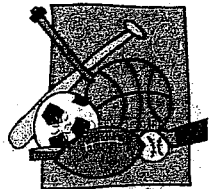


Are there late busses? NO. Parents are expected to provide transportation for ALL after school activities and for detentions.

What sports can I play? Football, Soccer, Basketball, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Wrestling, Softball, Baseball, Lacrosse, Track & Field, Volleyball, and Cheerleading. ***A student must be PIAA eligible in order to play. Also, students must maintain passing grades (all grades above 70) to participate on any school sports teams.



What other clubs or activities are there? Short list:: Band & Chorus, Marching Band & Color Guard, Instrumental lessons, Drama/School Plays, Newspaper, Computer Club, Yearbook, Television Studio, Science Olympiad, Reading Olympics, World Language ...a full list of activities, clubs, and athletics can be found on the Middle School website. Check the website at start of school year to confirm available activities, and their meeting dates and times, for the 2019-2020 school year.



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AND YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE 7th GRADE!!!**

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