



**GAINESVILLE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

East Campus

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*, we will **inspire, nurture, challenge,** and **prepare** our students as we educate them to be successful in a 21st century global society.

Welcome to **GMS East 5th Grade Parent Meeting**

February 2022

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUND

Class of 2029



Leadership

- Misty Freeman, Principal
- Gary Papka, Assistant Principal
- Titia Sargent, Assistant Principal
- Chuck Graham, Graduation Coach
- Ryan London, MTSS Coordinator
- Melody Granger, Counselor
- Tanya Tucker, Counselor



What's Different?

Elementary School	Middle School
2-3 Teachers	7 Teachers, 4 on a Team
Grades: 1,2,3,4	0-100
1 Class	Class Changes
Same friends	Same and NEW Friends
Daily Attendance	Class Attendance

GRADE SCALE

A: 90 – 100

B: 80–89

C: 70–79

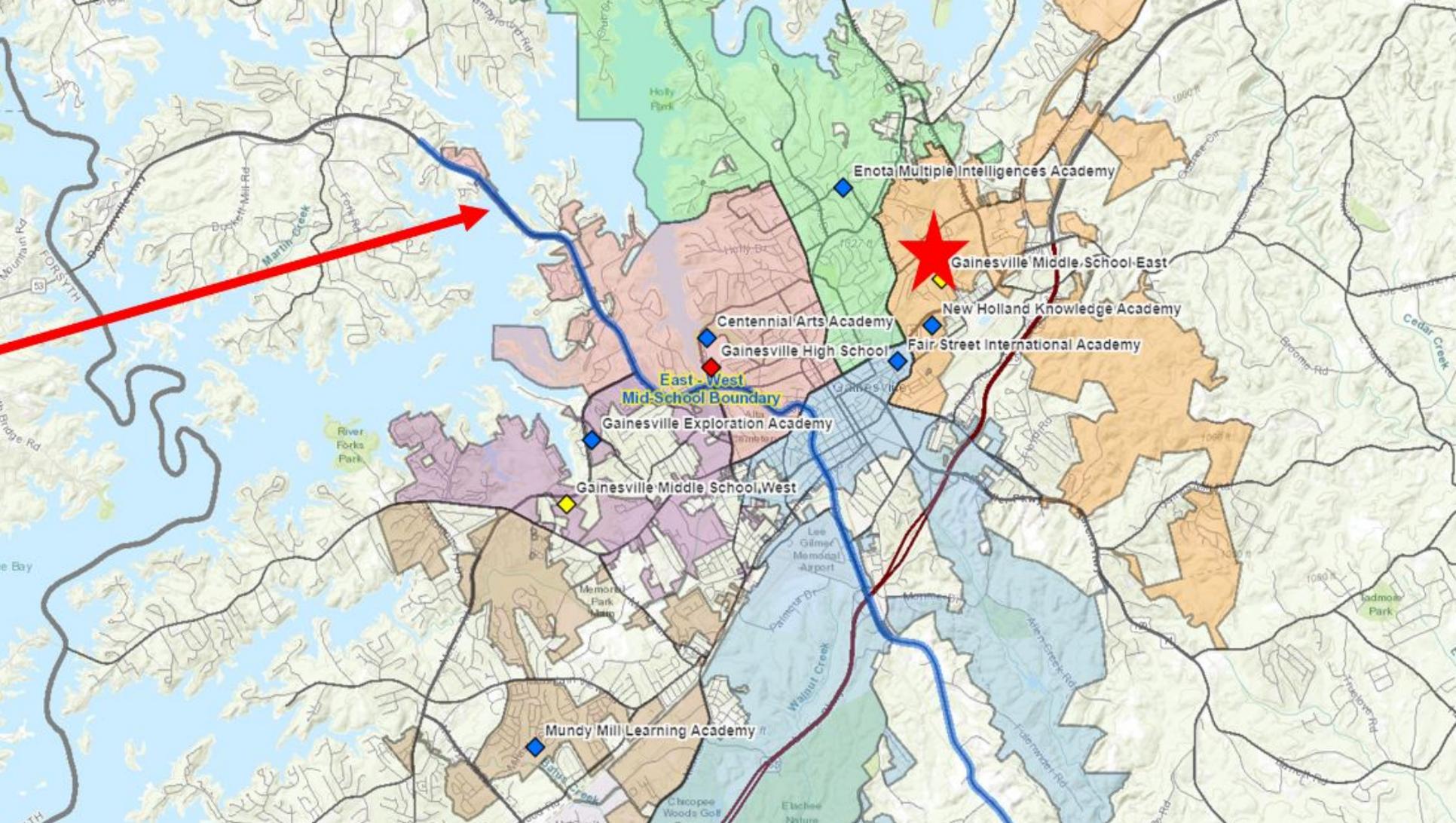
F: Below 70

6th Grade Facts

- 1:1 Each student issued Chromebook
 - All classes have Google Classroom
 - Home and back daily, charged
 - GoGuardian supervision software
 - GAGGLE: monitoring software
- Parent conferences
 - as needed or requested by parents or teachers
 - Email: most effective way to communicate with teachers
- Student Supplies
 - Provided to all students
 - Bookbag is not provided, but encouraged for each student
- Dress Code
 - No hat/hoods in the building
 - Appropriate and non-distracting
- Discipline
 - Follow 4Rs
 - Respectful
 - Hands to yourself—no HORSEPLAY
- Cell Phones
 - not required, not allowed school
- Social Media: your choice as parent; 13 age limit on media
 - Always monitor your child's account
 - Encourage: If they have—you have!

Updates: 2 Schools

- Enrollment
 - From 1,700 to 850 at each school
 - Attendance zones, school choice, tuition students, and growth in system
- School Time Change
 - School Hours: 8:05 - 3:05
 - Due to transportation changes
 - No change in elementary or high school times
- School Updates
 - Return to eating in cafeteria
 - Arrival and dismissal: car rider and bus lane switch locations



Athletics

- **1 team per sport for Gainesville Middle School (East and West)**
- **Facilities used at both schools**
- **Activity Bus pick up at one school to take to practice at other school; study hall time for students at athletic hosting school**

RESPONSIBLE

RESPECTFUL

READY

**ROLE
MODEL**

ATTENDANCE

2022-2023

- **Open House:**
August 5 and 8
*Scheduled appointments with team
* Team contact by email/phone August to set appointment time
- **First Day of School:**
August 9, 2022
- **Last Day of School:**
May 24, 2023

*Copy of 22-23 approval school calendar provided and link on website

- **Start Time: 8:05 am**

School opens at **7:30 am**

Target time is **7:50 am** everyday to be at school

- **End Time: 3:05 pm**

Pick up by **3:30 pm**

Classes at GMS East

- Grade level standards in all classes
 - Classroom differentiation to support individual needs: ESOL, Gifted, Resource
 - Georgia Standards
- Personalized scheduling process based on individual needs
 - Course recommendations and informational letter will be sent home to parents
 - Use of 4th and 5th grade data and teacher recommendations
 - Reading Inventory (Lexile), iReady Math, Milestones scores, student growth
- Exploratory courses
 - Band, Chorus, Weight Training are parent and student choice and sign up required
 - Other classes are randomly selected for students
- Questions or Concerns?

Visit GMS Website enter on PARENT FORM <https://gmsweb.gcssk12.net/>
- Schedules
 - Classes and team given out at Open House

Example Daily Schedule

- 5 Academic Classes Daily
 - Math, Science, Social Studies, English/Language Arts, WHAT I NEED (WIN)
 - WIN: Gifted Resource, ESOL Support, ELA/Math focus on skill development for students
 - 50 Minute Classes
- 2 Exploratory Classes each quarter
 - 9 weeks exploratory classes (8 total)
 - 50 minutes each
 - Band, Weight Lifting and Chorus: Yearlong Classes

Sample Bell Schedule

Time	Min	Period	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
8:05 -8:10	5		Announcements		
8:10 - 9:00	50	1st	Academic	Academic	Exploratory 1
9:05-9:55	50	2nd	Academic	Exploratory 1	Academic
10:00-10:50	50	3rd	Exploratory 1	Academic	Academic
10:55-11:45 11:45 -12:15	50	4th + Lunch	Academic	Academic	Academic
LUNCH			11:00 -11:25	11:25 - 11:50	11:50-12:15
12:20-1:10	50	5th	Academic	Academic	Exploratory 2
1:15-2:05	50	6th	Academic	Exploratory 2	Academic
2:10-3:00	50	7th	Exploratory 2	Academic	Academic
3:00 - 3:05	5		Announcements		

Courses

- **Gifted (Math, Science, SS, ELA, Resource)**
 - Students served through the gifted program receive grade level standards and enrichment to meet gifted learning style
- **Honors (Math and ELA only)**
 - Students who consistently perform above grade level receive grade level standards and a deep dive into grade level standards
 - Science and social students are not honors but aligned to math and ELA placement
- **Grade Level (Math, Science, SS, ELA, Resource)**
 - Students who consistently perform at grade level receive grade level standards
- **ESOL (ELA, Resource)**
 - Students who are served in the English Language Learners program receive grade level standards with a focus on language acquisition
- **Support (Math, Science, SS, ELA, Resource)**
 - Students who need academic support while receiving grade level standards

Content Area	Basics Overview
Math	Build on foundation in K-5, students will continue to grow knowledge in geometry, algebra, and probability and statistics in middle school.
Science	Investigate the world by creating models and simulating Earth's processes as students examine specific areas of Earth Science including Geology, Meteorology, Oceanography and Astronomy
Social Studies	Engage in exploring 4 major world regions: Europe, Latin America, Canada and Australia to learn the geography, history, government and economics of each region.
Language Arts	Connect reading skills to improve personal writing in narrative, expository, persuasive essays, stories, and speeches. Grammar, writing, reading, listening, speaking, and viewing will continue to be a focus in Language Arts.
WIN (What I Need)	Academic study/enrichment class aligned to your individual child's needs. Gifted enrichment program, ESOL language acquisition program, math support, english/language arts support, along with social/emotional learning

Exploratory Classes

- Art
- Music
- Construction
- Family Consumer Science
- Marketing
- Business
- Spanish
- Physical Ed
- STEAM
- Computer Science

Yearlong Choice:

- Band
- Chorus
- Weight Training

Sign up GMS website
form for year long
classes

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- Infinite Campus: Parent Portal: Grades, Attendance, Announcements
- Teacher Email—EASIEST contact

Get Involved

ATHLETICS

- Football
- Track and Field
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Spirit Cheer
- Cross Country
- Baseball
- Softball
- Wrestling
- Tennis
- Golf
- Swimming
- Volleyball

CLUBS

- FCCLA
- Book Club
- Reading Bowl
- Academic Bowl
- FCA
- Robotics
- Amateur Radio
- Yearbook
- FBLA
- NHS
- BETA
- TOME Society

Parent Volunteers

- PBIS Store: PBIS Rewards
 - Weekly orders
 - 22-23 Store in cafeteria
- Open House
 - Welcome, Sale of spirit wear
- School Governance Council
 - –Elections coming in May 2022 for 2 year term
- Parent Education Sessions
 - Raising a Middle School Student: Adolescents is AWESOME!
 - Cell phones –Social Media—
 - Math & Literacy Supports
 - Fine Arts Night
 - Parent Education: Social Media, Google Classroom

Sign up online!
GMS website

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