# Finley Middle School

Our Future Glory



Our Current Condition



# Items For Consideration

- **What are the NYS requirements for MS?**
- **What is a “unit of study”?**
- **What is “unit of credit”?**
- **What do we offer students?**
- **Tell me more about Unified Arts.**
- **Where do we stand academically?**
- **What can we expect next year?**
- **Other important considerations.**

# Study Vs. Credit

Unit of study: The State Department of Education defines this as “seat time”. Students must be enrolled in the class and it has to be offered by the school.

Unit of Credit: This is defined as “achievement”. A student must successfully pass the course in order to gain credit.

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# What the State Requires

- The State Education Department is very clear as to what we must offer students **by the end of 8th grade**.
- Grades 5 and 6 offer no specific amount of time (unit of study), but grade 7 and 8 are very clear.

ELA – 2 units of study
SS – 2 units of study
Math – 2 units of study
Health - .5 unit of study
Music - .5 unit of study

Technology – 1 unit of study
H & C - .75 units of study
PE – every other day
Art - .5 unit of study
Science – 2 units of study

* 1 unit of study = 1 year

# Unified Arts

- **Exceeding the state requirements**
- **Historically, there has been no systematic approach to student programming students in UA. Consequently, there has been no guarantee that every student received the required amount of UA.**
- **5th grade moved out of Finley and the academic teachers left with them. However, there was virtually no change in staffing levels in UA to accommodate the move.**

# Unified Arts (continued)

1. **Class Size- We will average about 20 students per class.**
2. **State Regulations – We will fulfill all State requirements without asking for an option.**
3. **A systematic approach to student programming in UA will ensure that all MS students meet the State requirements.**

# What Finley Currently Offers

(Includes Grades 6-8)

**ELA – 3 units of study**
**SS – 3 units of study**
**Math – 3 units of study**
**Science – 3 units of study**
**PE – every other day**
**Health - .5 unit**

**Technology – 1.5 unit of study (+.5)**
**Reading – 1 unit of study**
**Art – 1.5 unit of study (+1.0)**
**H & C - 1.5 units of study (+.75)**
**Music – 3 units of study (+2.5)**

2007- 2008 schedule will meet all State requirements WITHOUT asking the State for special consideration.

*(Excess offering)

# NYS Math Assessment Passing Rate

| Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77.9% | 81.2% | 77.1% | 52.5% | 50.5% | 46.8% |

## 2005-2006 NYS MATH Assessment Results of Long Island Districts with ≥ 25% Poverty Rate

18 Districts from Nassau and Suffolk County, Plus NYS Overall
Districts Ranked from Highest to Lowest

| Rank | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Uniondale | Uniondale | Uniondale | Uniondale | Bayshore | Huntington |
| 2 | Freeport | Freeport | Lawrence | Bayshore | Huntington | Bayshore |
| 3 | Westbury | Westbury | Greenport | Greenport | Riverhead | Riverhead |
| 4 | Bayshore | Bayshore | *Glen Cove* | *NYS* | Uniondale | Uniondale |
| 5 | Huntington | *Glen Cove* | Westbury | Freeport | Lawrence | Lawrence |
| 6 | Roosevelt | William Floyd | William Floyd | Lawrence | William Floyd | *NYS* |
| 7 | Lawrence | Lawrence | Riverhead | Riverhead | *NYS* | William Floyd |
| 8 | *NYS* | Copiague | *NYS* | Huntington | Greenport | Freeport |
| 9 | Amityville | *NYS* | Brentwood | Amityville | *Glen Cove* | South Country |
| 10 | *Glen Cove* | Roosevelt | Bayshore | Brentwood | Freeport | Westbury |
| 11 | Brentwood | Riverhead | Roosevelt | Copiague | Brentwood | *Glen Cove* |
| 12 | William Floyd | Brentwood | Copiague | William Floyd | South Country | Copiague |
| 13 | Copiague | Greenport | Amityville | *Glen Cove* | Westbury | Greenport |
| 14 | Hempstead | Huntington | Huntington | Roosevelt | Copiague | Amityville |
| 15 | Riverhead | Hempstead | South Country | Westbury | Amityville | Brentwood |
| 16 | South Country | Amityville | Freeport | South Country | Central Islip | Central Islip |
| 17 | Central Islip | South Country | Hempstead | Central Islip | Hempstead | Wyandanch |
| 18 | Greenport | Central Islip | Central Islip | Hempstead | Roosevelt | Hempstead |
| 19 | Wyandanch | Wyandanch | Wyandanch | Wyandanch | Wyandanch | Roosevelt |

# NYS ELA Assessment Passing Rate

| Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 69.9% | 78.4% | 83.9% | 66.8% | 59.1% | 47.5% |

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Districts Ranked from Highest to Lowest

| Rank | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Roosevelt | Uniondale | *Glen Cove* | Roosevelt | Lawrence | Bayshore |
| 2 | Freeport | Roosevelt | Roosevelt | Greenport | Bayshore | Huntington |
| 3 | Uniondale | Freeport | Lawrence | Huntington | Huntington | Westbury |
| 4 | Lawrence | Lawrence | William Floyd | Lawrence | *Glen Cove* | Lawrence |
| 5 | Westbury | *Glen Cove* | Uniondale | *Glen Cove* | William Floyd | Freeport |
| 6 | Huntington | Westbury | Westbury | William Floyd | Uniondale | Uniondale |
| 7 | Bayshore | Bayshore | Bayshore | Bayshore | NY State | NY State |
| 8 | *Glen Cove* | William Floyd | NY State | Uniondale | South Country | William Floyd |
| 9 | NY State | Huntington | Greenport | Brentwood | Greenport | *Glen Cove* |
| 10 | Hempstead | Hempstead | Huntington | Freeport | Riverhead | Riverhead |
| 11 | Greenport | NY State | Copiague | NY State | Brentwood | Greenport |
| 12 | William Floyd | Riverhead | Riverhead | South Country | Amityville | South Country |
| 13 | Copiague | Copiague | South Country | Riverhead | Freeport | Brentwood |
| 14 | Amityville | Brentwood | Hempstead | Copiague | Westbury | Copiague |
| 15 | Riverhead | South Country | Brentwood | Amityville | Copiague | Amityville |
| 16 | Brentwood | Greenport | Freeport | Central Islip | Roosevelt | Central Islip |
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# Percentage of Finley Students Scoring at Level 4

## 2005-2006 Math 8

| Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|---|---|---|
| 8% | 6% | 5% |

## 2005-2006 ELA 8

| Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
|---|---|---|
| 18% | 5% | 5% |

# What about Honors?

## The Tale of 2 Honors Math Classes *

**Class A** consisted of 19 students.
4 received a Level 4 (701-750)
of which 2 barely made the cut.**



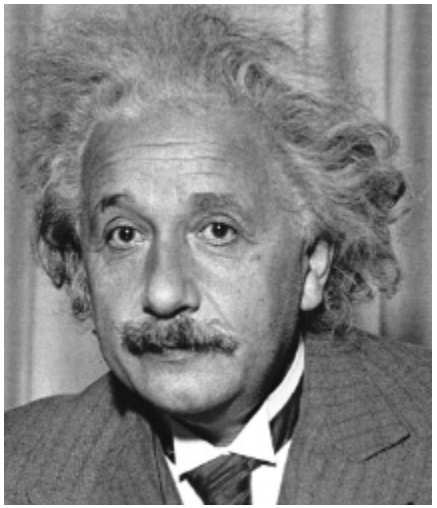
**Class B** consisted of 21 students.
8 received a level 4 (701-750)
of which 4 barely made the cut.**
These percentages are very low for Honors level students.

* Based on 2005-2006 data

** Scored between 701 and 710

# Albert Einstein

*“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.”*



# 2007/2008 7th & 8 Grade Sample Program

| | A | B |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | English | English |
| 2 | English | Math |
| 3 | Math | Math |
| 4 | SS | SS |
| 5 | Science | Science |
| 6 | Lunch | Lunch |
| 7 | UA/Group Guidance | UA/Group Guidance |
| 8 | Band/Chorus | PE |
| 9 | FL | FL |

# 2007/2008 8 Grade Honors Sample Program

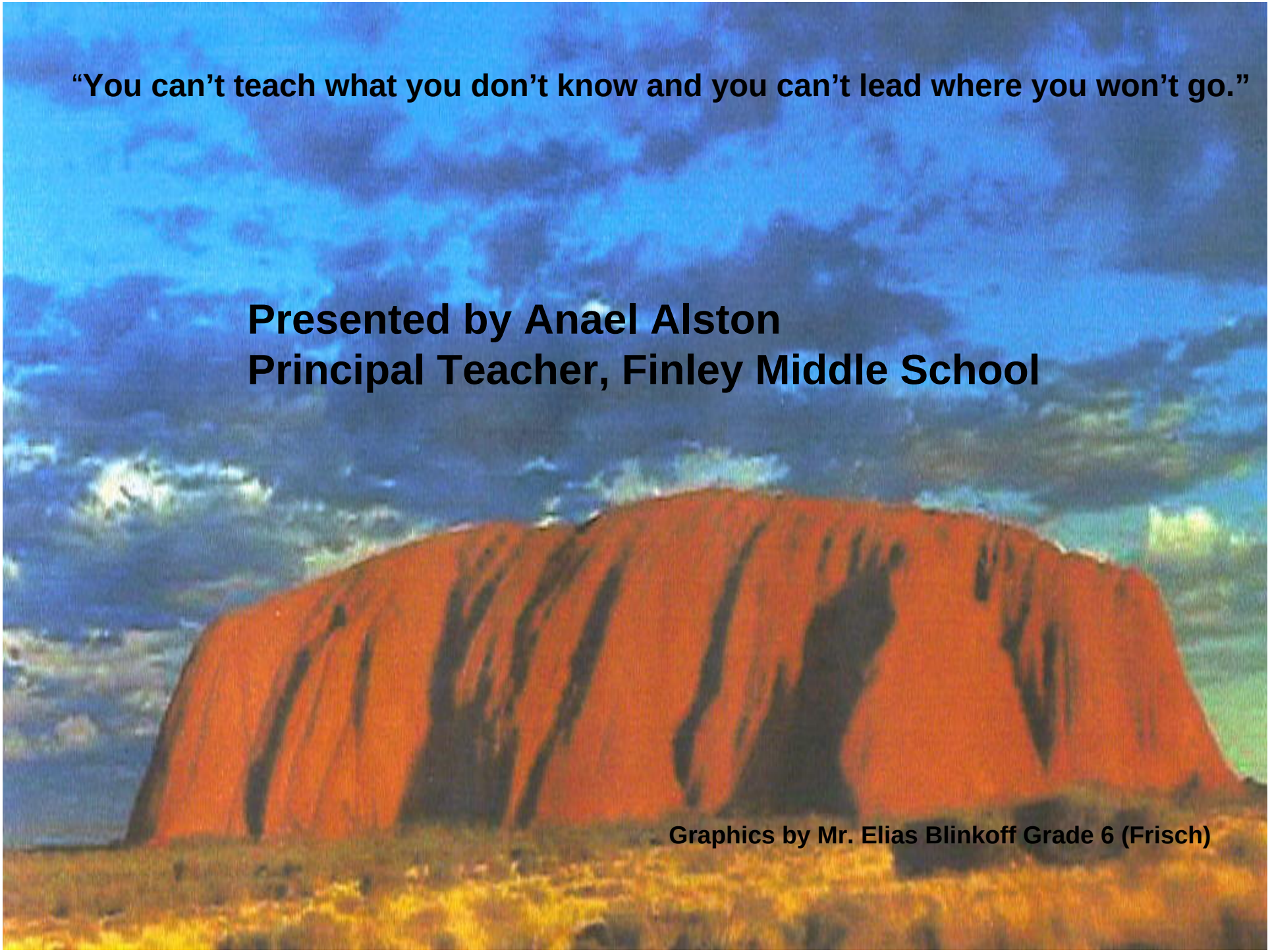
| | A | B |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | SS | SS |
| 2 | Science | Science |
| 3 | Science | Math/English |
| 4 | English | English |
| 5 | UA/Group Guidance | UA/Group Guidance |
| 6 | Lunch | Lunch |
| 7 | Math | Math |
| 8 | Band/Chorus | PE |
| 9 | FL | FL |

# Does Extra ELA and Math Work?

- Malverne
- Valley Stream
- Sachem
- Mineola
- Baldwin
- Amityville
- South Huntington
- Lindenhurst
- Long Beach
- Miller Place
- Manhasset



These districts have implemented a period and a half for BOTH Math and ELA or additional instruction in one or the other.


"You can't teach what you don't know and you can't lead where you won't go."
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