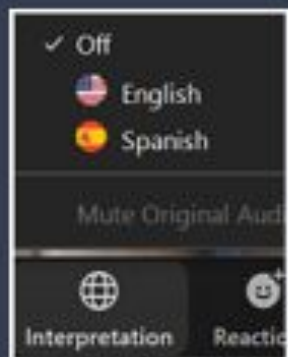




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Building Bridges to Middle School: A Family Roadmap

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Roadmap

For tonight's meeting:

- 5th to 6th Grade Transition
- Course Selection
- Advanced Academics
- Fine Arts
- Athletics

5th to 6th Grade Transition

- 5th grade students visit their home campuses on **February 6**
- Students are given opportunities to hear about the school, learn about elective options and see the campus
- Middle Schools typically host parent information sessions during that week- more information will come from your student's middle school
- Students select their middle school courses in February



6th Grade Schedule

- 8 period schedule:
 - Language Arts (2 periods)
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Electives and Support Classes (3 periods)
- Required:
 - 4 Semesters of Physical Education
 - 1 Semester of Fine Arts

Course Selection

- Students may choose:
 - Academic level of core classes
 - Advance Academic Course
 - Grade Level course
 - Elective courses
 - Alternate courses in case they are not able to get their first choices for electives

6th Grade Electives

Elective considerations:

- Most 6th grade students take PE
- Some students may need additional academic support and will take a support class as an elective
- Electives may vary by campus but generally include fine arts options, Spanish, Technology Applications, and others
- For updated information on course offerings, check out the Middle School Course Catalog

Advanced Academics

- Advanced Academic Courses (AAC) are offered in all core classes
- Current 5th grade teachers make recommendations for placement
- Parents may also request the AAC level of a core academic course
- Parent U: Advanced Academics Explained on **December 5**

Fine Arts in Middle School

Every Middle School Student will be involved with Fine Arts to some degree

- Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Theatre
- Visual Art



Fine Arts

- Every 6th grader is initially put into a fine arts class
- Band and Orchestra Students really need to begin in the 6th grade
- Some Schools offer High School Credit for Art 1 in the 8th grade
- There is some cost associated with being in an Instrumental Program such as Band or Orchestra. However, All of our schools have many options available to minimize that cost.

Athletics in Middle School

School participation begins in 7th grade.

Educational Based Athletics

- Multiple measures of success:
 - Athletic excellence
 - Academic excellence
 - Character and leadership development
 - Community service
- Students are encouraged to try all sports.



Middle school sport offerings:

Football

Track & Field

Volleyball

Cross Country

Basketball

Soccer

Athletics

6th Graders are encouraged to get involved in programs with our local partners: SBMSA, Spring Spirit, Family Point Resources, YMCA, Dad's Club.

7th & 8th grade required participation documents:

- Physical
 - Offered by SBISD & Memorial Hermann in fall & spring semesters.
- Required documents will need to be completed online through the Rank One portal which can be accessed through the Athletic Department website.

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QUESTIONS?





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