

Welcome to
Walter C. Polson Middle School
2024-2025

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Kathryn Hart - Principal
Martha Curran - Assistant Principal

Introductions

Administration

- Kathryn Hart – Principal
- Martha Curran – Assistant Principal
- Chris Farrell - MPS Athletic Director

Grade Level Counselor

- Maryssa Susi

Introductions

Joining us tonight

Beth Micciche
Christina Zarotney
Stephanie Jarvis
Kristin Skelly

Student Tour Guides

Olivia, Avery, Vani, Surya, Addie,
MiaBella, Finley, Riley, Ryan, Wes,
Grace

Polson Pride: Our Core Values

Perseverance

Respect

Integrity

Dedication

Enthusiasm



Polson 20242025

Projected Enrollment : 533

- Grade 6: 175
- Grade 7: 186
- Grade 8: 172

Bell Times

- 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM (Bells start and end the day)

Teaming Model

- 5 teams in grade 6
- 2 teams in grade 7
- 2 teams in grade 8

Keeping You Informed


- The website: www.polsonmiddleschool.org
- The Polson and MPS E - Notify
- Individual teacher info on [*Google Classroom*](#)
- Follow us on Twitter, Instagram [@PolsonPride](#) , and Facebook at [Polson Middle School](#) :



The Teaming Model

There are 5 teams in sixth grade.

Two core teachers on each team.



One teaches
Math and
Science

One teaches LA
and Social
Studies

Special Education teacher assigned to each team

Transition Plan

- Elective Course Selections
- Team meetings with grade 5 teachers
- Visit Polson - meet staff and tour (today!)
- Team Placement Letter - August 2024
- Back to School Orientation - August 2024

Policies and Procedures

- Arrival and Dismissal
 - Late arrival, early dismissal...notes please
- Lockers
- Student Planners
- Cell phones.....

Cell Phone Policy

- Phones are not allowed during the school day:
 - in classrooms, including LMC or Pride period
 - in hallways or in the cafeteria
 - in the locker rooms or bathrooms
 - to text at any point during the school day

On occasion, a teacher might allow cell phone use for a specific purpose in class. Cell phones are not required in any class.

If a student forgets the rule, we keep their cell phone safe and sound in the office until 2:30.

Safety and Supervision In School, Out of School, and Online

- Safety Drills
(Fire Drills, Crisis Drills, Security Personnel)
- Social and Emotional Needs
(Grade level counselors, social worker, school psych, MYFS)
- Technology
 - Social media, texting, cell phones
 - Securly, See it Say it Send it

Supervision is Critical!

Any questions related to our
Policies and Procedures?



ACADEMIC PROGRAM



Academic Program Goals

Provide students an education that will prepare them for the world after high school:

critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, self-direction, global awareness

- Provide **equal access** to programs for all students, across all teams
- Appropriately place students
- Balance class sizes
- Variety of offerings to foster the diverse set of talents



Profile of a Graduate

Skills, knowledge, attributes and competencies necessary for a successful transition to life after high school

critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, self-direction, global awareness

- Woven into curriculum instruction and assessments
- Measured in various content areas
- Developed over time (K - 12)

6th Grade
CORE Classes

One 70minute
period of each

Language Arts

Math

Science / Social
Studies



Mathematics



Prepare students to:

- Be mathematically literate
- Understand concepts
- Be adept at computation

In short: Be comfortable with math. Understand how numbers work, how to solve problems with them, and apply that understanding to situations in daily life.

Mathematics



6th Grade

- Grade level curriculum
- Pre - test analysis for extension
- Continuation from grade 5

7th Grade

- Math 7 or Pre - algebra

8th Grade

- Pre - algebra or Algebra

Science

- Support claims with evidence and scientific reasoning.
- Create and analyze graphs as a way to share and understand data.
- Develop students' ability to think critically while learning about current events in science.
- Explore a variety of topics to help better understand the science behind our everyday lives.

Language Arts



- To improve quality of writing skills
- To increase volume of and independence in reading
- To help transfer reading skills across content areas and genres
- To handle increasing text complexity
- To increase vocabulary through morphology

Social Studies

- Explore and celebrate cultures from across four continents
- Conduct investigations about world history
- Challenge historians points of view
- Interact with sources direct from people in the past
- Master reading nonfiction sources

Special Education

Special education teachers are assigned to teams.

Academic Intervention

Reading specialists and a math specialist that provide academic interventions.

Interventions include:

- Reading
- Math
- Counseling



Special Education

Direct/Indirect Services may include

- Co-facilitated inclusion classes with SE teacher and/or para
- Study center
 - Academic Skills (Math, Reading, Writing)
 - Life Skills
 - Executive Functioning
- Self Contained classes
- Adaptive Physical Education

Related Services may include

- counseling
- speech and language
- occupational therapy
- physical therapy

Related Arts Periods

World Language

Grade 6

Spanish every
other day



Phys Ed

Grades 6 - 8

PE every
other day



*Grade 7 & 8 - Language every day;
Spanish or French*

Related Arts Periods

C.H.A. Wheel



Art
Health
Computers



1 Trimester of each

Performing Arts



Band
Orchestra
Chorus
Theater



Students
take one of
these all
year

Homeroom

1. Math or LA
2. Related Arts (PE, computers/art/health)
3. Math or LA
4. Lunch
5. Related Arts (theater, music, or Spanish)
6. Social studies or Science
7. Pride - 20 minutes

GRADE 6	
HR/Announcements 8:00-8:08	
<u>Period 1</u> CORE 8:10-9:20	<u>Period 5</u> R.A. 12:00-12:53
<u>Period 2</u> R.A. 9:23-10:16	<u>Period 6</u> CORE 12:55-2:05
<u>Period 3</u> CORE 10:19-11:29	<u>Period 7 - PRIDE</u> 2:07-2:30
<u>Period 4 - LUNCH</u> 11:32-11:57	Dismissal 2:30

PRIDE Period

**~20 minutes
every day**

What is it?

- See other teachers
- Go to LMC
- Visit with counselors
- School/Grade Events
- Down time, socialize

Lunch!

- All students in grade 6 eat together
- Students choose their own seats
- Outside seating in nice weather
- Wider variety of menu options
- Some lunch groups run by counselor
- Cafe opened in AM for breakfast items

How can I keep updated on my child's work?

- Look for team updates
- Individual communication from teachers and/or counselor
- Infinite Campus for grades
- Google Classroom for work and resources

Special Events

Grade 6

- CT Science Center
- Movie Theater
- Bauer Park

School - wide Events

- Cultural Arts assemblies
- Family Feud
- PEP rally

Any questions related to our
Academics?



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Get Involved!

- **Academic Intramural Program**
(French Club, Debate, Cooking, Clay Club, Robotics, Unified clubs, and more...)
- **Student Council, Excel Club, Peer Helpers, Diversity Club**
- **Community Service Initiatives and Fundraising**
- **Intramural/Interscholastic Athletics & Unified Sports**





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INTRAMURALS

Introduce students to a variety of physical activity/games that promote a healthy lifestyle without focusing strictly on competition

- Focus on skill development
- Provide an opportunity to be physically active or try something new
- Have fun in a low pressure environment



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Intramurals/Interscholastic Sports

- Offerings, forms, dates, and costs are posted on the Polson and athletic department websites
- Must have had a physical within the last 13 months.



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A T H L E T I C S

HOW DOES ATHLETICS WORK?

- Register on Family ID
- Athletic Department Steps
- Website
- Coaches Communication
- Visit Polson Middle School and Click Interscholastic
- Register on Family ID
- Physical to Nurse (valid for 13 months)
- Watch for important dates/ information from the athletic department and coaches.

Athletics Website



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A T H L E T I C S

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC OFFERINGS (mostly 7th)

FALL

Girls Soccer
Boys Soccer
Cross Country
Field Hockey

WINTER

Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Wrestling

SPRING

Softball
Baseball



Welcome to Polson PTO!



NO FUNDRAISING!

Donations have helped support..

8th Grade Dance

Amazing Hero Artist

6th grade Ice-cream

Veteran's Day

SBAC Snacks

8th grade Stepping Forth

Career Day

District Art Show

Teacher Appreciation Week

Field trips

Bus Driver Luncheon

Back to School Teacher Luncheon

Law Day

Custodian Appreciation



Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?



Looking forward to a great year! Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need anything.

Let's Show You Around

**Building tours from our
grade 6 students**

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**We're happy to meet you back
here for questions after the tour.**