



Solar Preparatory for Girls

Mini Middle School Night

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Welcome

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Why Solar Prep for Middle School?

Improving middle school norms:

- middle school years - “sensitive period” for social and emotional learning
- early adolescence “a window of opportunity,” to set students on a solid path for the remainder of their education

What *should* middle schools look like?

- cooperative learning/interdisciplinary teaching
- voice and choice
- more exposure to options/careers
- block schedule/advisory programs
- teams/smaller groups

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GOALS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:

- Independence/Self-Efficacy
- Responsibility
- Teamwork
- Presentation Skills
- Adaptability
- Problem Solving

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A Day in the Life of a Solar Middle Schooler

From current 6th
Graders

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Courses, Electives,
and Extracurricular
Programs

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middle school
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6th/7th BELL SCHEDULE

COURSES	Start Time	End Time	Time
Advisory	8:20	8:44	24 mins
1st Period (CORE)	8:47	10:17	90 mins
2nd Period (CORE)	10:20	11:50	90 mins
3rd Period (STEM)	11:53	12:38	45 mins
Lunch	12:41	1:11	30 mins
4th Period (STEM)	1:14	2:03	49 mins
5th Period (PE)	2:06	2:55	49 mins
6th Period (ARTS)	2:58	3:47	49 mins
Advisory	3:50	3:55	5 mins

6th Grade Schedule Overview

Dallas ISD
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BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM
REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (SECONDARY)

EHAC
(EXHIBIT)

Required Courses for Middle School

- 4 Core Academic Courses
(1 credit each)
- 1 Physical Education Course
(full year)
- 1 Academic Elective
Technology/Fine Arts

Grade 6		Unit
1.	Reading Language Arts or Reading Language Arts Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP): English language learners will receive reading language arts instruction through an English as a Second Language class or Reading Language Arts Dual Language (if available).	1
2.	Reading or Reading Mastery: Units depends on the student's reading level according to standardized assessment instruments and formative assessment instruments.	Up to 1
3.	Science or Science Pre-AP	1
4.	Mathematics or Mathematics Pre-AP	1
5.	Contemporary World Cultures or Pre-AP Contemporary World Cultures	1
6.	Physical Education: Dance or Leadership Cadet Corps (LCC) classes scheduled during the school day are approved substitutions for Physical Education. Students will not enroll in more than one athletic or physical education period during the regular school day.	1
Grade 6		Unit
7.	Elective from state-required enrichment courses for grade 6 listed in the General Information Bulletin under the headings Technology Applications, Languages Other than English, Fine Arts, Career and Technical Education, and Health.	1

Courses	Elective Options
<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Reading • Honors Math • Honors Science • Honors Social Studies • Technology Applications 	<p>Choice 1 (select 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Club • Robotics/Coding • Discovering Languages • Model UN • Reading/Math Support <p>Choice 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Education • Physical Education (Dance) <p>Choice 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theater Arts • Theater Tech • Studio Art • Orchestra

****INTERVENTION COURSES**

Reading and Math Support may be assigned depending on student need.

****ELECTIVE OPTIONS**

All students will have 4 total elective courses but they ***MUST*** take at least one from choice 3 and one from choice 4.

****ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

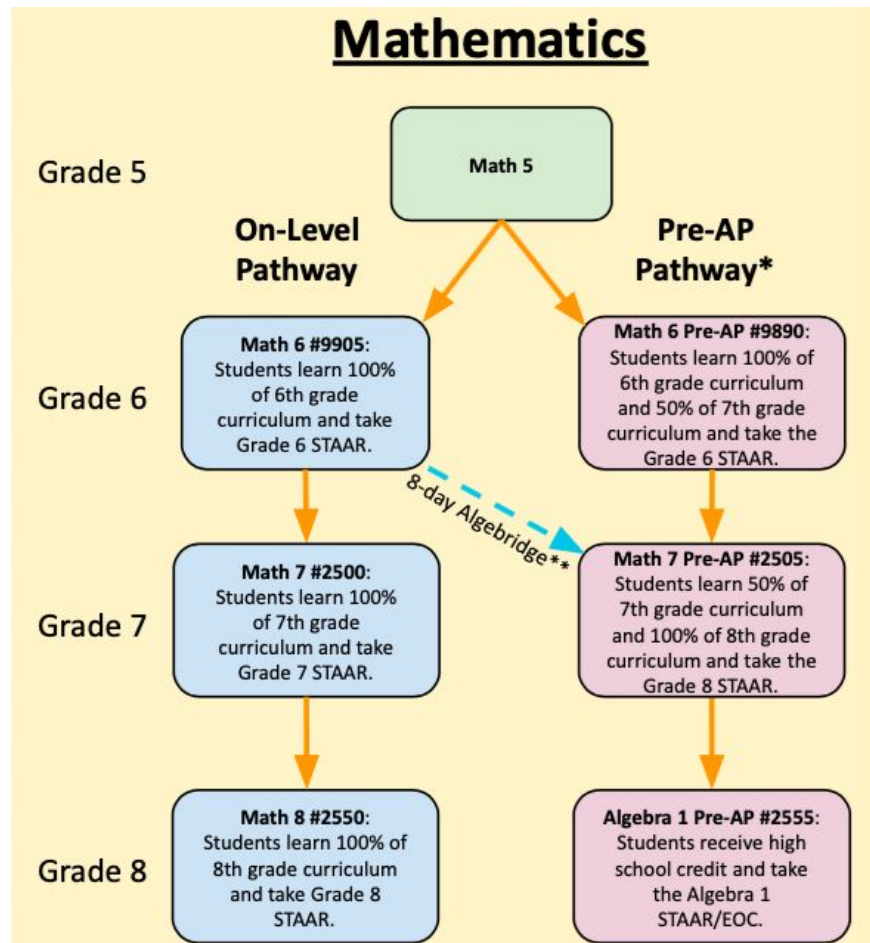
- National Junior Honor Society
- Middle School Clubs After School

Middle School Math Pathways

Students enrolled in 6th Grade HONORS mathematics will learn:

- **all 6th grade** mathematics standards AND
- **50% of the 7th grade** mathematics standards.
- 6th Grade = 6th Grade STAAR
- 7th Grade = 8th Grade STAAR
- 8th Grade = Algebra I EOC (HS Credit)

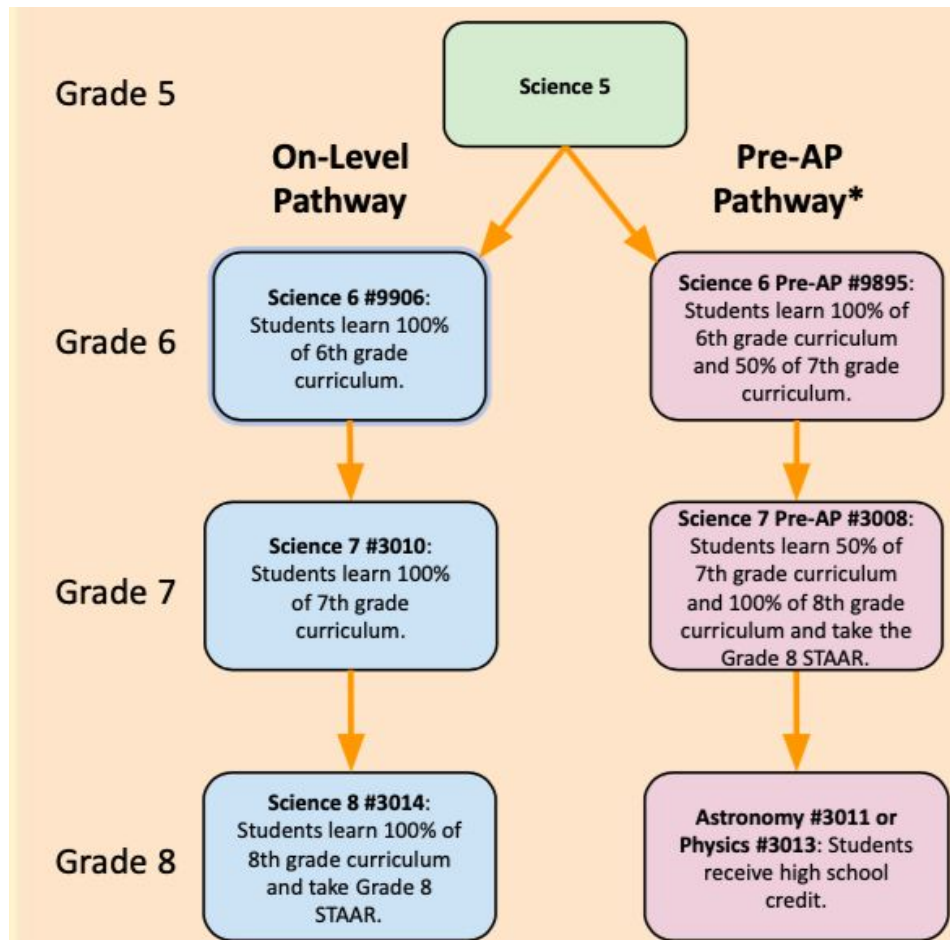
*Intervention for Math and Reading Support



Middle School Science Pathways

Students enrolled in 6th Grade HONORS science will learn:

- **all 6th grade** science standards AND
- **50% of the 7th** grade science standards.
- 7th Grade = 8th Grade STAAR
- 8th Grade = Physics (HS Credit)



Transitioning to Middle School



Differences between Elementary & Middle

Elementary School

- Stay with the same class/classroom for most of the day
- 2-3 Core teachers
- Walk with teacher and classmates to lunch, recess, specials and the bus.
- Attendance taken once a day
- No required homework
- Daily required recess for 30 mins

Middle School

- Transition class to class (3 mins) Can be marked Tardy (late)
- 4 Core Teachers
- No lockers - carry all belongings
- Attendance taken every period
- Plan for daily homework
- Recess embedded in required physical education class (dress out) & Flex Fridays
- Begin building student portfolio for high school



Tips to Get Ready for Middle School



PARENTS

- Attend back to school night parent conferences, Trailblazer Transition camp (orientation)
- Create systems to encourage daily home practice to prepare for
- Empower your child to prepare all materials and supplies for school on their own.
- Communicate with teachers and use powerschool to check grades.



Students

- Staying organized is key to success in middle school.
- Use a daily planner provided by the school.
- Build good study habits.
- Communicate with your teachers.
 - Assignments and attendance

Thanks!

Questions or Concerns...
Unmute or place in the chat



Who to Contact?

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