

Madison Middle School
Class of 2031



WELCOME

TO

MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Principal, Dr. Douglas Jones

6th Grade Principal, Mr. Drew Wardlaw

6th Grade Counselor, Mrs. Lindsay Bouchillon

Questions? Call or email anytime!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- March 4th - 5th Grade Tour of MMS @ 9am
- March 4th - 5th Grade Parent Night 6pm @ MMS.
- March 8th - Choice Sheets are DUE to your 5th grade Homeroom Teacher
- March 21st @ 5:30 p.m. @ MMS - Robotics Parent Interest Meeting
- End of July - EARLY SCHEDULE PICK UP!
Students and parents will have an opportunity to tour MMS with their new 6th GRADE SCHEDULE!

Missed the Band or Choir Tryout? No worries!

- Band - Email Mrs. Abels and she will set up an audition for you
 - kabels@madison-schools.com for questions
- Make-up Choir Auditions
 - E-MAIL- jbruening@madison-schools.com
- April 16th - Math Counts Test
 - See information in Packet
 - Jselp@madison-schools.com

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS
SIXTH GRADE COURSE SELECTION FORM
2024-2025

Student's Name _____
Last
First
Middle

Madison County Schools operates middle school on an A/B Block Schedule. Sixth grade students are required to take Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Cyber Foundations I. In addition to the required courses, a student must select one elective class to meet the state-mandated physical education (PE) requirement.

6 th Grade Required Courses			
Students will be placed in advanced courses based on student achievement and individual student data.			
Course #	Course Name	X	Prerequisites
459901	6 th Grade World History	X	No prerequisite
409908	Integrated Science/Health *	X	No prerequisite
000284	Cyber Foundations I	X	No prerequisite
239901	Language Arts	X	No prerequisite
	Advanced Language Arts		Level 5 on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program and 1 of the below listed criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 Average or higher in 5th grade Language Arts 85th Percentile on Measure of Academic Progress Reading Assessment
279901	Mathematics	X	No prerequisite
	Advanced Mathematics		Level 5 on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program and 1 of the below listed criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 Average or higher in 5th grade Mathematics 85th Percentile on Measure of Academic Progress Mathematics Assessment

6th Grade Electives (Choose 2 elective courses following the steps below.)

Please place an "X" in the appropriate boxes below to indicate your course selections.
Please place an "A" in the appropriate boxes below for alternate course selection.

Step 1. You MUST choose ONE of the elective courses listed below to meet the state mandated PE requirement.

Course #	Course Name	X	Prerequisites
349902	Physical Education		No prerequisite – A variety of physical activities will be offered in a normal PE setting.
500903	Band		Requires a successful audition and the purchase or lease of an instrument chosen by the band director. Instrument assigned by band director is a _____.
500935	Choir		Requires a successful audition and a fee for uniforms.

Step 2. Choose another elective course from the list above OR choose one of the courses listed below.

Course #	Course Name	X	Prerequisites
500101	Art		No prerequisite
500901	General Music		No prerequisite
500510	Drama		No prerequisite
662001	Gifted		Must meet eligibility requirements including testing.
230181	Learning Strategies		Students will be enrolled based on student achievement and individual student data.
801002	Study Hall		No prerequisite

**Per state-mandated requirements, Health is included in the Science Frameworks*

Parents – your signature indicates that you have reviewed and approved your child's course selection for the 2024-2025 school year.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____
Home Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____
Primary Contact Number _____ Email Address _____

Madison Middle School
6th Grade Registration for 2024-25
Due Date: Friday, March 8th

1. _____ BLUE PAPER Choice Sheet – turn in to your 5th grade teacher by March 8th.
2. _____ **STARTING IN MAY** – Parents will turn in residency to Madison Middle School IN MAY.
 - Do not send residency to your elementary school.
 - No residency will be accepted until MAY.
 - Only utility bills accepted. They must be dated May, June or July utility bills of 2024.

Step One:

- Login to Canvas and select the Canvas course named “Welcome to 6th grade at MMS”. This canvas page will contain all the info you have been given in a paper copy, but now you have an electronic copy too.
- There will be 2 videos that you may find helpful (Oldies, but still good videos).
 - Video #1 titled “MMS Virtual Tour”. You will still get to tour this summer, but this virtual tour may be fun to watch and get to know your new school.
 - Video #2 titled “Choice Sheet Instructions”. I hope this video will help you understand how to complete the choice sheet. If you have any questions, please email or call me anytime.

Step Two:

Choose your TWO electives on the BLUE Choice Sheet.

You will not choose any other core courses; you will be placed in these classes during the summer based on your test scores and grades.

You are only choosing TWO electives.

Remember, one elective must count for a PE credit. Band and Choir are all considered PE credits.

- Choose ONE Physical Education Course (P.E., Band or Choir)
- Choose ONE other elective. Can be Band, Choir, Gifted, Art or Drama.
 - You may take Band and Choir.
 - You may take PE and Choir or PE and Band.
 - Do NOT choose Learning Strategies or Study Hall. We will place you into that class if necessary.
 - If you choose Gifted, you must have already been placed in the Gifted program and have a PPDS form on file with the school.
- Once you make your selection you have until July 1st to make any changes. If you need to make changes you may email me with changes.

That's it! You're done!

I'm happy to help!
Please email me if you have questions:
[**lbouchillon@madison-schools.com**](mailto:lbouchillon@madison-schools.com)

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

WELCOME TO 6th GRADE @ MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!!

What is Block Schedule? Block schedule means that you go to 4 classes per day. 4 classes on A-Day and 4 classes on B-day, each class is 94 minutes long. The days just rotate...if Friday was an A-Day, then Monday is a B-day.

What is Split Block? Split block means that we split ONE of those blocks into 45-minute sessions. You will go to Math for 45 minutes and language for 45 minutes.

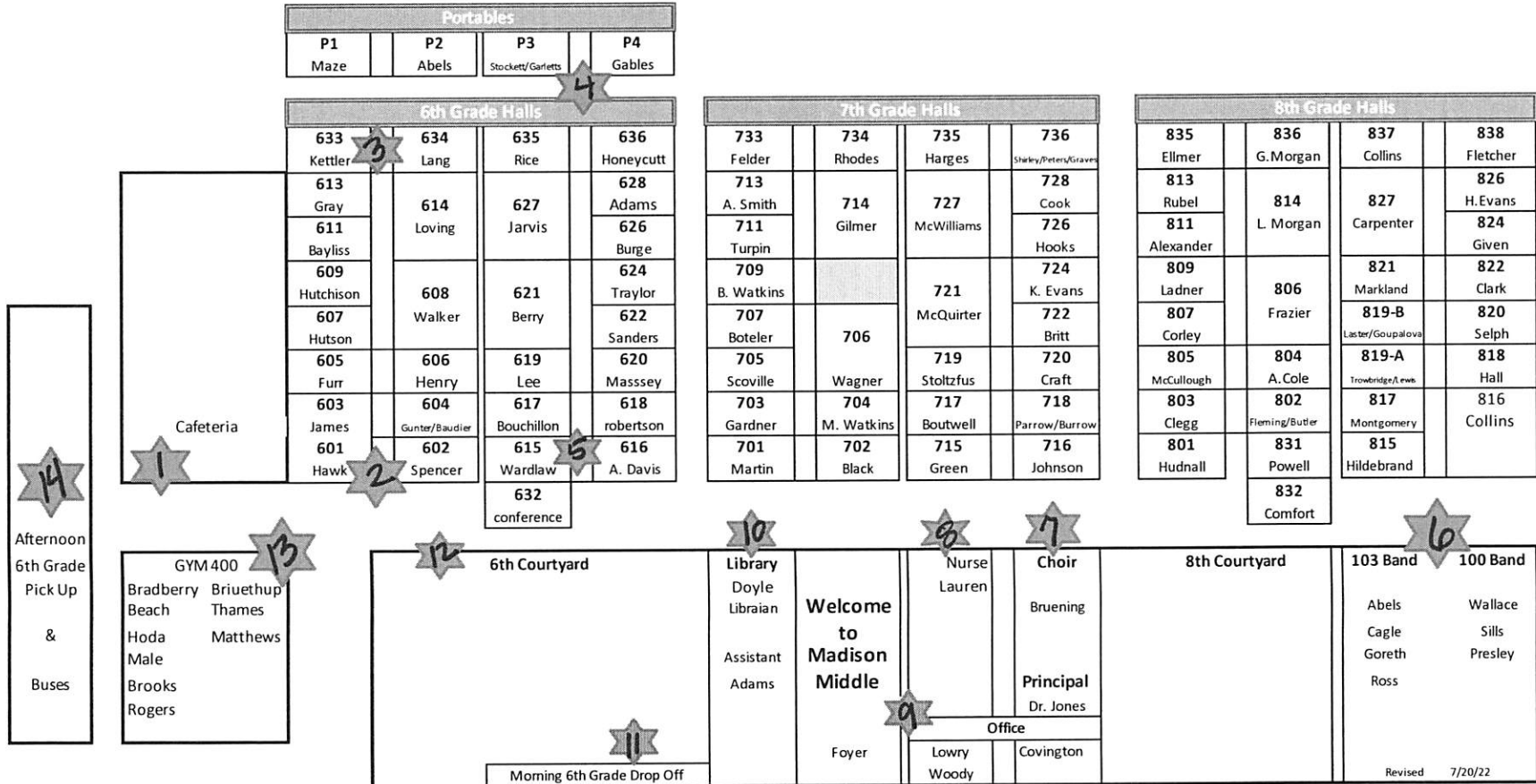
A-DAY

Time	Block	Class	Teacher	Room #
8:20-9:49	1	PE		
9:53-10:38	2.1	Math		
10:38-11:53	2.2	Language		
11:57-1:26	3	Science		
1:30-3:00	4	World History		

B-DAY

Time	Block	Class	Teacher	Room #
8:20-9:49	5	Math		
9:53-11:53	6	Art		
11:57-1:26	7	Language		
1:30-3:00	8	Cyber Foundations		

MMS Floor Plan 2023-24



Tour Stops

1. Cafeteria
2. 6th Grade South Hall
3. 6th Grade Choir Hall
4. Portables - Gifted and Drama
5. Bouchillon and Hammett
6. Band Hall
7. Main Choir Hall
8. Nurse Girod
9. Front Office
10. Library
11. Morning 6th Grade Drop Off
12. 6th Grade Courtyard
13. Gym
14. Afternoon Pick up and Buses



MMS Parent Resources

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF OUR UPCOMING NEWS AND DATES, PLEASE FOLLOW US ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA:

TWITTER: @MMSJAGUARS

INSTAGRAM: @MADISONMIDDLEJAGUARS

FACEBOOK PAGE: MADISON MIDDLE JAGUARS PTO

WEBSITE: MADISON-SCHOOLS.COM

Academic Resources

Canvas - Parents can see assignments and notes, we recommend using your student's login and your student can show you around the site. Very helpful to see what assignments are complete, need to be completed, and other notes or games that can be helpful for tests and assignments.

Active Parent - Check student grades

My School Bucks- pay fees online and cafeteria

Online Absence Form - Please complete this form for each absence.

-Email absentee to mmsattendance@madison-schools.com

-Please include date of absence, reason for absence and parent contact information.

-Please submit within the month of the absence to make sure the absence will be excused.

CAR RIDER LINES

We have 3 car rider lines...one for each grade level.

8th grade

Once on MMS campus, turn RIGHT immediately and follow the traffic around to the north side of the school.

7th grade

Veer slight RIGHT to the front circle of school by the white pillars.

6th grade

Stay straight and you will see a double line of cars and cars will take turns to form one line once kids are dismissed @ 3:20. The sixth grade car rider line is on the south side of the school.

At 3:30 - The remaining 6th graders, usually about 25 or so, will move to the front car rider line.

The first time through car rider is always a little stressful, but we will have teachers, coaches, and administrators out to help guide you!

WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP ANYTIME!

Madison Middle School

F.A.Q.

- **How will my child receive his/her schedule of classes?**
 - Early Schedule Pick-Up Fundraiser- About a week before school starts, PTO will have a fundraiser for parents to join PTO and with that membership they can pick up their child's schedule early.
 - Regular Schedule Pick-up- About 2 days before school starts, no fee to pick up.
 - First Day of School Schedule Pick-Up- just in case anyone did not pick up or forgot their schedule. These dates will be posted on the website and all social medias.
- **How will my child know if he/she qualified for Advanced courses?**
 - Students will be placed into advanced courses based on the criteria listed on the choice sheet. Students will find out if they have been placed in advanced courses when they pick-up their schedule.
- **How will my child know where to go on his or her first day of school?**
 - Administrators, counselors, and teachers will all be in the halls to assist your child in finding their classes. Signs will be posted throughout the school with directions to all classrooms.
- **Do I come in with my child on the first day of school?**
 - Please drop them off at the 6th grade courtyard and we will help them get to the correct class.
- **Can I eat lunch with my child?**
 - YES! 6th grade lunches are 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.
- **Where will I drop off and pick up my child?**
 - 6th graders are dropped off in the front circle in the mornings. In the afternoon, 6th grade car riders will be on the South side of MMS.
- **What if we carpool with 7th and 8th graders?**
 - Students who carpool with an older sibling need to communicate with the 7/8th grader and make sure all kids go to the same carpool line.
- **How will I know which bus my child will ride and the pickup time?**
 - Durham will mail a postcard to your home with bus information. For additional questions, please contact Durham School Services at 601-859-0077.
- **Will there be a supply list for my child?**
 - Yes, a supply list will be sent home with final 5th grade report cards and posted on our website.
- **Does my child have a summer reading list?**
 - Yes, it is included in this packet and will be sent home with final 5th grade report cards.
- **What time does school start and end?**
 - The tardy bell rings at 8:20 a.m. and the school day ends at 3:20 p.m.
- **How early can I drop my child off at MMS?**
 - Madison Middle School officially opens at 7:50 a.m. (Secret... Mr. Cook is on duty in the gym beginning around 7:20 a.m. if parents need an early drop off)

FUNNY AND USEFUL HACKS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



ACADEMICS

- Charge your chromebooks at home - the chargers all look the same and sometimes disappear and they cost \$30
- Grade Calculation
 - Major Grades 66%
 - Minor Grades 34%
- You need only ONE Bookbag - you will keep everything in that one bag
- Beta Club qualifications are based on your FIRST 9 WEEKS grades - ALL A's
- SPORTS - MMS Coaches are ALWAYS scouting! During PE, MRYC games, etc. Work hard and be a good teammate!
- Listen for your bus DAILY - sometimes the order of the buses change



SOCIAL MEDIA

- NEVER EVER share the password to your phone, email, chromebook, ANYTHING!
- Type only POSITIVE things on text, email, and social media.
- Never text something mean or negative - once its in writing, you can't take it back.



HYGIENE

- SHOWER DAILY, even if you did not sweat, you may still stink a little.
- Even if you did not sweat that day, you still need to change clothes for the next day.
- Wear deodorant in the morning AND bring some to reapply for after PE and Courtyard.
- You can't smell yourself. Trust me!

PARENTS

- Students DO NOT NEED a phone. They will have a chromebook for schoolwork.
- Monitor your child's phone daily - they need the protection more than privacy.
- Students will almost always have Math homework. Ask them about Big Ideas and IXL, those are the online platforms we use.
- Confident Kids - Setting limits and staying within those limits make kids feel safe and help them make good choices. They WON'T say that, but they need someone to set the limit. They just aren't capable of knowing limits at this age.
- Your child will find a friend. There is someone for everyone! We see new friendships form every year! You can assure your child of this with confidence!



EMOTIONS

- Lots of growing is happening and as a teen you may feel a little emotional. Remind yourself that some of those emotions and insecurity are NORMAL. Hormones are just doing what they should do to help you grow.
- EVERYONE is feeling a little bit insecure about something. That's normal, too!
- Confidence is built by DOING. When you DO POSITIVE things you gain confidence. Be involved in something! (Grades, Dance, Sports, Kindness, Robotics, Band, Choir, Church, etc)

Funny and Useful Life Hacks for Middle School

Tips for Students:

1. Use your Planner
2. Major grades(tests) count 66% and Minor assignments 34% of your grade
3. Get familiar with Teacher Websites and Canvas.
4. Check your grades weekly via Active Student
5. Get Organized! (I recommend having just ONE bookbag. Also, organize your bookbag each night. It only takes 5 minutes and you'll feel more prepared for the next school day.)
6. Absences COUNT- It's so hard to miss even one day on a block schedule. But if you do have to miss, make sure you talk with your teachers to get your missed assignments.
7. Develop good study habits
 - a. Find the way you like to study best- notecards, study apps, making your own test questions, re-copying notes, reading the notes aloud to yourself.
 - b. Study your notes each night... even if you don't have a test! Maybe just 15 minutes.
 - c. Complete A-Day homework on A-Day and same for B-Day. It helps to review the skills you learned that day by completing homework.

Tips for Parents:

1. Check Active Parent to keep track of your child's progress
2. Email teachers if you have any questions about grades or assignments.
3. Check Teacher Blogs and Canvas for homework, assignments and test dates.
4. Sign up for any teacher Remind notifications.
5. LASTLY: It's your child's responsibility to write important due dates, assignments, and test dates in his or her planner. Having 7 different teachers/classes, it will be very hard for you(parents) to manage their(students) assignments; therefore, it's best for the student to use their planners daily. Parents should set the expectation that planners will be checked each night for homework or dates. This will reinforce a great habit and important life skill.