



Rising 6th Grade

Parent Orientation



Tonight's Agenda

5:30-5:55 **Introductions & Overview**

5:56-6:16 **Info Session 1**

6:18-6:38 **Info Session 2**

6:40-7:00 **Info Session 3**



What's Different

- School starts and ends an hour earlier than elementary
- Late Start Days
- Drop-Off and Pick-Up
- Lockers
- Related Arts Input
- Express, Study Focus, & Advisory

Homeroom 7:40-7:46	Homeroom
1st Period 7:48-8:41	Math
2nd Period 8:46-9:39	English Language Arts
3rd Period 9:44-10:37	Related Arts
Lunch 10:39-11:04	Cafeteria
4th Period 11:19-12:02	Social Studies
5th Period 12:07-1:00	Science
6th Period 1:05-1:50	Express
7th Period 1:55-2:46	Study Focus
Dismissal 2:47	Announcements



Required Classes

All students will take the following classes every day:

- Math
- ELA
- Social Studies
- Science
- Express
- Study Focus



Best-Fit Math Placement

Placement Considerations

- AIMS Web Percentile
- WCS Readiness Test
- TCAP Math Scores
- Additional Information:
Teacher Input
(fluency, problem solving,
study skills, motivation)

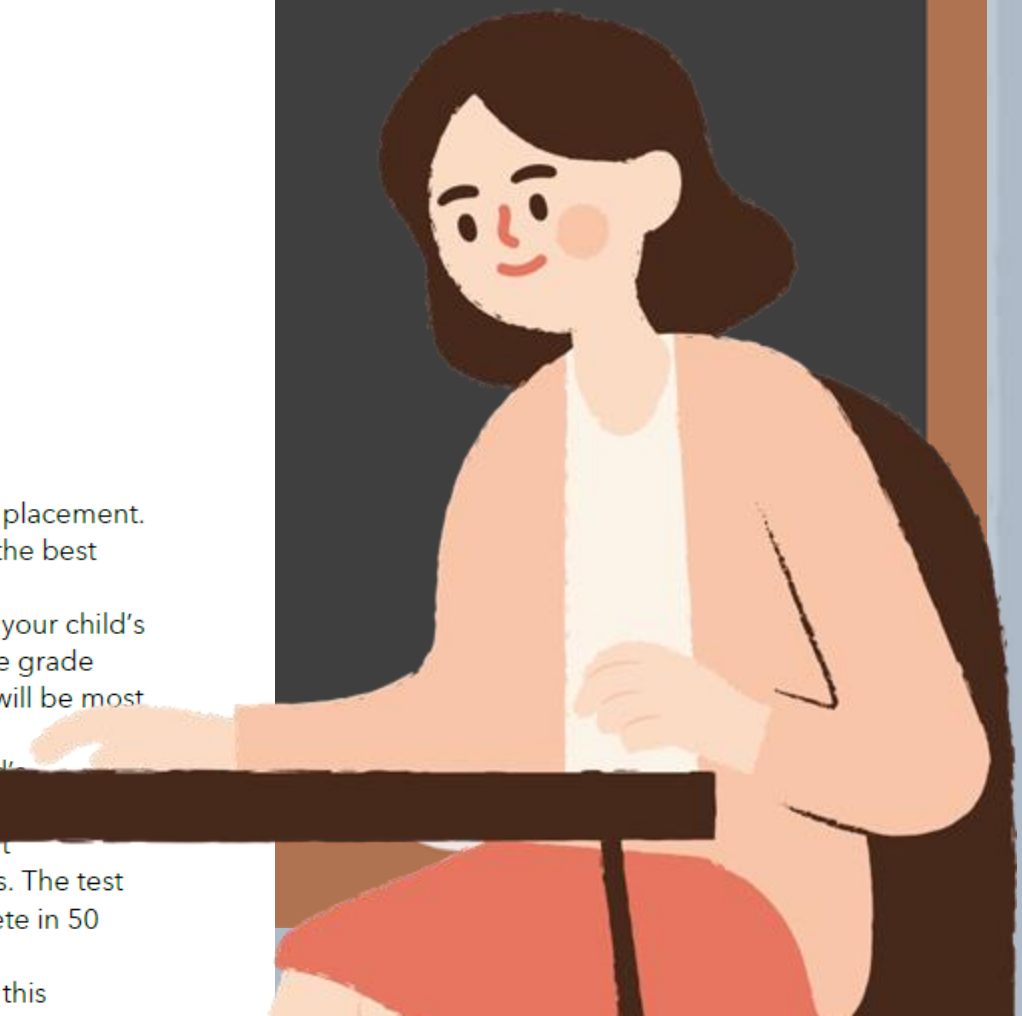
Rising 6th Grade Best-Fit Math Placement

Data used to determine your child's best-fit placement:

- AIMS Web Data
- WCS Readiness Test
- TCAP Data

Further Explanation

- Multiple forms of data will be used to determine your child's best-fit placement. The categories above carry equal weight in ensuring we determine the best placement for your child.
 1. Your child's AIMS Web percentiles give us information on your child's performance compared with other students at the same grade level nationally, allowing us to determine which students will be most successful.
 2. The WCS Readiness Test will be administered to your child's elementary school after state testing. It is a more challenging test; it looks to see how students apply current mathematical understandings to more advanced concepts. The test has 32 multiple choice questions that students will complete in 50 minutes. Calculators will not be allowed.
 3. TCAP Data is administered every spring and the results of this



Best-Fit Math Placement

01

6th Grade Math

Covers 6th Grade curriculum.
Students take 6th Grade TCAP.

02

6th/7th Blend Math

Covers a combination of 6th
& 7th Grade curriculum.
Students take 6th Grade TCAP.

03

7th Grade Math

Covers 7th & 8th Grade
curriculum. Students take 7th
Grade TCAP.





What is Express?

- Express is a time to intervene & enrich.
- Students are assigned or select sessions based on interest and need.
- Flextime Manager helps us keep track of student selections and attendance.
- This class meets daily during 6th period.

PARENT TIP!

- Ask students to show you what classes they have signed up for in Flextime.
- Encourage them to select options based on their greatest needs.



What is Advisory?

- The first school day of every week, students meet in an extended homeroom to
 - Complete Data Notebooks (review grades, PBIS, and goal set).
 - Select Express sessions for the week.
 - Participate in community circles.

PARENT TIP!

- Ask your child to share their reflections on the previous week and their goals for the coming week.
- Ask students what they discussed in community circles.



What is Study Focus?

- Study Focus is a time to begin on homework, get support from teachers, make-up missed assessments, or receive additional intervention (RTI, Special Education Intervention).
- This class meets daily during 7th period.
- Activity Time is built in once a week and Fun Friday activity time is used to incentivize keeping up with work and maintaining good behavior.

PARENT TIP!

- Check in with your child and your child's Study Focus teacher to see how this time is being utilized if you are concerned about the amount of work coming home.
- Have your child start with their hardest subject first!



Required Classes:	Select One:	More About Your Selection:
Math ELA Social Studies Science Express Study Focus	Related Arts Rotation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-weeks long • Students will take 4 different classes each year. • Computer Science is a required 9-week class. • Other related arts options include Art, General Music, PE, Empower, and Theater.
	Band or Orchestra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year-long • No previous experience required. • There are fees associated with these classes. • Computer Science is a required 9-week class that will be scheduled during one quarter of Study Focus.

Related Arts Options



Computer Science

- State requirement
- ALL middle school students must complete a 9-week Computer Science class prior to high school.
- For most, this class will be scheduled during Related Arts for 1 quarter
- For students who sign up for Band or Orchestra, this class will be scheduled during Study Focus for one quarter.





Complete the Related Art Request Form May 3-May 13

Guidance for Rising 6th Graders on Related Arts Selection and Sign-Up

All TSMS students will automatically be enrolled in the following classes: Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, Express, and Study Focus. In addition to these 6 classes, students will also have the opportunity to take another class of their choice each day. This document lays out the options that we anticipate offering during the 2024-2025 school year. The master schedule will not be finalized until mid-summer, so the information below is subject to change.

Related Arts Class Requests

Our related arts class offerings are laid out in the chart below. Please read through this document carefully with your child. After your child's visit to TSMS on May 3rd, an email will be sent to you with a link to a form you can complete to let us know what related arts class your child is interested in taking next year. We will do our best to honor student requests, please be aware, we are not always able to do so. Some classes are subject to limited seats available.

For the first time, we will be offering a class called... Due to the increasingly complex... middle school, we will not be... and...

Upcoming Opportunities



**1st Look
Field Trip**

**Days of
Thunder**

May 29

7/30



May 2 May 13
**Submit Related Arts
Requests May 3-10**

**Days of
Thunder**

June 3

**Mainline
Meetings**





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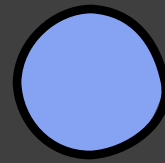


Session Locations



Related Arts
"Science Fair"

TSMS Gym



Supporting the
Middle School Transition

Elementary Cafeteria



Code of Conduct
& PBIS

Middle School Cafeteria

