

Advice from a current 6th grader to a 5th grader



Classes and Schoolwork

- ❖ The work is harder, but the classes are more fun, and you get to have a lot more classes with your friends and different people.
- ❖ Be on time for your classes and stay on top of your homework. I recommend making a schedule and times for what you will do each night.
- ❖ You will have a lot of schoolwork, so learn to organize your time wisely. Make sure to have folders for every class. If you have some classes that are easier than make sure to not focus on them as much outside of class. Put more of your energy into the harder classes.
- ❖ Going to different classes with different people is very fun because you can have different friends in each class. There is a little more homework, so I suggest having an agenda book to keep track of everything.
- ❖ Stay ahead on work and try to catch up whenever you get the chance.
- ❖ Life at school is a little different, as you of course have to switch between classes. (In 2 to 3 minutes). After the first week or two, you will establish an understanding of how school works every day. It may be a hassle to carry all of your supplies in your hands, but you will eventually get used to it.
- ❖ Some of your classes are on the other side of the school (Mostly music/band and gym), so you might want to be able to speed walk.
- ❖ Classes are very different in middle school. You have a wide range of Unified Art classes, as well as ELA, science, geography, and math. UAs become so exciting as you get to learn about health, food science, computers, and so much more. I would advise staying on top of your schoolwork and doing any extra credit provided. Once you miss an assignment, it's easy to get behind.
- ❖ Always come to class on time. Get your work done on time.
- ❖ You don't get guided through each class, you have to go to each class by yourself.
- ❖ Always ask for help if you don't understand something teachers will always help you
- ❖ Organization is your best friend. If you're organized, you'll be on the right track. Also, DON'T procrastinate because

Teachers

- Be nice and respect them.
- Know the teachers well, know what they like and what they dislike. Make sure to know their emails for when you need to email them. Everything you do your teachers see, work hard on all of your assignments.
- Having multiple different teachers and classes is sort of difficult at the beginning of the year, but as the year goes on, it does get easier. I would recommend being respectful to all of your teachers and do what they tell when they tell you!
- Make sure to tell your homeroom teacher that you are there before lockering any time when you are late. Ask teachers for passes to their class during Falcon period. Do not play games during class, or you could get a lunch or a normal detention.
- Don't be worried because they're all really nice and understanding. They will always help you out.
- All the teachers at Stetson teach in their own ways. Some have a more relaxed approach while others don't. However, if you ever need help, don't be afraid to ask. Your teachers will always want the best for you, no matter what.

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- The teachers here are all very good at what they do, and unlike elementary school, they teach only that subject, so your lessons will be educating and less boring!
- Don't be worried because they're all really nice and understanding. They will always help you out
- Switching classes and teacher will be quite confusing at the beginning of the year. After around a week, you will get really good at remembering which teacher to go to. Another benefit is that, rather than having one teacher who teaches all subjects, you have 8 teachers who each know their subject really well.

Being Social and Friends

- Try to make new friends and also try to keep the ones you have made at your elementary school. Also, try to stay social with people and talk to people/friends.
- Try to have friends in all your classes. Find a person who's in a lot of your classes and make friends with them.
- Try to be open to having new friends since there will be so many new people.
- Middle School can cause some issues in friendships. (not to scare you) When you get to middle and high school, you may not have the same friends you had in elementary school, which is fine!
- It may be hard to make friends from different schools, but just be yourself and you'll find your people.
- Study and do assignments with friends who have the same classes! Make a friend or two in each class, this will help on days when you're sick; they can help you get caught up.
- Join clubs! There is something for everyone, and you will meet new people!
- You're going to meet so many new people here, all from different schools! You'll have so many opportunities to talk to people and make friends, and by the end of the year, you will have really great friends!

Extra Advice

- Middle School > Elementary School
- I would say don't stress about the little things (locker, classes, etc.). Always try your best!
- Have fun at Stetson and get involved!
- Do what you are told to do, get work in on time, and make friends!
- Don't be afraid to try new things. Clubs will be an amazing opportunity and I highly suggest trying a few out. 6th grade will be a blast!
- Remember to charge your computer!
- Just be yourself! Stetson is very welcoming. All of your classmates will be either new or familiar, and you can turn both into opportunities for friendship.
- Also, put some effort into your work. If you take pride in what you do, and you do it right, your teachers will probably agree.
- Keep your grades up since they can affect you in the long run.
- Lockers are tricky to open in the first few weeks of school, but they get easier over time.
- If you ever need help, don't be afraid to ask anyone. you'll have so much fun and you'll make so many new friends!
- Use Falcon Period wisely!!

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