



# Parent University Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Middle School Arts Magnet

Course Information

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

# Agenda

- Meet the school team
- What to expect in middle school
- Tips for success
- Courses & sample schedule
- Panther Path
- Q&A

Meet Our  
Administrative  
Team



Queens Lake Middle School

*Panthers*

# Meet Our Counseling Team

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Dr. Felicia Highland  
School Counseling Director  
Last Names: M-Z



Mrs. Siera Reich  
School Counselor  
Last Names: A-L

*Counselors help with: Academic Support, Social-Emotional Support, Schedules, Transition to Middle & High School*

# The Big Picture

Middle School

High School

Graduation

Skill development in Middle School

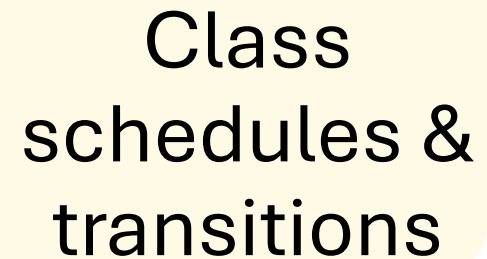
- ✓ Organization
- ✓ Responsibility
- ✓ Self-advocacy



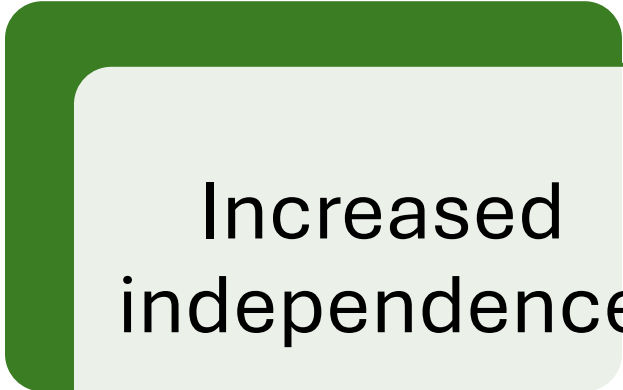
# Key Differences to Expect in Middle School



Multiple  
teachers



Class  
schedules &  
transitions



Increased  
independence

# Tips for a Successful Transition

## ***Students***

- Organization (planners, routines)
- Ask for help
- Build positive relationships
- Practice time management
- Balance

## ***Parents***

- Partner with the school
- Help your child develop and practice routines
- Two-way communication with school

# Diploma Options

## Advanced Studies Diploma

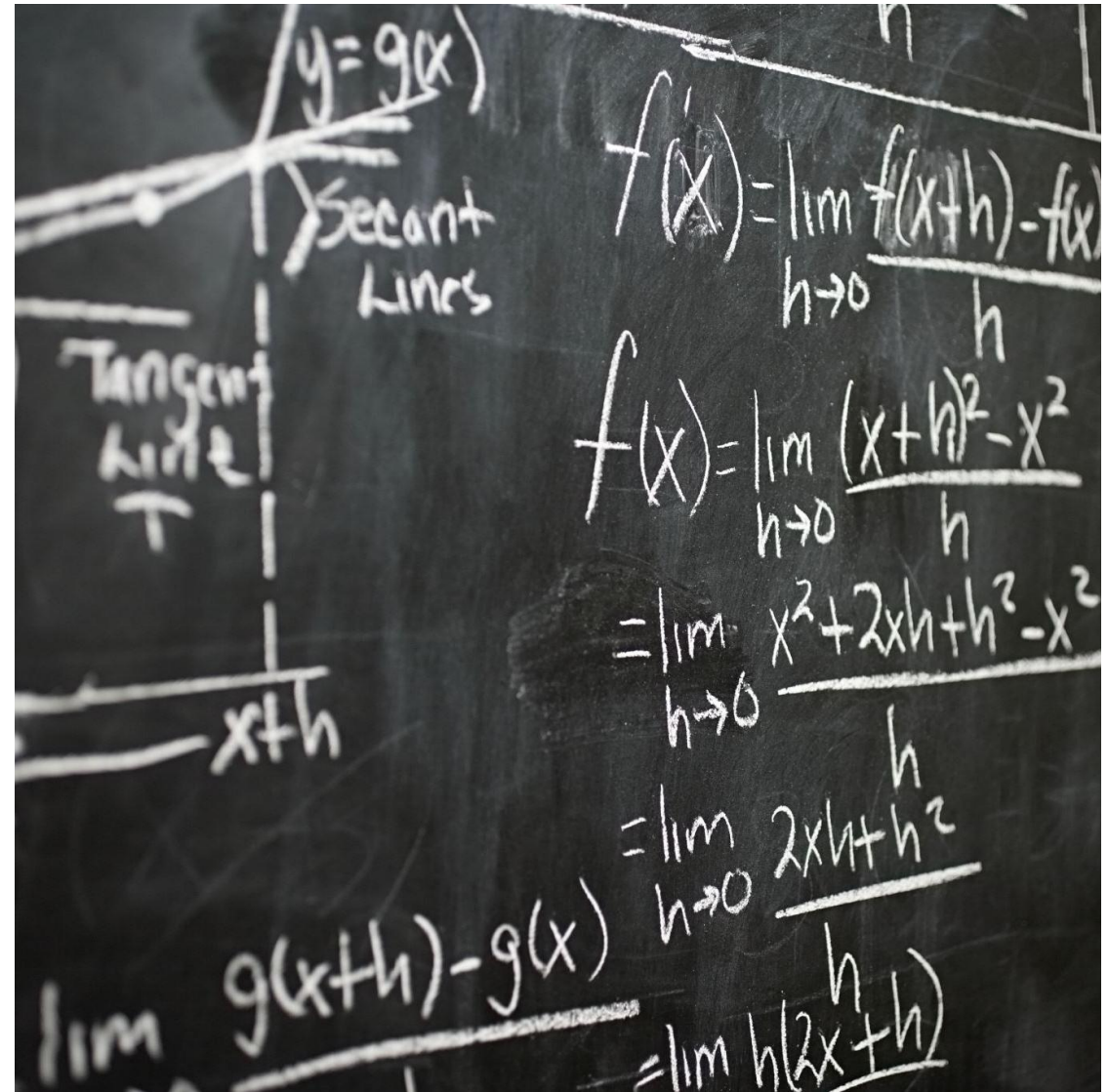
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English	4	2
Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	4	1
Laboratory Science <sup>2</sup>	4	1
History & Social Sciences <sup>3</sup>	4	1
World Languages <sup>4</sup>	3	
Health & PE	2	
Fine Arts or Career/ Technical Education <sup>5</sup>	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives <sup>6</sup>	3	
Student-Selected Test		
Virtual Course <sup>7</sup>	✓	
First Aid/CPR/AED <sup>8</sup>	✓	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>

## Standard Diploma

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Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	3	1
Laboratory Science <sup>2</sup>	3	1
History & Social Sciences <sup>3</sup>	4	1
World Language, Fine Arts, or CTE <sup>5,9</sup>	2	
Health & PE	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives <sup>6</sup>	3	
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# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Requirements

- English 6 **or** Adv. English 6
- Foundations of Algebra (FOA) 6  
**or** Pre-Algebra 6
- US History I
- Science 6
- HPE 6 or Dance Arts 6
- One Elective



*\*English & math placements are based on teacher recommendations\**

# Advance Courses

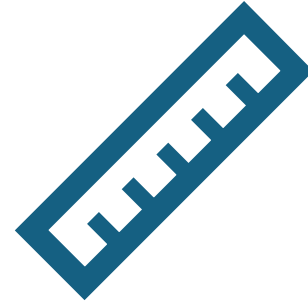


## **Advanced English 6**

Strong writing skills

Increase amount of reading

High level of reading comprehension



## **Pre-Algebra 6**

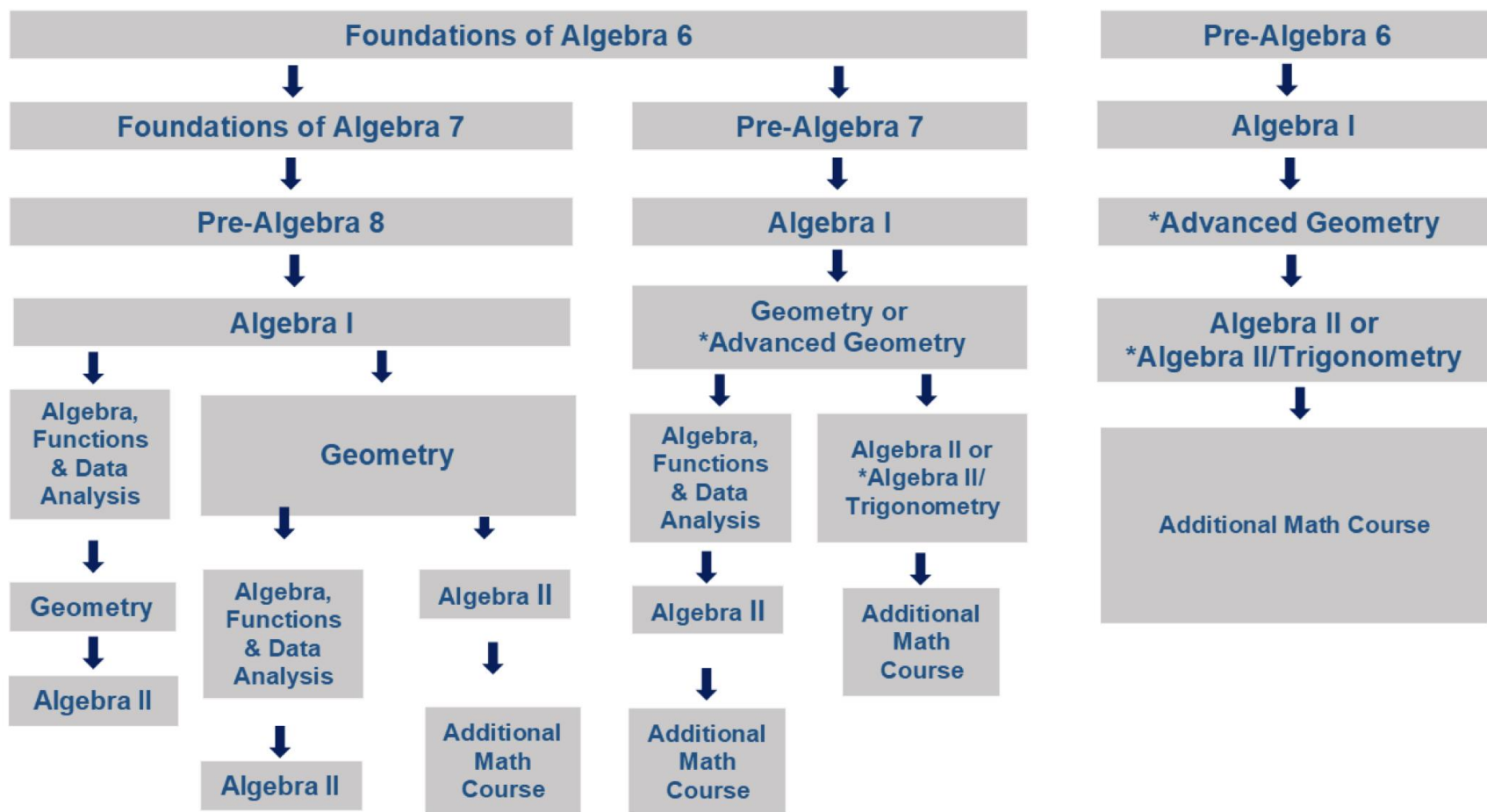
3 years of math in 1 year

8<sup>th</sup> grade SOL

Comprehensive understanding of  
mathematical concepts

# Math Sequence

## Mathematics Course Offerings & Suggested Sequences





## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Options

- Wheel – 4 electives, change every quarter
- Band - yearlong
- Chorus- yearlong



# Sample Schedule

Time	"A" Day	"B" Day
1 8:00 – 9:31 AM	Foundations of Algebra (FOA) 6	Foundations of Algebra (FOA) 6
2 9:34 – 11:07 AM	Science 6	US History I
3 11:10 AM – 1:10 PM (Lunch)	English 6	English 6
4 1:13 – 2:45 PM	PE 6 or Dance Arts 6	Band

# Get Connected

- Become a sport's manager
- Join a club
- Consider taking Chorus or Band
- Replace P.E. with Dance





## Panther Path

- Learn to navigate the building
- Understand your schedule
- Engage with QLMS students

# Registration Process

- Scan QR code to make selection now **or**
- Use the form sent by the 5th grade teacher to scan



**Selections must be made by Friday, February 20, 2026**



# Questions

## Counselor's Contact Information

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