PRINCETON
MIDDLE SCHOOL

An innovative leader in instruction,
developing in EVERY learner the ability to succeed in an ever-changing world. We strive to equip each student to be college and career-ready through personalized instruction, community partnerships, and collaboration.

Welcome to Princeton Middle School!

In 6th grade at Princeton Middle School, students experience an exciting transition into middle school learning. We focus on building independence, responsibility, and confidence while maintaining a safe, supportive environment. Students learn to manage schedules, collaborate with peers, and take ownership of their learning as they grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

Every School Day Counts

Regular attendance is critical in middle school, where learning becomes more rigorous and cumulative. Each day, 6th graders engage in discussions focused around various readings, analytical writing, problem-solving in math, and hands-on learning in science and social studies. Being present and on time helps students stay organized, connected, and prepared for success now and in the years ahead. Every day matters at Princeton Middle School!

To report an absence:
SCAN ME
Or call
763-389-6704

Safe, Consistent, Positive, Fun

Princeton Middle School is committed to a positive school culture supported by our school-wide PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) framework. Clear expectations, consistent routines, and strong relationships help students understand what it means to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. Staff work closely with students to encourage positive decision-making, accountability, and growth as students navigate new challenges.

Watch Their Skills Take Off

In 6th grade, students expand their skills across all content areas while preparing for increased academic expectations:

English Language Arts: Students read a variety of complex fiction and nonfiction texts, analyze themes and evidence, and strengthen vocabulary. **Writing** instruction centers on refining spelling and grammatical skills across multiple writing purposes.

Mathematics: Students deepen their understanding of ratios, expressions, equations, and problem-solving strategies. Emphasis is placed on mathematical reasoning, multiple approaches, and real-world applications.

Science & Social Studies: Through inquiry-based learning, students explore scientific concepts and develop an understanding of geography, history, and civic responsibility. Lessons encourage curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Specialists & Exploratory Classes: Students participate in a variety of specialist classes such as art, music, physical education, and technology/STEM, allowing them to explore interests, build skills, and discover new passions.

Expanding Independence and Responsibility

Sixth grade marks an important transition into middle school. Students learn to manage schedules, organize materials, and take greater responsibility for their learning. Instruction is aligned to Minnesota Academic Standards and emphasizes critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and real-world application of skills across subject areas.

The Sixth Grade Experience

Specialists = Exploration, Skill-Building, and Discovery!

Each week, sixth-grade students at Princeton Middle School participate in engaging specialist and exploratory classes that encourage creativity, movement, and innovation. These classes support the whole child while helping students explore interests and develop new skills.

- In **Art**, students refine artistic techniques and express ideas through a variety of media and design projects.
- In **Music**, students build musical skills through singing, rhythm, and instrumental exploration.
- In **Physical Education (PE)**, students focus on fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship while learning the importance of lifelong healthy habits.
- In **Media/STEM**, students strengthen digital literacy, problem-solving, and critical thinking through hands-on projects, technology tools, and introductory coding experiences.

Extracurriculars

Beyond the school day, sixth graders have access to a variety of extracurricular opportunities, including:

- **Early Risers** – Before school care with enrichment activities
- **Community Education & Recreation** – Sports, clubs, and enrichment classes for middle school students
- **Community Sports & Activities** – Opportunities such as youth leagues and recreational programs that build teamwork and leadership
- **Organized school athletics** - begin in seventh grade.

Visit isd477.org for current offerings, schedules, and registration details.

Special Events

Sixth grade offers many opportunities to build community and celebrate learning throughout the year, including:

- **Back-to-School Orientation & Team Activities** – Helping students feel connected and confident
- **Academic Projects & Presentations** – Showcasing student learning and growth
- **School-Wide Events & Assemblies** – Promoting school spirit and community
- **End-of-Year Celebrations** – Recognizing accomplishments and friendships

Families are encouraged to stay involved and connected—check the school calendar so you don't miss these important moments!

Let's Stay Connected!

- **Schoology** – Get updates on assignments, grades, and messages directly from your child's classroom(s).
- **Skyward Email & Newsletters** – Look for monthly updates and reminders from your child's teachers and the school.
- **Website & Social Media** – Check isd477.org and follow us on Facebook for announcements and celebrations.

Want to Help Out? We'd Love That!

Family involvement continues to play an important role at Princeton Middle School. Volunteers support school events, activities, and programs that enhance the student experience. Whether helping behind the scenes or supporting special events, your involvement makes a meaningful impact. Please contact the school office or visit the district website to learn more about volunteer opportunities, background checks, and sign-up forms.