



SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Grade Configuration Update and Frequently Asked Questions

Dear K-8 families,

The Smyrna School District Board of Education and Leadership team have been preparing for several months to transition to our new grade configuration for the 2026-27 school year. While most changes will take effect next year, a few will impact the current 2025-26 school year, as well.

We have anticipated several questions but know additional ones may arise. This document serves as a starting point for a [FAQ resource](#) which will be updated as questions are received.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us at smyrnacomms@smyrna.k12.de.us with *Grade Configuration* in the subject line. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the new opportunities the additional space in our schools will provide our students and staff.

Will 5th grade students at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School (JBM) and Clayton Middle School (CMS) have recess?

Yes. 5th grade students will continue to have recess.

6th grade students will no longer have recess as they will follow a middle school odd/even day schedule.

What is the fly-away schedule for June, and how will the configuration change impact end-of-year activities?

Smyrna Middle School: 8th grade, June 9

CMS (formerly CIS): no fly-aways this year, as all 6th graders will be attending CMS as 7th graders next year

JBM: 5th grade, June 5 & 6th grade, June 11

All elementaries: June 10

Early Childhood/4yo program: June 8

Will extra-curricular activities be offered at Clayton Middle School? Can 6th graders participate?

Yes. We will offer the same opportunities we offer at Smyrna Middle School to students at Clayton Middle School.

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What sports will be offered at Clayton Middle School? Can 6th graders participate?

All sports are offered at Clayton Middle School unless some unforeseen circumstances arise.

Sixth graders can play all sports except football.

The current plan is to transport 7th graders who make the SMS football team from CMS to SMS to participate. The district is currently hiring coaches. Please visit our vacancies page for more information.

Will intradistrict choice students be able to utilize district transportation?

All 8th grade students will attend Smyrna Middle School.

Intradistrict choice students attending Smyrna Middle School will have district transportation, even if they live in the Clayton Middle School feeder zone. This accommodation applies to the 2026-27 school year only.

Of our current choice students, who will need to reapply because of a change in building?

JBM 5th grade students

JBM 6th grade students

Sunnyside 4th grade students

Clayton Elementary 4th grade students

Smyrna Elementary 3rd grade students

North Smyrna 3rd grade students

The Good Cause application for school choice is open and can be found [here](#).

What will the schedules for each school and grade level look like?

4th and 5th grade students at JBM will have a 2-teacher team (*exceptions may apply due to enrollment needs or special programs*)

5th grade students at CIS will have a 2-teacher team (*exceptions may apply due to enrollment needs or special programs*)

6th-8th grade students at SMS and CMS will follow a middle school odd/even day schedule (Example of schedule attached to this letter)

Is the school district planning to change the boundaries that define the feeder area for each school?

The district has contracted a consultant from the University of Delaware to review current feeder patterns and determine whether adjustments may be necessary. While the existing feeder patterns have served the district well for many years, updated technology allows us to analyze enrollment trends and project future needs. This review is an important and proactive step. However, no changes will be made without discussion and approval of the Board of Education.

If any changes are recommended and approved, they would not take effect until the 2027-28 school year.

Thank you again for your partnership and continued support of the Smyrna School District.

Sincerely,



Superintendent



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sample schedule

25-26 Smyrna Middle School 700 Duck Creek Parkway, Smyrna DE 19977 Page 1 of 1	Student Schedule For Grade: 07 Student Number: Term(s): M1 M2 M3 M4 Courses enrolled: 12
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	Term M1 (08/22/25- 11/03/25)	Term M2 (11/04/25- 01/28/26)	Term M3 (01/29/26- 04/02/26)	Term M4 (04/03/26- 06/11/26)
1	722-1 (Day O) Math 7 J.Jenkins Rm: 202 Team: Blue	722-1 (Day O) Math 7 J.Jenkins Rm: 202 Team: Blue	722-1 (Day O) Math 7 J.Jenkins Rm: 202 Team: Blue	722-1 (Day O) Math 7 J.Jenkins Rm: 202 Team: Blue
2	705-1 (Day E) Health 7 Powell, Curtis Rm: 504	705-1 (Day E) Health 7 Powell, Curtis Rm: 504	737-2 (Day E) Inclusion in our Community Jenkins, Jecelyn Rm: 202	737-2 (Day E) Inclusion in our Community Jenkins, Jecelyn Rm: 202
3	703-2 (Day O) Science 7 Holt, Jeremy Rm: 209 Team: Blue	703-2 (Day O) Science 7 Holt, Jeremy Rm: 209 Team: Blue	703-2 (Day O) Science 7 Holt, Jeremy Rm: 209 Team: Blue	703-2 (Day O) Science 7 Holt, Jeremy Rm: 209 Team: Blue
4	701-4 (Day E) Language Arts 7 J.Kolaskowski Rm: 204 Team: Blue	701-4 (Day E) Language Arts 7 J.Kolaskowski Rm: 204 Team: Blue	701-4 (Day E) Language Arts 7 J.Kolaskowski Rm: 204 Team: Blue	701-4 (Day E) Language Arts 7 J.Kolaskowski Rm: 204 Team: Blue
5	729-3 (Day O) Financial Literacy 7th Lee, Ronald Rm: 502	729-3 (Day O) Financial Literacy 7th Lee, Ronald Rm: 502	708-2 (Day O) Business Education 7th Kanlon, Marie Rm: 515	708-2 (Day O) Business Education 7th Kanlon, Marie Rm: 515
6	708-9 (Day E) Physical Education 7 Bork, Erik Rm: GYM	708-9 (Day E) Physical Education 7 Bork, Erik Rm: GYM	707-8 (Day E) Agri Science 7 S.Freimuth Rm: 304	707-8 (Day E) Agri Science 7 S.Freimuth Rm: 304
7	704-12 (Day O) Social Studies 7 J.Flamer Rm: 215 Team: Blue	704-12 (Day O) Social Studies 7 J.Flamer Rm: 215 Team: Blue	704-12 (Day O) Social Studies 7 J.Flamer Rm: 215 Team: Blue	704-12 (Day O) Social Studies 7 J.Flamer Rm: 215 Team: Blue
8	709-11 (Day E) Family Consumer Science 7 M.McNatt Rm: 309	709-11 (Day E) Family Consumer Science 7 M.McNatt Rm: 309	740-8 (Day E) STEM Medical Detectives Schwartz, Katherine Rm: 209	740-8 (Day E) STEM Medical Detectives Schwartz, Katherine Rm: 209

Counselor: Weisenberger, Jennifer

Username:

Team: Blue

How to read your student's schedule for Marking Period 1/2:

ODD -Day	EVEN- Day
Pd. 1 Math Room #202	Pd. 2 Health Room #504
Pd. 3 Science Room #209	Pd. 4 ELA Room #204
Pd. 5 Fin. Literacy #501 (mp ½)	Pd. 6 PE Room #GYM
Pd. 7 Social Studies #215	Pd. 8 Family Consumer Sci. #309 (mp 1/2)

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