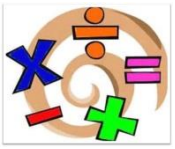
Hopewell Middle School

















Home of the Mustangs

HOPEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
13060 COGBURN ROAD · MILTON, GA 30004
(470) 254-3240 FAX (470) 254-3250

Michael LeMoyne
Principal

Dear Rising 6th Grade Families,

We are so excited to welcome you and your rising 6th grader to HMS! The staff members at Hopewell work extremely hard each and every day to make our 6th graders feel welcome and be successful right from the start.

One of the most important activities your child will participate in is something we call "WEB." "WEB" stands for Where Everybody Belongs, and we have developed a terrific program to help our 6th graders become acclimated quickly to the Middle School experience, and then we strive to continue to support them throughout their first year here.

Another exciting part of a 6th grader's experience at Hopewell is getting to know the students from all the different Elementary Schools that feed into HMS. We have students from Alpharetta, Birmingham Falls, Cogburn Woods, Manning Oaks, and Summit Hill, as well as all the students who come to us from other schools, both within and outside of Fulton County. This is always an exciting part of the first year of Middle School for our students.

Aside from the traditional "core" classes, we offer numerous Connections courses. These courses provide students with an opportunity to pursue areas of interest, like band, chorus, and orchestra, and experience other courses that they may or may not realize they enjoy and have a special talent in, like Art, Marketing, and Computer Science to name a few. We also provide students with the opportunity to participate in several extra-curricular clubs and activities or even start one if they have an interest and can find others with the same interest.

For the parents, we would first encourage everyone to join the HMS PTA. If you are interested in volunteering, there are several opportunities to lead or contribute to projects sponsored by the PTA. There are also volunteer opportunities inside the school, and as part of the Fulton County School Charter System, we have a fully functioning and active School Governance Council that will add new parents and community members each year.

We are proud of our school and the opportunities it provides for our students, and we are excited to welcome you to the Hopewell family! Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can help you and your child make a successful transition to Middle School.

Sincerely,

Michael R. LeMoyne
Principal
Hopewell Middle School

Janelle Consola
Assistant Principal

Amy Cousin
Assistant Principal

Stephanie Sosebee
Assistant Principal

☆☆

HOPEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Mustangs

☆☆

13060 Cogburn Road ☆ Milton, GA 30004 ☆ (470) 254-3240

fultonschools.org/hopewellms ☆ HMSMustangPride@twitter.com

School Colors: Red and Silver

Mascot: Mustang

Elementary Feeder Schools:
Alpharetta Elementary School
Birmingham Falls Elementary School
Cogburn Woods Elementary School
Manning Oaks Elementary School
Summit Hill Elementary School

High School Feeder Schools:
Cambridge High School
Alpharetta High School

Projected Enrollment: 1269

(Tentative) 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

First Semester

July 27-31	Preplanning for Teachers
August 3	First Day of School
September 7	Labor Day (schools closed)
September 21-25	Fall Break (students off)
October 12	Holiday (schools closed)
November 3	Remote Learning Day (Election Day)
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Holidays (schools closed)
December 18	Last Day of First Semester
December 21 – Jan 1	Winter Break (schools closed)

Second Semester

January 4	Teacher Workday (students off)
January 5	First Day of Second Semester
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (schools closed)
February 15-19	Winter Break (students off)
March 15	Holiday (school closed)
April 5-9	Spring Break (schools closed)
May 27	Last Day of School
May 28	Post Planning for Teachers

☆☆☆

Mustang P.R.I.D.E.

P.R.I.D.E. is an acronym that helps students remember what exemplary behavior looks like at school. On the pride matrix, students can clearly see the positive behaviors we expect in every area of the school. We expect students to be **P**urposeful, **R**espectful, **I**nclusive, **D**ependable, and **E**ngaged. Students who display the qualities are rewarded for their good behavior.

PBIS Rewards is an on-line system we use to recognize our students when they exhibit positive behavior. Students are awarded "PRIDE Points" during class and can exchange their points for items or participation in events. We also have the Mustang PRIDE Mart (school store) that operates Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings.

HMS Mustangs Strive to Be...

	Classroom	Hallway	Restroom	Cafeteria
Purposeful	✓ Arrive on time ✓ Use school device for classwork	✓ Take the shortest path to your destination	✓ Do your business and leave	✓ Go through the line once ✓ Only touch and eat your food
Respectful	✓ Accept the boundaries of others ✓ Choose words wisely ✓ Be aware of tone and volume ✓ Follow directions the first time given	✓ Be courteous of classes in session ✓ Follow directions the first time given ✓ Be aware of tone and volume ✓ Keep it clean	✓ Accept the boundaries of others ✓ Give privacy to others ✓ Keep it clean	✓ Be considerate of café and custodial staff ✓ Follow directions the first time given ✓ Be aware of tone and volume ✓ Keep it clean
Inclusive	✓ Own mistakes, apologize, and show improvement ✓ Strive to understand others ✓ Be kind to one another in language and actions	✓ Be kind to one another in language and actions	✓ Be kind to one another in language and actions	✓ Welcome others ✓ Be kind to one another in language and actions
Dependable	✓ Personal devices off and away ✓ Come prepared for class ✓ Actions match words	✓ Personal devices off and away ✓ Go where you were given permission ✓ Report unsafe behavior immediately	✓ Personal devices off and away ✓ Be in the restroom with permission ✓ Report unsafe behavior immediately	✓ Personal devices off and away ✓ Sit at assigned table ✓ Raise your hand for permission to get up ✓ Report unsafe behavior immediately
Engaged	✓ Own your learning ✓ Actively participate ✓ Listen with the intent to understand	✓ Be aware of your surroundings ✓ Walk with a purpose	✓ Be aware of your surroundings	✓ Be aware of your surroundings

W.E.B.

W.E.B. stands for "Where Everybody Belongs." It is a middle school orientation and transition program designed to help sixth graders connect with the school. The move to middle school comes with significant changes, and the W.E.B. program can address this in multiple ways. The goal of a WEB Leader is to check in with students regularly throughout the year during formal and informal W.E.B. and school events, acting as a friend, leader, and mentor. It has been shown that when students feel a connection to their school, they are more successful, and they are less likely to become victims of bullying. During the spring, rising 8th grade students apply and are selected to be W.E.B. Leaders for the rising 6th grade class!



Core Subjects



HMS



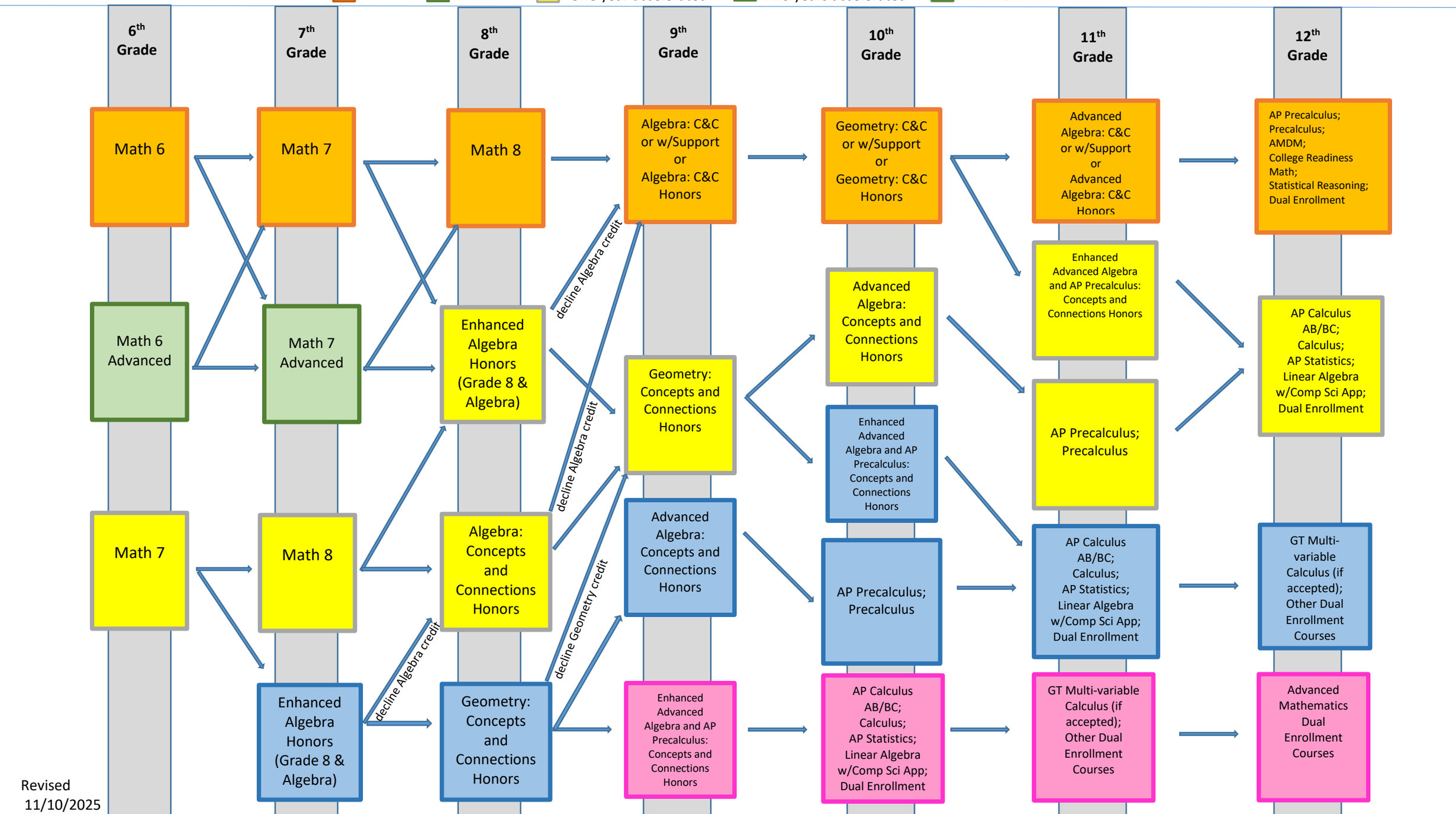
Math 6 Resource	27.8210000	Small group setting that focuses on Georgia 6th grade standards.
Math 6 Team-Taught	27.9210000	Two teachers collaborate to teach Georgia 6th grade standards.
Math 6	27.0210000	Georgia 6th grade standards are taught in one year.
Math 6 Advanced	27.0210040 27.2210040 (TAG)	Georgia 6th Grade standards and some 7th grade standards embedded in the course. This class includes increased rigor and some accelerated pacing.
Math 7 Advanced	27.0220060 27.2220060	Georgia 7th grade standards and some 8th grade standards are embedded in the course. This course would be for students on the accelerated track (currently taking Math 6 in 5th grade). All 6th grade students will be scheduled together for Math 7.

Math 6 On-Level	**Math 6 Advanced**	**Math 7 Advanced**
Team-Taught and Resource	Unit 1: Statistics	Unit 1: Making Relevant Connections within the Number System
Unit 1: Statistics	Unit 2: Number Systems Fluency	Unit 2: Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities
Unit 2: Number Systems Fluency	Unit 3: Rate, Ratio & Proportional Reasoning	Unit 3: Ratios and Proportional Relationships
Unit 3: Rate, Ratio & Proportional Reasoning	Unit 4: Expressions	Unit 4: Proportional Relationships and Linear Functions
Unit 4: Expressions	Unit 5: One-Step Equations and Inequalities	Unit 5: Making Relevant Connections with Geometry
Unit 5: One-Step Equations and Inequalities	Unit 6: Geometry	Unit 6: Investigating Probability and Statical Reasoning
Unit 6: Geometry	Unit 7: Rational Exploration	Unit 7: Culminating Capstone Unit
Unit 7: Rational Exploration	Unit 8: Culminating Capstone Unit	***Note**: Units 1, 2, 4, and 5 include Math 8 standards*
Unit 8: Culminating Capstone Unit	**Note**: *Units 3, 4, 6, and 7 include Math 7 standards*	

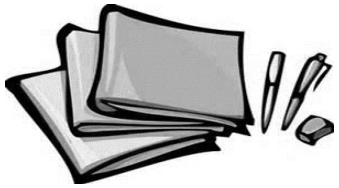
The Georgia Department of Education revised K-12 math standards and courses effective during the 2023-2024 school year.

FCS Secondary Math Pathways for Georgia's K-12 Math Standards Fall 2026 and Beyond

On-level | Advanced | One year accelerated | Two years accelerated | Three years accelerated



Revised 11/10/2025







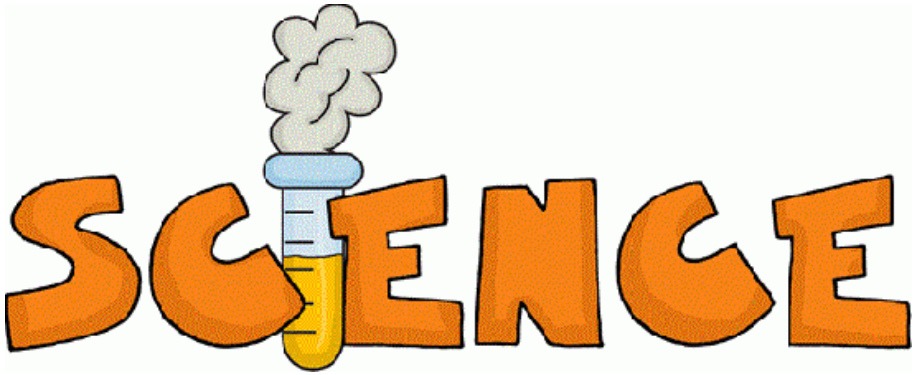
Language Arts 6 Resource	23.8110000	Small group Language Arts setting that focuses on 6th grade standards with a modified curriculum
ELA 6 Team-Taught On-Level	23.9110000	Two teachers collaborate to teach one class Georgia 6th grade standards are taught in one year with differentiated assessments
ELA 6 On-Level	23.0110000	Georgia 6th grade standards are taught in one year with differentiated assessments
ELA 6 Advanced ELA 6 TAG	23.0110040 23.2110040	Georgia 6th grade standards are taught in one year with differentiated assessments featuring real-world applications stressing higher order thinking skills
ELA 7 Advanced ELA 7 Advanced (TAG)	23.0120060 23.2120060	7th grade standards are taught in one year

ELA 6 Curriculum is comprised of five 6-week units and align with the FCS District Unit Assessments:

Unit 1- Animal Allies
Unit 2- Exploration
Unit 3- Imagination
Unit 4- Modern Technology
Unit 5- Childhood

The K-12 English language arts curriculum focuses on reading, writing, speaking, and listening standards, as well as the skills and strategies needed to develop competence in each of these areas.

Note: The Georgia Department of Education updated K-12 ELA Standards, and these standards will be implemented during the 2025-2026 school year, along with revised assessments. Units are subject to change. https://gadoe.org/learning/english-language-arts/



The 6th Grade Earth Science curriculum equips students with essential knowledge and skills in Earth Science. This course offers a comprehensive overview of key concepts in Earth sciences, including meteorology, geology, astronomy, hydrology, human impact on the Earth, and natural resources. Students explore these topics through observation, data collection, summarization, and analysis. Cross-cutting concepts and science and engineering practices are utilized throughout the year.

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	INFORMATION
Earth Science	40.0610000	This class covers all GA 6th grade science standards
Earth Science Team Taught	40.9610000	This class has two teachers teaching 6th grade GA science standards in one classroom
Earth Science Resource	40.8610000	This class is taught in a small group, covering all GA 6th grade science standards
Earth Science TAG	40.2610000	This class covers all GA 6th grade science standards with more depth and rigor

Unit One	Weathering and Erosion
Unit Two	Rocks and Minerals
Unit Three	Plate Tectonics
Unit Four	Hydrology
Unit Five	Meteorology
Unit Six	Natural Resources
Unit Seven	Astronomy

HMS SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies 6 Resource	45.8070000	Small group Social Studies setting that focuses on 6th grade standards in one year.
Social Studies 6 Team-Taught On-Level	45.9070000	Two teachers collaborate to teach the 6th grade standards in one class.
Social Studies 6	45.0070000	Georgia 6th grade standards are taught in one year.
Social Studies 6 TAG	45.2070000	Georgia 6th grade standards are taught in one year with a more extensive focus.

Topics of Study

Geography	Government
History	Economics
Personal Finance	Basic Map Skills

Units of Study

Europe	Canada	Latin America	Australia

Social Studies Course Overview:

Sixth grade is the first year of a two-year World Studies course. Sixth grade students study Latin America, Canada, Europe, and Australia. The goal of this two-year course is to acquaint middle school students with the world in which they live. The geography domain includes both physical and human geography. The intent of the geography domain is for students to begin to grasp the importance geography plays in their everyday lives. The government/civics domain focuses on selected types of government found in the various areas so as to help students begin to understand the variety of governments in the world. The economics domain builds on the K-5 economics; however, the focus shifts from the United States to how other countries answer the basic questions of economics. The history domain focuses on major events in each region during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. (https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/Social-Studies-6th-Grade-Georgia-Standards.pdf**)**

HMS READING

Reading 6 Resource	• Small group reading setting that focuses on 6th grade standards. • Course Number 23.8140000
Reading 6 Team-Taught On-Level	• Two teachers collaborate together to teach one class. • Course Number 23.9140000
Reading 6 On-Level	• Georgia 6th grade standards are taught in one year. • Course Number 23.0140000

Read to Think……Think to Learn

Reading 6: All Levels



- Focus on reading habits, reading strategies, and ELA standards for reading
- Focus on increasing the volume and stamina of reading
- Focus on root words to build vocabulary
- iLit 45 software utlized

How does this look?



- Mini-lesson focused on reading strategies, comprehension, and standards
- Small group and individual conferences
- Class read alouds
- Paired reading to increase fluency and comprehension



SPANISH & FRENCH



Course Overview

Spanish and French for 6th graders are designed for students at the beginning level of proficiency. During this year, students will strengthen their foundation and build their communicative skills through listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

SKILLS

Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Pure listening comprehension will be encouraged as a vital component in developing students' language skills. Listening tasks may also include listening to authentic materials such as stories created in class, calendar information, songs, and daily chats about students' activities and preferences.	Tasks will include role-playing, skits, class discussions, partner work, and oral questioning.	Tasks will include answering questions based on assigned reading selections, stories created in class, legends, movie-talks, and a novel Las Aventuras de Isabela/ Les Aventures d'Isabelle or Brandon Brown veut un chien.	Tasks will include creating simple sentences/paragraphs using appropriate sentence structures and vocabulary used in class. Also, students will retell stories covered in class.

TYPICAL CLASSROOM TOPICS

• Greetings/Farewells • Classroom objects • Numbers (0-31) • Alphabet • Map/countries/ capitals	• Days of the Week/Months • Seasons/Weather • Colors • Animals	• Favorite activities (likes/dislikes) • Adjectives (appearance/ personalities) • Clothing items • Family members	*Spanish Culture is included regularly:* • Origin of the Spanish language/Influences of Spanish in the US • Holidays, traditions, folktales, food, and music	*French Culture is included in every unit:* • Origin of the French language • History of culturally significant holidays • Customs, etiquette, etc. • Music

Performing Arts



HMS

Music Department

Hopewell Middle School Music Classes

Welcome to Hopewell! We are excited to introduce you and your student to the music options offered at HMS. **More than half of all students at Hopewell Middle School participate in either band, chorus, or orchestra.** 6th grade students can join, regardless of whether they have previously played an instrument or sung in chorus. Beginners are welcome and students with prior experience are encouraged to continue!

HMS Band

Band students learn to play brass, woodwind, or percussion instruments while also studying basic music theory. Sixth graders entering the HMS band program may start on **flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, and tuba** and are placed in either the woodwind or brass class. After starting on one of these instruments, there will be an opportunity for students to switch to other instruments such as saxophone and percussion at the end of the first semester. **Students who sign up for Band will complete an instrument selection process to decide which ones are most suitable for them** (preferences will be taken into consideration!). More information regarding instrument selection will be sent home later.

HMS Chorus (https://hopewellchorus.weebly.com)

In the HMS Chorus, students learn vocal skills and ensemble singing techniques in an invigorating daily rehearsal. There are three choirs for the three different grade levels, with skills and experiences that build as students return each year. Students have performed familiar favorites by Elton John, Michael Jackson, Queen, and The Beatles, as well as new songs that broaden their musical horizons! Students do not need any musical or vocal experience to join and will learn to read music and improve vocal tone and range through concert performances, field trips, competitions, and statewide honor events.

HMS Orchestra (https://hopewellorchestra.weebly.com)

Students in the HMS Orchestra learn to play **violin, viola, cello, and bass.** The 6th grade orchestra focuses on developing basic techniques (bowing and left hand), note reading skills, music theory, and musicianship; in addition to building a strong sense of responsibility, teamwork, and commitment. Sixth grade orchestra students participate in three concerts, with additional performance opportunities throughout the school year.

BAND – Ms. Thomas



thomasj18@fultonschools.org

ORCHESTRA – Mrs. Hoebeke



hoebeket@fultonschools.org

CHORUS – Ms. Graeme



graemeg@fultonschools.org

Connections



HMS

☆☆☆

Hopewell Clubs

DECA

DECA is a student-centered organization whose program of leadership and personal development is designed for students who are interested in anything related to business or marketing.

Academic Bowl

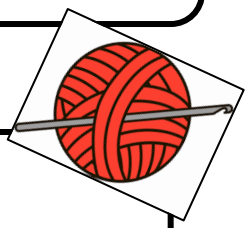
Academic Bowl provides members with opportunities to participate in fun, timed academic competitions in a Quiz Bowl format. Students answer curriculum-based questions about art, music, computers, language arts, current events, geography, history/social studies, math, science, health, and physical education. The purpose of the club is to increase overall knowledge of various subject areas. All grade levels are welcome!

Drama Club

Cambridge HS Theater students come to HMS to direct improvisation, acting, and more!

Crazy Crochet Club

Students in this club learn to crochet and complete projects.



Debate Team

The Debate Club is a great place for students to work on their organization and debating skills. Students research this year's topic and discuss strategy and debate skills. Practice sessions are geared towards preparing students for tournaments. The purpose of the club is to foster a love of debate and arguing and to provide students with ample opportunities to use their skills at tournaments.

Art Club

Art Club is a place for creativity, expression, and fun! Together, we will explore different art styles and techniques while working on exciting projects. Members will have the chance to showcase their talents by entering local and school-wide art competitions. It's a supportive space where artists of all levels can learn from each other and grow. Most importantly, Art Club is about enjoying the process of creating and sharing art with friends.



Adventure Club

Members of Adventure Club will seek to understand the natural world in which we live through knowledge, exploration, and experience both in the classroom and in outdoor settings. The purpose of the club is to learn new skills, to build confidence, to participate in trail maintenance, recycling and/or water testing, and to have fun.

Chess Club

The purpose of the HMS Chess Club is to allow students the opportunity to play chess for fun with peers in a relaxed environment. Chess Club will provide students the opportunity to sharpen current skills or to serve as an introduction to the game for new players.





HMS Reading Bowl

Students in this club will read the twenty Georgia Award Winners named yearly. In an Academic Bowl-like atmosphere, HMS students will compete with other Fulton County middle school students to test their knowledge of the books read. The purpose of the club is to read, meet other students, and compete.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meet for games, worship, and learning more about Jesus. Open to all—whether you're a believer or just curious about faith, you're welcome here!



FFA

The National Future Farmers of America Organization (FFA) is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.

Pay It Forward Club

This club helps others in need and strives to make the world a brighter place. Student complete projects and volunteer at places such as animal shelters, nursing homes, food banks, etc.

There are numerous other club offerings available on the HMS website. These may vary from year to year based on student interest and teacher sponsors!

If a student has an interest and wants to create a club, they simply need to find a staff member to supervise!

HMS

Join us!!

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

HOPEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOME TO HOPEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

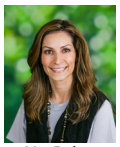
Welcome to Hopewell Middle School! The transition from elementary school to middle school is an exciting time but can also be a nervous time for students and parents. The Counseling Department is here to meet the needs of all students, assisting students with school adjustment, emotional issues, friendship issues, academic concerns and organization. Students can meet individually with the counselor, as well as participate in small group and classroom guidance lessons.

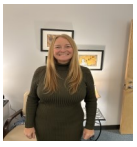
The Counseling Department will be working to assist with a smooth transition for our new students. Sixth Graders will also have the opportunity to be mentored by trained Eighth grade students who are leaders in the WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) program throughout their first year at Hopewell.

Our staff includes Sixth Grade Counselor, Mr. Fred Johnson, Seventh Grade Counselor, Ms. Traci Dease, Eighth Grade Counselor, Ms. Corbett. We also have a school Social Worker Tamla Hodges. Our support staff includes 504 Coordinator/MTSS, Ms. Ferris, attendance, Ms. Gill, and registrar, Ms. Hiller.


Mr. Johnson


Ms. Dease


Ms. Corbett


Ms. Ferris


Ms. Gill


Ms. Hiller


Ms. Hodges

Our website is: www.hmscounselor.weebly.com

HMS Counselors are in the building each day and are available to meet with parents about issues concerning their students. Please call or email the Counseling staff to schedule an appointment.

* **Please visit our webpage throughout the year for additional programs offered by the Counseling Department. You can get to our webpage through the Hopewell page.**
* https://www.fultonschools.org/hopewellms

WHO IS MY CHILD'S COUNSELOR?

Mr. Fred Johnson works with the sixth grade students.

Ms. Traci Dease works with the seventh grade students.

Ms. Lauren Corbett works with the eighth Grade Students.

We will provide regular Classroom Guidance lessons covering topics such as bullying, tolerance, making good choices, goal setting, academic achievement, career exploration, and Signs of Suicide.

Should you have any questions about any of our programs, we welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you. We look forward to working with our students and their parents as we begin another great year at Hopewell Middle School!

6th Grade Supply List

Boys: Bring these items to your Homeroom/ 6th period class:
3 boxes of Kleenex
1 roll of paper towels

Girls: Bring these items to your Homeroom / 6th period class:
1 large bottle of hand sanitizer
1 container of disinfectant wipes

*** You are expected to have *pencils* in ALL classes. We suggest buying 2 dozen to keep handy. ***
Headphones compatible to school device **are also needed on a regular basis in all your classes.**



Math Supplies
1 pack of notebook paper
dry erase markers and eraser
2 composition notebooks
1" binder or a section in a binder
glue sticks
1 Ti-30XS Multiview calculator
Pack of Pencils

Social Studies Supplies

colored pencils
pencils
highlighters
1" binder or a section in a binder
Earbuds or headphones

Reading Supplies

1" binder or section in a binder with dividers
highlighters
Post-it notes
colored pencils
1 composition notebook (New)

Language Arts Supplies

1 package of notebook paper
Multicolored highlighters
Ongoing supply of #2 pencils
1 Composition Book
1 section of a shared binder



Science Supplies
pack of colored pencils
handheld sharpener
1 highlighter
earbuds
pencils
paper towels (for lab clean-up)
1 composition notebook
1.5" binder OR a section in a larger binder for science

Spanish Supplies


1 Expo dry-erase marker
highlighter
earbuds (very important)
1 composition notebook for Spanish only
1 folder or section of a shared binder



French Supplies
dry erase markers*
3 Subject spiral notebook
glue sticks
earbuds (very important)
* will be collected.
1 folder or section of a shared binder

Connections Supplies
Supplies will be requested throughout the year.

**** Unless noted, you do not need separate dry erase markers, colored pencils, highlighters, pens, pencils, and earbuds for each class. You will need these items on occasion for all your classes, so make sure you have a set. We suggest waiting until the first day of class before purchasing a lot of supplies.**





IMMUNIZATION RULES FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

✧ **ALL CHILDREN ENTERING 6TH GRADE (ON OR AFTER July 1, 2007) ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING NEW REQUIREMENTS:**

1) Have two (2) doses of Measles vaccine, two (2) doses of Mumps vaccine, and one (1) dose of Rubella vaccine or laboratory proof of immunity against Measles, Mumps or Rubella.

2) Have two (2) doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or documentation of disease or laboratory proof of immunity. At the time your child entered school only one (1) dose of this vaccine was required.

3) Contact your health care provider to receive any needed vaccinations and to obtain the Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231).

✧ **VACCINATE YOUR CHILDREN EARLY AND BEAT THE BACK TO SCHOOL RUSH!**

American Academy of Pediatrics
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™
Georgia Chapter

DHR
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

GAFP
Georgia Academy of Family Physicians