

Holicong 5th & 6th Grade Parent Orientation

FAQs!



How long is each period in middle school?

Class periods are 47 minutes, I & E is 40 minutes, and lunch is 30 minutes.



Is there a late activity bus?

No, there is not.



How does PEN work at the middle school level?

PEN students will be provided a case manager. GIEP meetings are held to review goals and plan for enrichment opportunities. PEN enrichment in school will primarily be during I & E. Some grades will be pulled out on a rotating schedule.



How do specials work?

Specials work a 4-day rotating cycle. Students change specials each semester (except Health, PE, Music Ensembles)- a very similar to how specials are run at the elementary schools!



How is the district fitting students on secondary buses with two additional grades?

The transportation department will adjust as needed over the summer.



Can my student change their class placement?

If you have a question about your student's placement, please reach out to their elementary teachers now, or their middle school counselor later in the year via email.



If my child is receiving special education services,
is it possible to get an additional tour?

**We will have additional tours in August as we get closer to the
start of the year once schedules are finalized.**



My student is unable to attend the 2 dates in August for incoming students to pick up their schedules and walk the school. Will they have support on the first day of school?

Students in 5th & 6th grade will report to school on Monday, August 31st (a day before our 8th graders!).

We have a special schedule to acclimate them to Holicong!



How do students in a music ensemble still access the content in the Compass course?

Teachers are provided training on this to allow the Compass content to be delivered through their music course.



**Can a student who doubles up on music still
access supports during I & E?**

**Yes, students who are in two ensembles will attend the classes
on a rotating schedule.**



How do I buy the inclusion tee?

T-shirts can be purchased through MyPaymentsPlus.



How was it decided that ELA B would be replaced by a foreign language?

This was a curriculum decision. ELA B is moved to the 6th grade schedule.



What time do after-school sports conclude?

This depends on games vs. practice and each sport. It can be anywhere from 4:00pm-6:00pm. This information will be communicated by the coach and our athletic calendar.



What volunteer opportunities are available for parents who would like to be involved?

At the beginning of the year, we will send out a sign-up link with volunteer opportunities. We appreciate our parent volunteers!



What is the policy on Smart Watches in school?

Smart Watches are considered the same as cell phones. Students can use them as a watch only; any other usage will cause the watch to be sent to the office for pick up at the end of the day.



The Student Ambassadors were great! Will there be buddies assigned to kids to help them integrate?

We think our Student Ambassadors are awesome, too! There are no specific assigned buddies, but our Student Leadership team and staff will support all students.



When are tryouts, what is the format, and how are decisions made?

This is determined by the season and sport. We have an athletic website you can visit ([HMS Athletics Website](#)). We will also send emails and make announcements at the beginning of each season.



Which grade will take over the current 9th grade space?

This would tentatively be split between 8th grade, World Language teachers, and other classes.

