



Welcome to 6th Grade at Poulsbo Middle School!



Starting middle school is an exciting transition for students and families. Sixth grade brings new opportunities, more independence, new routines, and plenty of chances for students to discover what they enjoy and what they are capable of. Our goal is to help every student feel safe, supported, connected, and ready to learn.

What to Expect in 6th Grade

A New School Routine

- Students will have 6 classes throughout the day with different teachers.
- Students are responsible for bringing materials everyday and keeping track of their assignments through Google Classroom and Skyward
- Learning to use a planner or other organizational system is an important skill.

More Independence

- Students will begin taking more responsibility for their learning
- Encourage your student to communicate directly with teachers and ask for help when needed.
- Mistakes are a normal and an important part of learning.

Building Connections

- Students will meet many new people and develop new friendships.
- Encourage your student to get involved in clubs, sports, or other opportunities at school.
- Remind students that it can take time to find their place and build new friendships.

How Families Can Help

- Establish routines for homework, bedtime, and getting ready for school.
- Check grades and assignments on Google Classroom and Skyward regularly, but encourage your student to take ownership
 - **Skyward Family Access:** <https://www02.wrdc.wa-k12.net/nkitsas/web/fwemnu01.w>
- Encourage organization by helping your student develop a system that works for them.
- Encourage your student to ask for help when they are struggling.
- Celebrate effort and growth, not just grades.

When Your Student Needs Support

Middle school can come with academic, social, and emotional challenges. Students do not have to navigate these challenges alone. Students and families can reach out to:

- **Counselors** – academic, social/emotional, and school-related support
 - Carrie Lujan (clujan@nkschools.org): Students with last names A-K
 - Sanchen Collins (scollins@nkschools.org): Students with last names L-Z
- **Teachers** – questions about learning, assignments, and classes
- **Administrators** – school-wide concerns and support
 - Michael Cron (mcron@nkschools.org), Principal
 - Nicky Drago (ndrago@nkschools.org), Vice-Principal

We are excited to have you here! Go Panthers!