

## Important Information for Parents/Guardians

How can I find out what is going on at school?

Visit the school website by going to <http://www.ccsd.net/schools> and select your child's school. You will find current announcements about upcoming events, a school calendar, parent information, faculty information, library links, information about clubs and activities on campus, and much more.

To help you more effectively monitor the progress of your child, the Clark County School District provides a computer based system, **Infinite Campus**, which you can use to track your student's grades and attendance. Simply enter the login ID and password that have been provided to you from your child's school to review your student's information. If you do not have a login ID and password, please contact your child's school. Infinite Campus can be accessed 24 hours per day via computer or mobile device.

**Watch for flyers** that are sent home via your student. Frequently, schools send information home with students in the form of flyers, alerting parents about upcoming events.

**If you have a question, PLEASE call the middle school:  
Important Telephone Extensions**

Attendance.....	4035
Dean(s).....	4500
Counselors.....	4300
Registrar.....	4065
Principal.....	4100

(extensions may be slightly different at some locations)

**If my student is absent from school, how does he/she make-up the work missed?**

Teachers will explain their make-up work procedures to students. It is the responsibility of students to request the missing work and follow the teachers' procedures for turning in work. Students have three days from the time they return to school to turn in work that they missed when they were absent.

**How do I make sure my student's absence is excused?**

Acceptable excused absences include illness, court appearances, religious holidays, an emergency outside the control of the student or the student's family, or a prearranged absence. Students returning to school after an absence must bring a written note from a parent or guardian to the attendance office within **three days** or the absence will be counted as an unapproved absence. Absence notes should include the following information: student name, student number, grade, date of absence, reason for absence, and parent signature. Students who exceed **ten unapproved absences** in any course during the semester shall receive a failing grade, shall not earn semester credit for that course, and may be retained in the current grade.

## Helpful Information

Do you want more information to help you be successful in middle school? CCSD Guidance and Counseling Services has more information online. You can get there by going to the following link or scanning the QR code with your phone:



<http://www.ccsd.net/departments/guidance-counseling>

# Class of 2023

## Moving On to Middle School

Transitional Planning for 5th Grade Students



## Welcome Class of 2023

Preparing for your future begins today! Your educational choices in middle school are an important part of determining your success in life. Please use this guide to help you and your family with some important information about transitioning to middle school.

## Building Your Future—Now!

Get ready for a new and exciting educational experience! Middle school is a great time of your life. You will experience more freedom and opportunities, but more importantly the responsibility of building your future begins now.

All of your elementary teachers have prepared you for this moment. It is now your turn to take charge and begin shaping your future.

### Goal Setting

In order to achieve what you want, you have to know what you want. That is why it is important to set goals. Each quarter you will determine what you need to do to reach your goals. With hard work and a positive attitude, you may even surprise yourself and go beyond your expectations.

### Schedule

You will have five or six classes a day, which means five or six different teachers. You are not stuck in one classroom for the majority of the day. Mobility is one of the perks of middle school! Class periods are about 53 minutes long. The bell rings, you gather your belongings, and move on to your next class. The passing periods in between classes last just a few minutes, so don't waste time getting to your next class. If you are late to any class, you will be counted as tardy and too many tardies will turn into consequences.

### Passing Period Procedures

Guess what: You no longer have to pass through the halls in a silent, single-file line! Middle school allows you the freedom to walk to your classes with your friends. As long as you get to your next class on time and aren't breaking any rules, you can see and talk to your friends in between classes! Doesn't that sound great?

### Friendships

Middle school is a time in your life where you will be able to meet a lot of new people. You may be used to seeing the same group of people since kindergarten, but things are about to change! You will have the opportunity to meet many new and different individuals. The strong friendship bonds you have already established will still exist, you will be able to start making new friendships, too. It is exciting to have a fresh start and meet new people! Who knows, the new person who sits next to you might just become a life-long friend.

## Required Sixth Grade Courses

Middle schools typically have a six-period day. Five of the classes are required, and the sixth class is up to you. There are five required classes that will appear on your schedule:

### English Language Arts

This includes two classes: Reading and English. In some schools these classes are combined into one double period with the same teacher.

**Reading 6:** Literature and informational texts will be read and analyzed. Remember, you are now ready to gain more knowledge through reading.

**English 6:** In this class you will document your ideas and claims through a variety of speaking and writing tasks.

### Mathematics 6

Here you will apply what you already know and extend it to topics of expressions and equations, the number system, statistics and probability, ratios and proportional relationships, and geometry.

### Science 6

In sixth grade you will learn more about energy, weather and climate, human impact, cells and organisms, and the body systems. Science and engineering practices are in place as you experience actual lab time.

### Physical Education and Computer Literacy 6

These subject areas are taught for half of the year. That means you will have PE for one semester. During the other semester you will have Computer Literacy 6. In this class you will learn more about computer applications and how you can use these in your other classes.

## Accelerated Courses

Middle schools may offer accelerated courses for Reading, English, Mathematics, and/or Science. Each school has a set of policies for selecting students for accelerated courses. Contact the school directly for more information about accelerated courses.

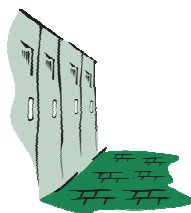
## Locker Information

*(Lockers may not be available at some middle schools)*

You now have a place to call your own that no one except the administration can invade! It is **your** locker, so make it special. Every student is issued a locker and, yes, it actually locks! You will receive a combination to open your locker, so memorize it and don't share it with anyone.

In your locker you will keep your books, lunch, and personal items. Always be sure that you keep any valuable items with you, and make sure that your locker is securely locked!

**Your locker is the property of the school district and is subject to inspection at any time.**



## Other Helpful Information

### How is PE different in middle school?

Instead of having Physical Education a few times per week, students will have a PE class every day for one semester. Often, boys' PE is separate from girls' PE. The PE curriculum covers all major sports and individual lifetime sports. Students are required to change into the school's PE uniform to participate. **Students change clothes in the locker room, and they are provided a PE locker to store their street clothes while they participate.** Students are not required to shower.

### How can students get involved in clubs and activities?

Information about clubs and activities can be obtained during the morning announcements and may also be posted on flyers that are in the hallways. In addition, information about clubs can be found on the school web site, including times and advisors. Students who are involved in clubs and activities generally are motivated to do well in their academic classes, and they seem to enjoy school more than students who do not get involved.

## Elective Courses

In middle school, you will be able to take an elective class. Elective classes give you the opportunity to explore learning outside of your course classes of English, math, and science. Most schools offer the following electives:

### Music (Band, Choir, Orchestra, or Guitar)

Beginning level courses are available in Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Guitar for students who have little or no experience singing or playing an instrument. You can expect to perform in two or three concerts during the school year. If you have experience playing an instrument, you may be able to audition for an Intermediate or Advanced group depending on your skill level. A fee of no more than \$40 may be charged for method books, a uniform shirt, and cleaning supplies.



**Please do not purchase or rent any musical instruments until the instructor verifies instrument choices and sends information home.** Schools have a limited number of musical instruments available for student use in Band and Orchestra. Most students will be required to furnish their own instruments. Instruments may be rented from local music stores.

### Art

If you are creative and enjoy drawing and painting, this could be the elective for you. In beginning art you will develop basic knowledge and skills in visual art techniques through the introduction of a variety of media and subject matter. A fee of no more than \$40 may be charged for materials and supplies.

### Explorations

In this class you will have the opportunity to study a variety of subjects. This may include learning a new language, studying ancient civilizations, or learning about the journalism field. This course can vary by school location so check to see which courses are offered at your school.

## Clubs

Middle school is more than just classes, classes, and more classes. You have the opportunity to join clubs. These take place after school. This is a time when you can meet people who share the same interests as you. Clubs might include: Art, Book Club, Bowling, Chess, Drama, Hiking, Tennis, Flag Football, Gaming, Cooking, Scrapbooking, etc.

## Middle School Grade Reporting

AUG-OCT	OCT-JAN	JAN-MAR	MAR-JUN
Quarter 1 (9 weeks)	Quarter 2 (9 weeks)	Quarter 3 (9 weeks)	Quarter 4 (9 weeks)
Q1 + Q2 + Exam = <b>Semester 1 Grade</b>		Q3 + Q4 + Exam = <b>Semester 2 Grade</b>	

Progress reports are given mid-quarter so students know their current grade in each class. Report cards are given at the end of each quarter. **Transcripts only include semester grades.**

## Promotion Regulation 5123

### State of Nevada Regulation for Promotion to High School

According to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 389.445, students must complete one and one-half units of credit in mathematics, one and one-half units of credit in English or reading, one unit of credit in science, and one unit of credit in social studies with a passing grade during seventh and eighth grade for promotion to high school. One-half unit of credit is the equivalent of one semester.

### Clark County School District Policy and Regulation 5123

Clark County School District Policy and Regulation 5123 – Promotion, Retention, and Demotion of Students – sets the standard for promotion from sixth to seventh grade, from seventh to eighth grade, and from eighth grade to high school.

- Pupils currently enrolled in Grade 6 must complete one semester of mathematics, one semester of English or reading, and one semester of science with passing grades for promotion to Grade 7.
- Pupils enrolled in Grade 7 must complete one semester of mathematics, one semester of English or reading, one semester of science, and one semester of social studies with passing grades for promotion to Grade 8.
- Pupils enrolled in Grade 8 must complete three semesters of mathematics, three semesters of English or reading, two semesters of Science, and two semesters of Social Studies with passing grades during the seventh and eighth grade years for promotion to high school.