

Academic Planning and Success in Middle School

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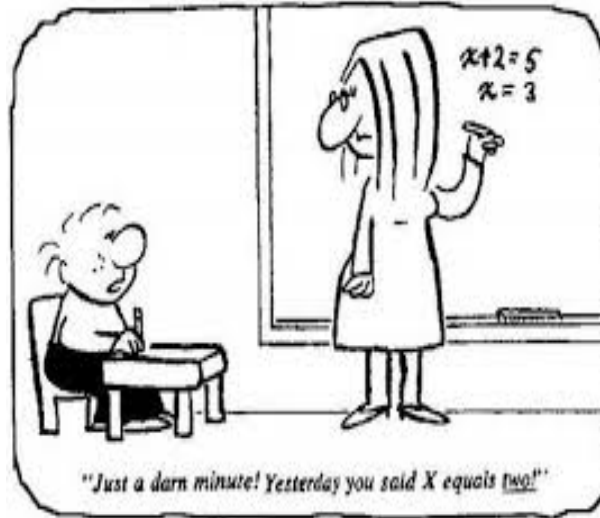
Expectations



The day the entire 6th grade class turned their homework in on time



"I couldn't do my homework because my computer has a virus and so do all my pencils and pens."



"I know how to divide. What I want to learn is how to divide and conquer. That could come in handy in one of my video games."



We are all in this together!!!

Overview

- * General information about academic success in middle school
- * Understanding middle and high school curriculum
- * How middle school academics connect to high school academics
- * What to expect from your Middle School
- * Tips and Tools for Academic Success in middle school and beyond

Middle School Academic Objectives

- * Improve academic self-concept
- * Acquire Skills for Improving Learning
- * Achieve School Success
- * Goal Setting and Academic Problem-Solving
- * Relate School to Life Objectives
- * Enhance content knowledge to build on each year and prepare for high school curriculum

How to meet Academic Objectives

- * Developing and implementing study skills
- * Encouraging student advocacy within school
- * Identifying stakeholders
 - * Teachers, administrators, counselors, etc.
- * Utilizing proper communication strategies between all stakeholders in your child's academic success
 - * Conference, being proactive, asking questions, utilizing VUE



Middle School Core Content

- * English, Math, Science, Social Studies (Civics in 8th Grade)
- * 1 of each class per year/meets every day
- * Multiple placements in Math, English, and Social Studies that vary per grade level
- * Science is the same for all students within grade level
- * 6 periods a day with advisory opportunities

Middle School Related Arts

- * All students are required to take Health/PE all three years during related arts time
- * Students fulfill the remainder of their related arts time with a combination of semester and year-long options
 - * Performing Arts
 - * Visual Arts
 - * World Languages

High School Basics

- * A total of only 4 classes per day/8 total classes per year
- * Can be any combination of core and elective courses
 - * May meet every day or every other day
- * One of each core is suggested per year to stay on track for graduation
- * Each enrolled class is an attempted credit
- * Must pass the class with a “D” or higher to obtain credit for each class
- * Need at least 28 credits to graduate

High School Curriculum

- * Multiple classes in all core subject content curriculum
- * More elective options available
 - * Enables students to start on a career pathway
- * Placement in courses (AP, Honors, etc.) is self-selected
- * Placement in courses may also include meeting pre-requisites and class availability

Middle to High School Connection

“Middle School Grades don’t matter”

-YES THEY DO!!!

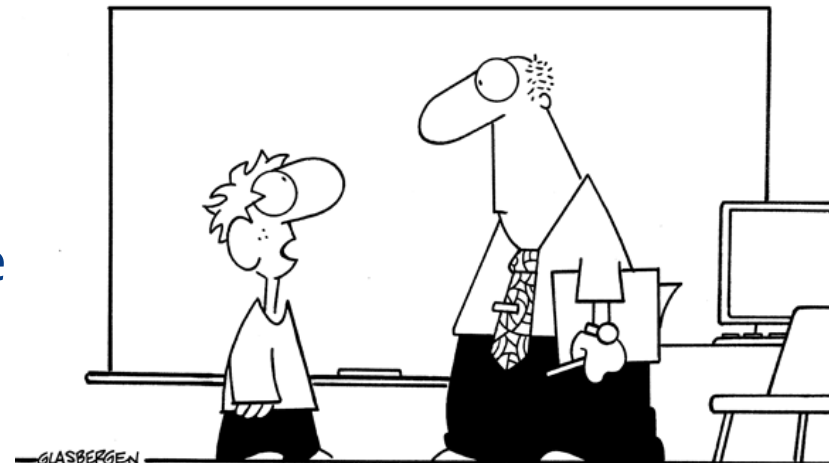
- * Middle school course final grades do **not** go on a permanent transcript for high school and beyond.
- * This allows for students to still develop as learners.
- * Every year builds on the next so academic skills and success must be cultivated to be most successful in high school and as life long learners.
- * Students can develop good or bad habits.

Remember: *“Practice makes Progress!!”*

Middle to High School Connection

- * Academic predictors in middle school:
 - * Final Grades
 - * SOL scores (do not need to promote)
 - * Reading Level/Math Inventories
 - * Writing Prompt Scores
- * Verified Credits in High School
 - * SOLs **must** be passed to graduate high school

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“According to the article I wrote for Wikipedia, I’m destined to be one of the smartest men in the world. So you should probably start giving me some better grades.”

Middle to High School Connection

- * High school credit bearing courses are offered in middle school to 7th and 8th graders only
 - * Math: Algebra 1 and Geometry
 - * Placement determined by school personnel
 - * World Languages: Spanish, French, German, Latin
 - * Can only earn up to one Level 1 credit
 - * Language offerings vary amongst schools

Middle to High School Connection

- * Final grades from high school credit-bearing courses, including those in middle school, are part of a final transcript used for options beyond high school
- * Each course passed is one credit averaged into a final cumulative GPA
 - * A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0
- * Ability to expunge credits only in middle school

What to Expect from Your School

- * 7th Grade: Academic and career lessons in classes; setting educational and academic goals.
- * 8th Grade: Academic and Career Plan meetings with family, student, and counselor
- * Every Spring Semester
 - * Parent Nights for course planning
 - * Course selection with school counselors

Academic And Career Plan



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ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLAN

Student Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Tentative Career Cluster**
Middle School: _____ **High School:** _____ Gr. 7
Diploma Choice: **Advanced Studies** **Standard** Gr. 8
Career Goal: _____ Gr. 10
Educational Goal: _____

High School Credit Courses in Grades 6-8	Standard	Verified	Year: Grade 9 Courses	Standard	Verified	Year: Grade 10 Courses	Standard	Verified	Year: Grade 11 Courses	Standard	Verified	Year: Grade 12 Courses	Standard	Verified
Total Credits			Total Credits			Total Credits			Total Credits			Total Credits		

Graduation requirements for students entering 9th grade in 2013 and beyond. In addition, students will have one online experience which will be in Econ/ Personal Finance.

Advanced Studies Diploma

Course	Credits
English	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
World Language	3
Health and PE	2
Econ/Personal Finance	1
Fine Arts	1
Technology	1
Electives	4
Total	28

Standard Diploma

Course	Credits
English	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	4
World Language	1
Health and PE	2
Econ/Personal Finance	1
Fine Arts	1
Technology	1
Electives	8
Total	28

Verified / SOL Requirements

Adv. Studies	Standard
2 English	2 English
2 Math	1 Math
2 Science	1 Science
2 Social Studies	1 Social Studies
1 student selected	1 student selected
9 total	6 total

*Must also earn an industry certification

Extra Tips and Tools

Here is one student who is inspired :

(Study)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc9dpAphbRU>

(Tips for grades)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih3QUZciZIs>

* Parent/StudentVue Tutorial: <http://wjccschools.org/>

Questions?

Thank you for coming!!!!