

# 8th Grade Orientation



# 8th Grade Teachers and Staff

Art - Mrs. Schwartz

AFNR - Mrs. Sherman

Band/Choir - Mr. Royski

ELA - Mrs. Long

Career Explorations - Mrs. Long

Intervention Specialist - Mr. Wade

Math - Mr. Oslie

Physical Education - Mr. Shearer

Science - Mrs. Ditlevson

Social Studies - Mr. Gerwig

Principal - Mr. Fulton

Secretary - Mrs. Steffan

Guidance Counselor - Mrs. Shafer

Guidance Secretary - Mrs. McCarty



# 8th Grade Curriculum and Daily Schedule

## Required Classes

- ELA
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Art
- Physical Education
- Career Exploration
- Coding
- The Holocaust
- Pre-CAD
- Advanced Medical Detectives
- Transitions

Students may also choose to take Band or Choir.

Daily schedule allows for more time in core classes (ELA, math, science, and social studies).

Middle school schedule is a reflection on the need to accommodate elementary and high school schedules because of shared teachers.

Remote learning days will allow for extra cleaning days and for teachers to plan for the possibility of a return to remote learning.



# Standard Based Assessment

Standards based assessment is designed to meet students at their current level of knowledge and provides a clear path for how to improve their knowledge of a standard. Students are assessed as an individual. They are provided with multiple ways to demonstrate their knowledge and with multiple opportunities to do so.

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# Standard Based Assessment

- Grades should be based on academics, not behavior.
- Learning expectations should be clearly defined.
- Students should have multiple opportunities to demonstrate learning.
- Learning should be self-paced.
- Homework is considered practice.
- Students do not receive an A-F grade.

# Performance Level Descriptors

- Represents the level of mastery a student has received for each standard.
- Students receive a performance level descriptor on all summative assessments as scored against a rubric for each standard.
- Performance Levels will be represented as a 3, 2, or 1 in ProgressBook and on the student report card.

# Reassessment Policy

- Students should have multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery of a standard.
  - Students who do not reach the level of Met the Standard on their first attempt will be required to complete a reassessment.
  - Students may be given the opportunity to continue to reassess until they have Met the Standard.
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# Covid 19 Policies and Procedures



# Face Coverings

- All middle school students and staff are required to wear a face mask unless physical distancing can be maintained or an underlying condition prevents wearing a mask.
- A “mask” defined as a “a cloth/fabric device or garment which is worn around the face and covers an individual’s nose, mouth, and chin, so as to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets that, in infected people, carry and spread COVID-19.”
- Accommodations for students will be made on a case-by-case basis. In such cases, students will be required to wear a face shield.

# General Considerations

- Cleaning, sanitizing, hygiene, and respecting the space of others are key.
- Capacity in all areas of the building will be limited as much as possible.
- Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing encouraged.
- Sharing objects between students is discouraged.
- No food or drink in the classroom. Exception for water bottles.
- No field trips.
- Limited visitors and volunteers.
- Restrooms visits will be limited and controlled.
- Locker visits will be limited. Student may carry a “backpack” sized bag to class.

# Arrival to School

- Bus routes have been adjusted so that students will not arrive at the same time.
- All students will be dropped off in front of the middle school.
- Non-bus riders should be dropped off in the middle school parking lot ([map](#)).
- All 8th graders will enter the building from the doors closest to the art room before 8:05am.
- All adults must stay in vehicles when dropping off students.
- Student temperatures will be taken before entering the school.

# Student Health Screenings

- Students with a temperature of 100.0 degrees and higher or are exhibiting Covid-19 related symptoms during the school day will be sent to a supervised quarantine room.
- The school nurse will evaluate the student and determine if the student should be sent home.
- Parents/guardians will be notified to pick up those students who are required to be sent home.
- Parents/guardians should keep all contact information up-to-date.
- Parents/guardians will be advised as to next steps if a student is sent home for Covid 19 related reasons.

# Student Dismissal

- If it is necessary for a student to leave before the end of the school day, the student should be picked up by 2:30pm.
- When picking up a student early
  - Appropriate adult should come to middle school office.
  - Mrs. Steffen will take your name at the door and ask you to return to your vehicle.
  - Student will be called from class to leave early.
- Non-bus riders will be dismissed at 2:50pm.
- Non-bus riders will be picked up in the west end of the high school parking lot ([map](#)).
- Bus riders and all other students will be released at 3:02pm.

# Concerns and Questions

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