



HARRISBURG SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Greetings Liberty and Freedom Elementary Parents!

We are excited to welcome your 5th grade learner to Harrisburg South Middle School for the 2019/2020 school year! We're proud to offer different options for our learners. Next year, your learner can enroll in one of two learning programs:

Team Innovate (Personalized Learning Schedule)

- Personalized learning allows learners the maximum amount of voice and choice. Learners schedule themselves according to what they need for their learning. They will spend approximately 4 hours working on science, social studies, math and ELA in a flexible format. The rest of their day will be a more traditional schedule, mixing with other 6th graders for encore, choir, band and directed studies.

Team Create (Classic Middle School Format)

- Team Create places learners in a fixed schedule where they transition classes every 45 minutes. Learners attend the same classes each day in the same order for the same period of time. Please know that learners will still enjoy opportunities to be creative and use innovative technology in their classroom.
- **Advanced Program Option:** The advanced program is part of Team Create. Learners in advanced courses must qualify via testing and teacher recommendations. Please direct specific questions about the advanced program options to Dr. Laurie Wenger.

Directed Studies/Band/Chorus: Learners have the option to take part in band and/or chorus. Your learner can choose to take part in a combination of one, both, or neither of these programs. Band and chorus are each offered two days per week. When learners are not in band or chorus, they attend directed studies where they are able to work on homework. Learners can also choose to forgo both band and chorus, giving them directed studies every day.

Please know that no matter which program you choose, many things will remain the same. All 6th grade learners at HSMS will: start their day with Advisory class, rotate through encore classes during the course of the school year, have the choice of taking chorus and/or band, receive an iPad to help with their learning, and benefit from working with staff that support and encourage creativity and innovation.

Parents and learners are asked to make their choice regarding personalized, traditional and advanced programming as well as band, chorus and directed studies by **February 13th (Parent/Teacher Conferences)**.

Sincerely,

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6th Grade Registration Form (Harrisburg South Middle School)

Learner's Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Please circle your Elementary School: Freedom Liberty

We have discussed both programs and have decided: (Check one)

_____ We would like to be part of **Team Innovate (personalized learning program)**

_____ We would like to be part of **Team Create (classic middle school format)**

** Please note if your child qualifies and chooses to enroll in advanced classes these will be a part of Team Create. If they have been a part of the advanced program in the past but you prefer they are a part of personalized learning please make note of that.

Please indicate your choice for band, choir and/or directed studies

_____ Band and Choir (limited directed studies)

_____ Band only

_____ Choir only

_____ Directed Studies only (No band or choir)

Parent/Guardian Signature

**Please return to your 5th grade teacher before or during conferences
Wednesday, February 13th**