



6th Grade Orientation Visits Frequently Asked Questions

1. What time does school start?
 - a. The bell rings at 7:32am and you have to be in class by 7:35am
 - b. Doors open at 7:05am
2. Where do I go in the morning?
 - a. the Plaza first, then to the gym at 7:15am (grades are split)
3. Is there breakfast?
 - a. Yes! 6th graders eat separately from 8th - tables are assigned
4. What is advisory?
 - a. The first period (30 minutes) of the day for everyone
 - b. hear announcements, play games, have good discussions, get to know people, do team building activities
5. How much time between classes?
 - a. 3 minutes
6. What happens if I'm late?
 - a. To school - sign into the office, it will be recorded, the first time is a warning
 - b. To class - first time is okay, we want you to get used to the schedule, but multiple could result in DSRs
7. What is a DSR?
 - a. Stands for Directed Study Room
 - b. If a Detention or (DSR) is issued you may have to spend time as a consequence here. If you have too many DSRs, you can't go on Reward Trips! (these happen at the end of every quarter)
 - c. Going to the DSR room is not always a negative thing. It is also a place to make up tests, complete homework, or go to if you are injured and can't take PE.



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8. How many minutes are class periods?
 - a. about 50 minutes, ELP and Advisory are about 30 minutes
9. Classes will I take?
 - a. Math, Science, English-Language Arts, Social Studies, and Encore
10. What are Encore classes?
 - a. Music, Art, LA Plus (Language Arts extra time)
 - b. They switch about every 12 weeks
11. Lunch? Menu, Seating arrangements, how long is lunch period?
 - a. lunch is at 11:37am
 - b. is 30 minutes
 - c. you can sit where you want, but stay in your seat once you choose it!
12. What extracurriculars/intramurals are offered? How can I get involved?
 - a. see list
 - b. Sign-ups for intramurals and extracurriculars are posted in announcements and you can sign up at lunch times throughout the year
 - c. cost varies, typically \$15 for an intramural that lasts 8-10 sessions
13. How are tryouts held for sport teams?
 - a. Need to have a physical from the doctor on file before trying out
 - b. Tryouts will be announced in advance, coaches will hold tryouts and then a parent meeting is typically held
14. How much homework is there?
 - a. more than elementary, it is harder, but doable... ask your teachers ever if you need help
 - b. don't worry, you have extra time to work on it during ELP at the end of the day
 - c. free after school tutoring is available too!



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15. What is ELP?
 - a. ELP is the Enhanced Learning Period
 - b. the very last 36 minute period of the day
 - c. it gives you a chance to finish homework and get extra help from your teachers as needed

16. What team will I be on?
 - a. Either 6 Red or 6 Black
 - b. You'll have to check it out when you get your schedule in August
17. How does the band schedule work?
 - a. 6th grade band is held during 8th period (the last 36 minutes of the day). Students in band do not have an ELP.
 - b. You will also have sectionals during certain class periods (it will switch throughout the week, so listen for announcements)

18. What about chorus?
 - a. meets in the morning during advisory with Mr. Gibb-Clark
 - b. Anyone can join
 - c. does start a few minutes earlier than other advisory classes, so get there on time!

19. What other fun things are there?
 - a. Pep Rallies, PingPong Tournament, HMS Got Talent, Assemblies, etc.

20. Can you choose what classes to take?
 - a. No, your classes are set, but you can choose what intramurals you do!

21. Is there a limit of how many extra after school activities you participate in?
 - a. Not typically, but be careful if there is much overlap of activities
 - b. Talk to your coaches/teachers - you don't want to miss practices/contests/meets because you are involved in too much

22. Can you have a phone at school?



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- a. Yes, but it has to be turned off and put away when you walk into the building and kept in your locker at all times once you get to your locker.
23. Do you have AR?
- a. Yes! We set AR goals every quarter with our ELA teachers.
24. When does school end?
- a. 2:35pm