

CCCMS Enrollment Guide 2023-2024

Hello & Welcome to CCCMS!

My name is Mr. Brummet and I am the school counselor here at CCCMS! My job is to help you through your middle school years. I look forward to working with you during your time here at CCCMS, as we prepare you for high school and beyond! Here at CCCMS we have an excellent teaching and support staff who will help you in whatever ways possible!

Your school day begins at 8:10 a.m., when you will head to PAWS. PAWS is your homeroom. Each student has a PAWS class, which they attend for the first 20 minutes of the day. During PAWS you will check out your computer and take part in our school-wide social/emotional curriculum. You will also get organized for the day and check your grades. After PAWS you will head to your classes. Each student has 4 or 5 core classes and then has the ability to choose from a wide variety of elective classes, where you will get to explore many unique topics. Each grade level has lunch time during the 5th hour. Lunch is for about 25 minutes. At the end of the day, you will head back to PAWS to check-in your technology. Each year you will have the opportunity to select your courses. **Just because you make a choice does not guarantee that you will get each course you select.** We have a select number of students we can allow into each course. Class changes must be approved by the principal, Mr. Hoffman or counselor, Mr. Brummet.

CCCMS provides many opportunities to get involved. You can join the sports teams in 7th & 8th grades. We provide football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, girl's wrestling, and track & field. You can also get involved in our Student Council or YLINK clubs. In your experience at CCCMS we will provide you many opportunities to explore colleges and careers, as you move towards making post-secondary decisions. We will also work to help you plan and prepare for high school, and we will start putting together your individual plan of study, or an individual educational and career plan that fits your needs.

We look forward to working with you at CCCMS and hope that you enjoy your time here!! Let me know how I can help you and your family have an enjoyable and successful experience here at USD 379!

Nick Brummet
CCCMS Counselor
nickbrummet@usd379.org
785-632-3232

CCCMS FAQs

1. How many classes will I have?

a. You will have eight classes total (four or five core classes-ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Bengal Writing (only 6th-grade); the number elective classes you have depends on if you are in band or not.

2. How long do I have to get from one class to the next?

a. You have three minutes during each passing period. During that time, you must grab your things from your locker and get to your class. The first couple of weeks, teachers are very understanding as they know you are getting used to your locker. You can also wear your backpacks around the school if you prefer not going to your locker.

3. How will I know what my locker is?

a. When you receive your schedule at the beginning of the year, your locker number and combination, as well as your PowerSchool information will be on the bottom of your schedule.

4. When is breakfast/how long is lunch?

a. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.; Lunch is part of the 5th-hour, and you will have 25 minutes to eat.

5. What do I do before school?

a. Doors are open in the morning. You must hang out in the Commons area until the first bell rings at 7:50 a.m.; you can then head to your locker and hang out in the hallways, Commons, library, or gym until 8:07 a.m. The bell will ring at 8:07 and you must be in your PAWS class by 8:10 in order to not be counted tardy.

6. What do I do after school?

a. The bell rings at 3:20 p.m. At that time, you must leave the building, unless you are waiting for a bus, seeing a teacher, and staying after for PM academy. If your parents want to leave a message for you, as to what to do after school, they can call the office at any time or email you directly.

7. What is PAWS?

a. PAWS is your homeroom class. You will spend the first 20 minutes with your PAWS class to check-in. During this time, you will check your grades, play games, do activities, clean out your lockers, SEL, etc.

8. What do I need for P.E.?

a. You will need shorts, shoes, and a t-shirt.

9. What will the first day of school look like?

a. The first day of 6th-grade is only for 6th-graders. 7th and 8th-grade classes will not be in session that day. The first day is completely for 6th-grade to get comfortable in the building.

10. Are my grades important?

a. Yes, students who do not pass their core classes during the semester are required to take credit recovery courses in the spring or summer.

11. Does CCCMS have detention?

a. Yes, students can be written up for behavior. If so, students will stay after school at PM Academy.

12. Do you have a calm space for when I get stressed out?

a. Yes, our regulation room is located in the library. Students who are overwhelmed can use the regulation room. If students experience much stress and anxiety concerning school work/school environment, he or she should see the school counselor. Parents can also contact the school counselor if they are concerned with any academic or social/emotional issues.

13. How can I practice my locker combination?

a. Download the "School Lock" app. It's a free app used for practicing a locker combination.

14. What events can I attend?

a. You can get into CCCMS sporting events for free, and you can attend Bengal Activity Nights (school dances) if your grades and behavior are up to par.

15. How do I know when to leave for the next class?

a. We do not use bells. Your teachers will dismiss you from your classes. If you are late, you must show your teacher a tardy slip (Pink slip).

16. Do I need to be organized?

a. YES! You will have many classes to juggle and can easily fall behind. It is important to get assignments completed and turned in promptly.

17. What do I do if I have homework?

a. You can stay at PM Academy after school from 3:20-3:50. We offer this every day.

6th-Grade Enrollment
Class Offerings
2023-2024
8 Credits

Required Courses (6.5 Credits)

6th-Grade Math- Area & Surface Area, Ratios, Unit Rates & Percentages, Dividing Fractions, Expressions & Equations, Rational Numbers, Arithmetic in Base Ten, Data Sets & Distribution. (1)

6th-Grade Science-Earth sciences, the fields of study concerned with the solid Earth, its waters, and the air that envelops it. Included are the geologic, hydrologic, and atmospheric sciences. We will explore natural disasters, human impact on the environment, rocks and minerals, Earth's systems, weather, the solar system and the history of Earth. (1)

6th-Grade Social Studies-Ancient World History; We will explore the Early River Civilizations, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, African Civilizations and the Islamic World, Asian Empires, Early Americas, & the Middle Ages in Europe in a variety of form that include: book reading, art, projects, online activities, vocabulary, role-playing games, virtual reality, tests, and more! (1)

6th-Grade ELA- Students will participate in novel studies, independent book studies, PBL units, and study vocabulary throughout the school year. (1)

Bengal Writing-We will be working on grammar skills and the 4 types of writing. (1)

P.E- Let's get moving and play some games! This course will provide students with the opportunity to learn a variety of sports and skills through modified games and activities. Emphasis is placed on active participation and positive social interaction during fitness and sports activity. Units may include but are not limited to: basketball, volleyball, tennis, flag football, badminton, pickle ball, ping-pong, weight lifting, kickball games, ga-ga ball, biking, and archery. (.5)

6th-Grade Study Lab- You will have a time during the day where you can get caught up on work or complete work from the day. (1)

Choices (1.5 Credits)

Music- A choir for any 6th grader that loves to sing or wants to learn more about singing! We will learn basic vocal technique, how to sight sing, note names and note values as well as sing a variety of genres of music. There will be at least one performance per semester. (.5)

Art- We will focus on the Elements of Art and how to apply them to our own artwork. We will explore various art movements as well as artists. (.5)

FACS & Health - This exploratory course introduces sixth graders to hand and machine sewing, nutrition, and preparation of simple foods. Students in this class enjoy the felt monster and sewing project as well as the tasty foods labs. (.5)

Computers & Coding-Students will learn about beginning keyboarding skills using typing club; They will also be taught about STEM abstract thinking with LEGO; They will practice ELA skills using Canva Storyboard; They will study how to be safe on the internet and with personal information. Email skills. (.5)

Band-Let's make some music in Band! This class offers instruction on the basics and skills necessary for long term student success. Students will continue to grow their musical knowledge through music theory/proper instrument care. In this class students will be introduced to small ensembles as well as perform a district tour for the area elementary schools on top of performing as a FULL band! (1)

**7th-Grade Enrollment
Class Offerings
2023-2024
8 Credits**

Required Courses (5.5 Credits)

7th-Grade Math- Scale Drawings, Proportional Relationships, Percentages, Rational Numbers, Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities (1)

7th-Grade Science-The study of living things on Earth and the environments and ecosystem in which they live. Students will investigate how organisms are put together from cells to total body. Curriculum uses CK12, Text Reading & Questions, Microscope Labs, Creative Projects, Research Projects & Presentations. Projects: Q1-Strange Animal Classifications; Q2-3D Cell; Q3-Plant Experiment; Q4-Ecosystem Project (1)

7th-Grade Social Studies-7th Grade Kansas History and World Geography. The Kansas History course will cover major events, individuals, groups, innovations, and movements from prehistoric days to the present for the region which would become Kansas. Students will discover the land of Kansas, the early people, exploration and settlement of the territory and territorial conflict, and the modernization of Kansas. Students will be engaged in exploring textual material, primary sources, and project work geared to this time period. World Geography will give students an opportunity to explore the world and its different geographic areas. Students will learn about new cultures, new countries, and new physical features. (1)

7th-Grade ELA- Students will participate in novel studies and independent book activities throughout the year. Students will practice skills in vocabulary, root words, spelling, and grammar. They will practice writing skills through journals, narratives, creative writing, persuasive writing, and research. (1)

P.E- Let's get moving and play some games! This course will provide students with the opportunity to learn a variety of sports and skills through modified games and activities. Emphasis is placed on active participation and positive social interaction during fitness and sports activity. Units may include but are not limited to: basketball, volleyball, tennis, flag football, badminton, pickleball, ping-pong, weight lifting, kickball games, ga-ga ball, biking, and archery. (.5)

7th -Grade Study Lab- You will have a time during the day where you can get caught up on work or complete work from the day. (1)

Choices (2.5 Credits)

Art- We will focus on the Elements of Art and Principles of Design and how to apply them to our own artwork. We will explore various art movements as well as artists. (.5)

TechTime- Students will participate in a variety of integrated projects throughout the semester. Students will be able to explore interests of their choice, as well as other themed projects. (.5)

Robotics- Students will use colorful LEGO building elements, easy-to-use hardware, and an intuitive drag-and-drop coding language based on Scratch to think critically and solve complex problems. (.5)

7th-Grade Strength & Conditioning: This course will focus on the basics of strength and conditioning for improved health and athletic performance. Emphasis will be placed on proper lift mechanics, overall body conditioning, strength development, running mechanics, and speed development for young athletes. (.5)

Rock Band- Come and join the Bengals Jazz Band! The jazz band will offer instruction on jazz styles and genres, jazz history and adds to the skills learned in band. Students will continue to grow in their musical understanding through music theory. (.5)

Music- Join a group of 7th grade girls and boys that love to sing a variety of genres including classical, folk song and modern music. We will also sightseeing and learn about note values, note names, other music theory and music history. There will be at least one performance per semester and the opportunity to audition for NCKMEA Middle Level Honor Choir (1st semester only for the Honor Choir). (.5)

FACS - If you like hands-on projects, this class will be for you. Explore the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences in housing, consumer ed., nutrition, foods, and sewing. Projects include making a camp menu, creating stores to buy and sell "merchandise", sewing projects, decorating a small apartment, and many foods labs. (.5)

Computers- Students will study an assortment of google programs (doc, sheets, forms, etc.) within various core class content. (ELA storyboards, Science news reports, Social Studies google sites, STEM Lego etc.). There will be a review over digital protocols within the school and society in regards to proper technology use, internet safety, etc. Keyboarding skills will be continued to be practiced. (.5)

STEM 7- In this class you will explore many different projects which combine science, technology, engineering, and math. (.5)

Band-The 7th Grade Band is a performing ensemble made up of students wanting to continue their musical education in an instrumental environment. Students will not only grow as solo musicians but have opportunities to play in small and large ensemble settings while also learning various genres, music history and music theory. Throughout the year 7th grade students will have a variety of performance opportunities including a Fall, Winter, Spring Concert as well as the Piotique and Homecoming Parades. (1)

8th-Grade Enrollment
Class Offerings
2023-2024
8 Credits

Required Courses (6 Credits)

8th-Grade Math- Students will explore the Kansas 8th grade math standards using a rich, research-backed curriculum. This process will take students through many topics including: transformational geometry, slope, linear relationships, equations and systems, functions, data, exponents and the Pythagorean Theorem. Skills learned in previous mathematics classes will be reviewed and expanded. Problem solving is emphasized. (1)

8th-Grade Science- Physical Science consisting of 4 - 9-week long units. Matter and Its Interactions MS PS1 1-6, Forces and Interactions MS PS2 1-5, Energy MS PS3 1-5, Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation MS PS4 1-3 (1)

8th-Grade Social Studies- This course will focus on the establishment of the United States from the Constitution and Founding Era through 1900. Emphasis will be placed on an understanding of the political, social, and economic development of the US and the connections to contemporary issues in the United States and the World. (1)

8th-Grade ELA- During the year, the students will work through a few novels by reading and studying concepts and themes in them. They will also have an emphasis on reading and writing. They will also be introduced to various forms of poetry and create their own as they study them. They will also be encouraged to read different genres of books throughout the year. (1)

P.E- Let's get moving and play some games! This course will provide students with the opportunity to learn a variety of sports and skills through modified games and activities. Emphasis is placed on active participation and positive social interaction during fitness and sports activity. Units may include but are not limited to: basketball, volleyball, tennis, flag football, badminton, pickle ball, ping-pong, weight lifting, kickball games, ga-ga ball, biking, and archery. (.5)

Computers- Students will be responsible for learning about career choices, interviewing, and resume building. They will also practice making budgets within a project environment. They will use IMOVIE for digital presentations. They will review keyboarding, also. (.5)

8th -Grade Study Lab- You will have a time during the day where you can get caught up on work or complete work from the day. (1)

Choices (2 Credits)

Art- We will focus on the Elements of Art and Principles of Design and how to apply them to our own artwork. We will explore various art movements as well as artists. (.5)

Bengal Speed and Power -This course will focus on the basics of strength and speed for improved health and athletic performance. Emphasis will be placed on proper lift mechanics, overall body strength development, running mechanics, and speed development for young athletes. (.5)

Music-This choir of 8th grade girls and boys will sing many genres including classical, folk songs, traditional songs, and popular music. We will also sight-sing and learn about note values, note names, other music theory and music history. Students will be allowed to pick many if not all of their pieces. There will be at least one performance per semester and the opportunity to audition for NCKMEA Middle Level Honor Choir (1st semester only for the Honor Choir). (.5)

FACS- This 8th grade class digs deeper into the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Housing projects, sewing, nutrition, foods, and consumer ed. topics are all done as project-based learning. Projects include the design and food preparation for a food truck, enlarging a Wardcraft home and adding furnishings, learning about buying a car, Nutrient body, a sewing project, and many fun foods labs. (.5)

Industrial Arts-Students will learn the basics of drafting by using drafting tools, the basics of AutoCAD and Architectural Drafting, and Woodworking safety, use of tools and machines to construct projects. (.5)

Agriculture-This course is offered as a semester course. The focus of this course will be to spark interest in the study of agriculture. An understanding of agriculture is important for every citizen, especially those planning a career in our nation's food and fiber industry. Students will be provided opportunities to acquire basic knowledge in such areas as plant and animal science, horticulture, leadership, agri-business and ag related mechanics. They will also problem solve current agriculture issues facing the industry and learn about all the opportunities available through the FFA program. This "hands-on" class will serve as an introductory course into any of the four ag career pathways at the secondary level. (.5)

Construction-Students will learn how to use most basic carpentry tools and be able to assemble wooden pieces of a specific dimension. They will learn about many of the materials advanced

classes use to build the Tiger House. Safety on the jobsite, in the wood shop, or anywhere else that involves construction, will be stressed throughout the semester. (.5)

Fiction & Film - This class will be reading through a few novels which were also made into movies. The goal will be to become familiar with the written novel and analyze differences in the movie version. There will be plenty of reading both in class and at home, but we will watch the movie in parts as we read through sections.(.5)

Computing with the Raspberry Pi- An introduction to programming, embedded systems, and digital sensors. (.5)

Band-The 8th Grade Band is a performing ensemble made up of students wanting to continue their musical education in an instrumental environment. Students will not only grow as solo musicians but have opportunities to play in small and large ensemble setting while also learning various genres, music history and music theory. Throughout the year 8th grade students will have a variety of performance opportunities including a Fall, Winter, Spring Concert as well as the Pictique and Homecoming Parades. The 8th grade band students will also have the opportunity to perform with our high school band while also providing mentorship with our 6th grade band members. (1)

Questions about CCCMS?

Please contact us!

Nick Brummet
CCCMS Counselor
nickbrummet@usd379.org

Michelle Dunn
Secretary
michelledunn@usd379.org

Ashley Snyder
Secretary
ashleysnyder@usd379.org

Keith Hoffman
CCCMS Principal
keithhoffman@usd379.org

School Phone
785-632-3232