



Eisenhower Middle
School
6th to 7th Grade
Transition Meeting
Spring 2019

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Agenda

What is 7th Grade?

Focus

Curriculum

Parent's Role

Questions

What is 7th Grade?

An Exciting Year of:

- Growth & Development
- Peer Acceptance
- Trust & Independence
- Identity & Self-Confidence
- Boy/Girl Relationships
- Positive Relationships
- Social Media
- Boundaries & Balance

Focus

Academic & Emotional

- Study Skills
- Organizational Skills
- Self-Advocacy Skills
- Conflict Resolution
- Problem Solving

Academic Expectations

- Workload Increases
- Independent Practice
- Additional Responsibilities
- Continued Use of Time Management

Team Structure

3 Teams:

4 Core Subjects

- LAL
- Math (3 Levels)
- Social Studies - World Cultures & Genocide
- Science - Physical

SCHEDULE

- 4 CORE CLASSES EVERY DAY: 50 min
- Cycle Class Every Day @ 40 min. /Class:
Robotics & Design, Health, Home Ec. or Art, Multimedia Design, Replicating and Prototyping
- Every Other Day @ 40 min. /Class:
P.E., World Language, Music or World Music, Exploratory, Math Lab, Reading
- TIEE Every Day @ 35 min. /Class
- 30 Minute Lunch/Recess

Music Opt-out

- Music Students Surveyed by Teachers (May)
- World Music vs. Instrumental/Chorus
- World Music Leads to Option to Drop Music Completely in 8th Grade

Sample Schedule

- 8:00 Homeroom
- 8:10 Math
- 9:02 PE/Music
- 9:44 LAL
- 10:36 TIEE
- 11:13 Science
- 12:05 French/Exploratory
- 12:47 Lunch
- 1:19 Cycles
- 2:11 Social Studies
- 2:51 Bus Dismissal
- 2:56 General Dismissal

MATHEMATICS

Three Levels:

- Math 7 (Math In Focus)
- Math 7 Advanced (MIF)
- Algebra (Small Cohort)
- Math Lab – Support Course

CRITERIA for Math Placement

- Algebra Prognosis Test
- Report Card Grades
- Teacher Recommendation
- Trimester Assessments
- Results Shared Week of Memorial Day

Math Placement Matrix 2019

Grade 5 to 6	Grades 6 to 7	Grades 7 to 8
Enrolled in Advanced Math 6 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mostly scored 4s on the report card in math ● Scored in the A-range on common benchmarks amongst grade 5 teachers ● Teacher endorsement required 	Enrolled in Algebra if: →→ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 52 or higher on Iowa Aptitude Test form B ● An Advanced Math 6 student must have a minimum assessment average of 94% and have scored a minimum of 94% on cumulative tests ● Teacher endorsement required 	Enrolled in Honors Geometry if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A seventh grade Algebra student must maintain a minimum grade of 82% on assessments and a minimum grade of 82% on trimester tests ● Teacher endorsement required
Enrolled in Math 6 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Did not meet the above criteria for Advanced Math 6. 	Enrolled in Advanced Math 7 if: →→ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 40 or higher on Iowa Aptitude Test form B ● An Advanced Math 6 student must have a minimum assessment average of an 82% and have scored a minimum of 82% on the cumulative tests ● A Math 6 student student must have a minimum assessment average of a 90% and have scored a minimum of 90% on the cumulative tests ● Teacher endorsement required 	Enrolled in Algebra if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An Advanced Math 7 student must have a minimum assessment average of an 82% and have scored a minimum of 82% on the cumulative trimester tests ● A Math 7 student must have a minimum assessment average of a 94% and have scored a minimum of 90% on the cumulative trimester tests ● Teacher endorsement required
	Enrolled in Math 7 if: →→ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Did not meet the above criteria for Advanced Math 7. 	Enrolled in Math 8 if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Did not meet the above criteria for Algebra.
Recommended for Math lab if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teacher Recommendation 	Recommended for Math lab if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teacher Recommendation 	Recommended for Math lab if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teacher Recommendation

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Foster . . .

- Importance of Learning vs. Grades
- Resiliency . . . Handling Adversity
- Responsible Decision Making
- Listening & Networking
- Praise
- Communication
- Responsible Use of Technology: Social Media (Instagram & Snapchat); Texting; Google Accounts

STAY
INVOLVED IN
YOUR
CHILD'S LIFE



Questions

