



Make A Smooth Transition: Preparing Your Child for Middle School Success

Prepare For New Academic Challenges

- Expect a lot from your child
- Stay positive
- Ask about school everyday
- Help your child learn to manage time
- Learn to manage changing classes
- Teach your child good organizational skills
- Get a planner
- Check Infinite Campus Portal (Get the App)



Parents, if you don't have access to your kids grades online for Infinite Campus, please check with your child's school to get access. You can check grades for each class, check attendance, and more. You can get notifications every time grades are entered by the teacher. This will allow you to keep up with what assignments are completed or what assignments are late. Also, your students can download the app to teach them responsibility in keeping up with their own assignments.



There is also an app to check grades on your phone. The app is called Campus Portal and looks like the picture above. It is available on Apple and Android phones. You will have access to grades right at your fingertips.

Talk about the move: It's a New Environment!



- Contact your middle school for a tour this summer
- Meet his/her teachers, if possible
- Review the route to school or the bus stop
- Go over the school handbook

Elementary Vs. Middle School

Elementary

- Most elementary 5th grade classes are self contained with a few changing classes 2-3 times per day.
- Classwork and projects are easier to manage.
- Elementary students may or may not have homework every night.
- Personal belongings are kept in the classroom.

Middle School

- Middle school students change classes 6-7 times per day.
- Classwork and projects take more effort to manage because of having multiple classes/teachers.
- Schoolwork is more challenging.
- Middle school students have more homework to manage from multiple teachers.
- Personal belongings are kept in lockers. Students have an allotted amount of time between classes.
- Different middle schools have different requirements for what types of book bags that are allowed.
- Middle school students take P.E. everyday and must dress out.



Georgia Milestones (GMAS)

Students in grades 6-8 take Georgia Milestones (GMAS). All students in grades 6-8 take the Reading and Math assessments, but 8th grade students will also take the Science and Social Studies assessments. Algebra I students will take the End of Course test for GMAS.

Make sure they are ready!

- Read and comprehend nonfiction, fiction, dramas, and poems
- Write and revise research and reflection papers
- Meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases
- Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings
- Ratio concepts and using ratio reasoning to solve problems
- Computing multi-digit numbers and finding common factors and multiples
- Applying math to algebraic expressions
- Solving one-variable equations and inequalities
- Reading and comprehending science/technical text according to grade level
- Reading and comprehending history/social studies text according to grade level

Things To Think About

Supplies
Locker
Gym
Clubs
Cell Phones
Travel
Attendance
Sports



Learn about policies and procedures



- Conduct
- Dress Code
- Check-In/Check-Out
- Additional school specific requirements

What to do this



- Achieve 3000- Lexile scores are very important!
- Write, write, write! There will be a lot of focus on writing for 6th graders
- Contact your middle school to get information about a tour
- Buy a combination lock for your child to practice with. Students will have between 3 and 5 minutes after each class to visit their locker, use the restroom if needed and get to the next class on time.





If you have questions, you can reach out to the middle school in which your child is assigned for the 2020-2021 school year. Also, please email any questions to harris.amber.s@muscogee.k12.ga.us. I will be more than happy to find any answers for you.

Thank you parents!!