

Important Information for Parents/Guardians

How can I find out what is going on at school?

Visit the school website by going to <http://www.ccsd.net/schools> and select your child's school. You will find current announcements about upcoming events, a school calendar, parent information, faculty information, library links, information about clubs and activities on campus, and much more.

To help you more effectively monitor the progress of your child, the Clark County School District provides a computer based system, **Infinite Campus**, which you can use to track your student's grades and attendance. Simply enter the login ID and password that have been provided to you from your child's school to review your student's information. If you do not have a login ID and password, please contact your child's school. Infinite Campus can be accessed 24 hours per day via computer or mobile device.

Watch for flyers that are sent home via your student. Frequently, schools send information home with students in the form of flyers, alerting parents about upcoming events.



If you have a question, PLEASE call the middle school:
Important Telephone Extensions

(extensions may be slightly different at some locations)

Attendance.....	4035
Dean(s).....	4500
School Counselors.....	4300
Registrar.....	4065
Principal.....	4100

If my student is absent from school, how does he/she make-up the work missed?

Acceptable excused absences include illness, court appearances, religious holidays, an emergency outside the control of the student or the student's family, or a prearranged absence. Teachers will explain their make-up work procedures to students. **It is the responsibility of the student to request the missing work and follow the teachers' procedures for turning in late or missing work.**

Absence Notes

In order for an absence to be excused, students returning to school after an absence must submit a written note to the attendance office from a parent or guardian within **three days** of the absence. If no absence note is received, the absence will be counted as unapproved.

Absence notes should include the following information: student name, student number, grade, date of absence, reason for absence, and parent signature.

Students who exceed **ten unapproved absences** in any course during the semester will not earn credit for the course, regardless if missing work has been submitted or not.

Helpful Information

Do you want more information to help you be successful in middle school? CCSD Guidance and Counseling Department has more information online at:

<http://www.ccsd.net/departments/guidance-counseling>

Class of 2026

Moving On to Middle School

Transitional Planning for 5th Grade Students



Welcome Class of 2026

Preparing for your future begins today! Your educational choices in middle school are an important part of determining your success in life. Please use this guide to help you and your family navigate this big transition!

Building Your Future—Now!

Get ready for a new and exciting educational experience! Middle school is great time of your life. You will experience more freedom and opportunities, but more importantly the responsibility of building your future begins now.

All of your elementary teachers have prepared you for this moment. It is now your turn to take charge and begin shaping your future.

Goal Setting

In order to achieve what you want, you have to know what you want. That is why it is important to set goals. Each quarter you may determine what you need to do to reach your goals. With hard work and a positive attitude, you may even surprise yourself and go beyond your expectations.

Schedule

Depending on the middle school you attend, you may have a traditional or a block schedule. In a traditional schedule, a student attends six classes every day. In block schedule, a student attends longer class periods that meet fewer times each week. Mobility is one of the perks of middle school! The bell rings, you gather your belongings, and move on to your next class. The passing period in between classes last just a few minutes, so don't waste time getting to your next class. If you are late to any class, you will be counted as tardy and there are consequences for racking up too many tardies!

Passing Period Procedures

Guess what: You no longer have to pass through the halls in a silent, single-file line! Middle school allows you the freedom to walk to your classes with your friends. As long as you get to your next class on time and aren't breaking any rules, you can see and talk to your friends in between classes! Doesn't that sound great?

Friendships

Middle school is a time in your life where you will meet a lot of new people. You may be used to seeing the same group of people since kindergarten, but things are about to change! You will have the opportunity to meet many new and different individuals. The strong friendship bonds you have already established will still exist, and you will be able to start making new friendships, too. It is exciting to have a fresh start and meet new people! Who knows, the new person who sits next to you might just become a life-long friend.

Required Sixth Grade Courses

There are five required classes that will appear on your schedule:

English Language Arts

This includes two classes: Reading and English. In some schools these classes are combined into one double period with the same teacher.

Reading 6: Literature and informational texts will be read and analyzed. Remember, you are now ready to gain more knowledge through reading.

English 6: In this class you will document your ideas and claims through a variety of speaking and writing tasks.

Mathematics 6

Here you will apply what you already know and extend it to topics of expressions and equations, the number system, statistics and probability, ratios and proportional relationships, and geometry.

Science 6

In sixth grade you will learn more about energy, weather and climate, human impact, cells and organisms, and the body systems. Science and engineering practices are in place as you experience actual lab time.

Physical Education

PE will look a lot different in middle school than it does right now. For starters, instead of having PE every couple of days, you will have PE every day for one whole semester. Often, boys' PE is separate from girls' PE. The PE curriculum covers all major sports and individual lifetime sports. Students are required to change into the school's PE uniform to participate. **Students change clothes in the locker room, and they are provided a PE locker to store their street clothes while they participate.** Students are **not** required to shower.

Computer Science & Application

Computer Science and Application is a one-semester long course designed to teach you all about computer applications and how applied throughout your educational career.



Locker Information

(Lockers may not be available at some middle schools)

You now have a place to call your own that no one except the administration can invade! It is **your** locker, so make it special. Every student is issued a locker and, yes, it actually locks! You will receive a combination to open your locker, so memorize it and **don't share it with anyone.**

In your locker you will keep your books, lunch, and personal items. Always be sure that you keep any valuable items with you, and make sure that your locker is securely locked!

Your locker is the property of the school district and is subject to inspection at any time.



Extra Curriculars: Clubs, Sports, and Activities

There are a variety of teams, clubs, and organizations available at most middle schools, and all students are encouraged to participate in at least one. Students who are involved in extra-curricular activities tend to enjoy school and be more motivated to do well in their academic classes than those who do not participate. Joining a team or a club is also a great way to meet new friends and people with similar interests!

Information about clubs and activities can be obtained at your middle school during the morning announcements and on flyers and bulletin boards in the hallways. In addition, most middle schools will have team and club information on the school website.

Meeting times will vary, often occurring either before or after school. Available clubs and sports teams may vary on a yearly basis depending on school staffing and available resources.

Examples of extra-curricular activities at the middle school level include: drama, chess, dance team, cheer, basketball, soccer, football, intramural teams, best buddies, volunteering, and many, many more!

Elective Courses



Elective classes give you the opportunity to explore learning outside of your core classes of English, math, and science. Most schools offer the following electives:

Music (Band, Choir, Orchestra, or Guitar)

Beginning level courses are available in Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Guitar for students who are just starting out. If you have experience playing an instrument, you may be able to audition for an Intermediate or Advanced group depending on your skill level. You can expect to perform in two or three concerts during the school year. A fee may be charged for method books, a uniform shirt, and cleaning supplies.

Please do not purchase or rent any musical instruments until the instructor verifies instrument choices and sends information home. Schools have a limited number of musical instruments available for student use in Band and Orchestra. Most students will be required to furnish their own instruments. Instruments may be rented from local music stores.

Art

If you are creative and enjoy drawing and painting, this could be the elective for you! In Beginning Art, you will develop basic knowledge and skills in visual art techniques through the introduction of a variety of media and subject matter. A fee may be charged for materials and supplies.

Explorations

In this class you will have the opportunity to study a variety of subjects. This may include learning a new language, studying ancient civilizations, or learning about the journalism field. This course can vary by school location so check to see which courses are offered at your school.



Accelerated Courses

Middle schools may offer accelerated courses for Reading, English, Mathematics, and/or Science. Each school has a set of policies for selecting students for accelerated courses. Contact the school directly for more information about accelerated courses.



Middle School Grade Reporting

AUG-OCT	OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	MAR-MAY
Quarter 1 (9 weeks)	Quarter 2 (9 weeks)	Quarter 3 (9 weeks)	Quarter 4 (9 weeks)
Q1 + Q2 + Exam = Semester 1 Grade		Q3 + Q4 + Exam = Semester 2 Grade	

Progress reports are given mid-quarter so students know their current grade in each class. Report cards are given at the end of each quarter. **Transcripts only include semester grades.**

Promotion Regulation 5123

State of Nevada Regulation for Promotion to High School

According to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 389.445, students must complete one and one-half units of credit in mathematics, one and one-half units of credit in English or reading, one unit of credit in science, and one unit of credit in social studies with a passing grade during seventh and eighth grade for promotion to high school. One-half unit of credit is the equivalent of one semester.

Clark County School District Policy and Regulation 5123

Clark County School District Policy and Regulation 5123 – Promotion, Retention, and Demotion of Students – sets the standard for promotion from sixth to seventh grade, from seventh to eighth grade, and from eighth grade to high school.

- Pupils currently enrolled in Grade 6 must complete one semester of mathematics, one semester of English or reading, and one semester of science with passing grades for promotion to Grade 7.
- Pupils enrolled in Grade 7 must complete one semester of mathematics, one semester of English or reading, one semester of science, and one semester of social studies with passing grades for promotion to Grade 8.
- Pupils enrolled in Grade 8 must complete three semesters of mathematics, three semesters of English or reading, two semesters of Science, and two semesters of Social Studies with passing grades during the seventh and eighth grade years for promotion to high school.