Where can I find important information? Discovery Middle School
Logistics

• School starts at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m.
• Doors are opened for students to enter at 7:30 a.m.
• Our car line entrance is located on the north side of the parking lot. The car line exit is on the south side of the building by the tennis courts.
• Buses will enter and exit through the main entrance located on the south side of the parking lot.
• Student check out will end at 2:45 each day so that the bus line can be cleared of all vehicles before dismissal.
DMS Bus & Car Traffic Flow (Mornings & Afternoons)
Attendance

- Attendance is very important at the secondary level.
- All excuse notes **MUST** be turned in within 3 days.
- Students will receive a zero for any work missed if they have an unexcused absence.
- Parents are only allowed 5 absence notes per semester. Any absences beyond this limit will require a doctor’s note to be excused.
- If you have extenuating circumstances with your child, i.e. hospitalization, chronic illness etc. please be sure to contact the counselor as soon as possible.
Technology

• DMS is a bring your own device school. Students must be responsible for their own devices. DMS is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen devices.
• Students are allowed to use their cell phones between classes and at lunch.
• Students are not allowed to use cell phones in the classroom and must follow the teacher’s policy regarding cell phone use.
• If you need to get an immediate message to your student, please call the front office.
• Students are not allowed to talk on the phone during instructional time. They cannot step out of class to answer a call from parents.
Dress Code

- All students must adhere to the dress code.
- Students who are in violation of dress code will have to call home to get a change of clothes or remain in ISS if a parent is not available to bring appropriate clothing.
- Most common dress code violations include the following:
  - Inappropriate pictures, advertising or symbols on clothing
  - Pajama pants
  - Holes in jeans too far above the knee
  - Leggings, yoga pants with tops that are not “fingertip length”
  - Shorts, skirts that are more than a credit card length above the knee
Grading Policy

• Student grades consist of 60% test grades and 40% daily grades
• Students must complete make-up work as soon as possible after an excused absence
• All students will take a mid-term and/or final exam at the end of the fall semester and a final exam at the end of the spring semester. These are cumulative exams.
• There are no early exams. If a student misses an exam, they will receive a zero until it is made up. Make up dates for missed exams will be posted on the website.
### 5 Block Schedule Updates

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*Math and LA are year-long courses that are one 75 minute block*

*Science and SS are semester classes*

*Students have 2 full 75 minute blocks for electives with the opportunity to have up to 8 different electives*
Lunch

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- Parents cannot have lunch with students or bring in outside food.
- Students sit at assigned tables.
- The lunch schedule is only tentative and may be subject to change.
- Please do not send cash for lunch. Send a check or sign up for payPAMS to manage your student’s lunch account online.
- New cafeteria construction to be completed in January 2019. Additional seating for 120 students.
## Rotation of Blocks Weekly

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Core Classes – 8th Grade
2018-2019
8th Grade Core Classes

Language Arts Options
- Language Arts 8
- Honors Language Arts 8

Math Options
- Math 8 (Pre-Algebra)
- Algebra I
- Algebra I Math Team

Required for all 8th Grade Students
- Physical Science

World History or World History Pre AP
This course is designed for students who enjoy reading and writing and desire the opportunity to take Pre-AP English in the 9th grade. The primary goals of the course are to foster independent learning, encourage in-depth exploration of the content, and develop academic habits of mind. Outside and summer reading are required.

Summer Reading for all language arts classes—*The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton

Summer Reading for 8th Grade
Algebra I Honors

This is a year-long high school level course for 8th grade students. The semester averages are calculated in the student’s high school GPA. Grades are calculated using the same 70/30 ratio as high school classes. The final exam counts as 20% of the overall average. Upon passing Algebra I, the student receives a Carnegie Unit towards graduation.

*Recommendation made by school based on data.*
High School Math Courses
Pre AP World History

This semester course is designed to prepare 8th grade students for their transition into AP World History in the 9th grade.

This class will require a large amount of out of class preparation in line with that of a high school AP World History class. The goal of this class is for students to learn and apply the skills necessary to be successful in AP World History while also transitioning students to the rigor of an AP class.
# 8th Grade Elective Options

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- **Note:** Some electives may be crossed out or unavailable due to scheduling or resource constraints.
PE Options and Requirements

- All students are required to take at least one PE elective.
- Only **one** PE elective **per term** (9 weeks) is allowed.
- Students may take up to 4 PE electives per year.
- New PE uniforms are required.

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BJHS Academies

Medical Academy

Engineering Academy

Business Academy

Computer Programming Academy

Human Services Academy

Building Construction Academy
Registration Forms
2018-2019
8th Grade Registration Form
Registration Steps

◦ DMS course catalog and registration packets are available on the DMS website under Registration.
◦ Parent and student sign request forms!
◦ All registration packets are due March 29th.
  ◦ Turn in to language arts teacher
◦ 7th graders will enter requests on April 2nd and 3rd at DMS.
◦ No schedule changes after March 29th.
◦ Completed registration forms will become the student schedule for the entire 2018-19 school year.
◦ Request courses and alternate courses carefully as there are no changes to either requests or schedules after March 29, 2018 deadline.
# Sample Schedule

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Sample Schedule

1st
Math

Language Arts

2nd
Science
Social Studies

3rd
Outdoor Sports
Visual Art Survey
Indoor Sports
Creative Writing

4th
Exploring Theater
Digital Communication
Sample Schedule

1st 2nd 3rd 4th

1. Math
2. Language Arts
3. Science  Social Studies
   - Outdoor Sports
   - App Creators
   - Indoor Sports
   - Fashion Design
4. Chorus
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