Discovery Middle School

Panther Parent University
2018-2019
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.
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 students 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.
**Dress Code**

- All students must adhere to the dress code.
- Students that 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
  - 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
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 teachers 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.
Lunch

- Parents cannot have lunch with students or bring in outside food.
- Students sit at assigned tables but not assigned seats.
- Please do not send cash for lunch. Teachers do not handle lunch money, students give their lunch money directly to the CNP staff.
- 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.
# 5 Block Schedule Updates

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*Math and language arts 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.*
## Rotation of Blocks Weekly

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6th Grade Core Classes

Language Arts Options
Language Arts 6
Honors Language Arts 6

Math Options
Math 6
Honors Math 6
Math Team Honors Math 6

Required for all 6th Grade Students
Earth and Space 6
Social Studies
6th Grade Math Team Course

This course is designed for students who desire the opportunity to take Math Team Honors 7 in the 7th grade. Students will be taught the 6th and 7th grade math standards throughout the course and will be expected to attend inside and outside of school competitions.

Recommendation made by school based on data.

There will be fees associated with this class for tournament costs. Tournament attendance is expected, and the schedule is to be determined.
6th Grade Advanced Language Arts

This course is designed for students who enjoy reading and writing and desire the opportunity to take Advanced Language Arts in the 7th 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.

We do expect every student to read independently for at least 30 minutes per night.

Summer Reading for 6th Grade
# 6th Grade Elective Options

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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.
- PE uniforms are required.
Registration Forms
2018-2019
6th Grade Registration Form

6th Grade Registration Request Form
5th Grade 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 current teacher
  - 5th graders – homeroom teacher
- 5th graders will enter requests with DMS counselor on date to be determined at their school.
- 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

Science

Social Studies

Outdoor Sports

Survey For. Lang.

Indoor Sports

Fashion Design

2nd

3rd

4th

Chorus
Discovery Middle School: a place for innovation, excellence, and discovery.