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Welcome to
Northridge
Middle School



QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT NORTHRIDGE Middle School

How early can I drop my student off at school?

The doors to Northridge are unlocked at 7:30 a.m. Students are not allowed in the building until then, unless there is a pre-arranged activity or pre-approval from administration.

Where does my student go if he arrives at school before 7:50 a.m.?

All students should wait in the front lobby if they arrive before 7:50 a.m. When the clock in the front lobby changes to 7:50 a.m., students are allowed to proceed to their lockers.

What is the daily schedule?

7:30 a.m. Doors unlocked each morning for student entry

7:50 a.m. Students can go to lockers

8:10-8:30 a.m. **Advisory**

8:35-9:40 a.m. **Block One**

9:45-10:50 a.m. **Block Two**

10:55-11:20 a.m. A LUNCH

11:25-12:35 **Block 3 Class**

10:55-11:25 a.m. **Block 3 Class**

11:25- 11:55 a.m. B LUNCH

12:00-12:35 p.m. **Block 3 Class**

10:55 -12:05 p.m. **Block 3 Class**

12:05-12:35 p.m. C LUNCH

12:40-1:45 p.m. **Block Four**

1:50-2:55 p.m. **Block Five**

3:00-3:40 (Tues-Thurs) **Bonus**

What if there is a Two-hour Delay?

Students will report to Block 1 (NO ADVISORY) and follow the modified schedule.

*Note: There will be **NO BREAKFAST** served on Two-hour delay days.

9:30 a.m. Doors unlocked each morning for student entry

9:50 a.m. Students can go to lockers

10:10-10:55 a.m. **Block One**

11:00-11:40 a.m. **Block Two**

11:40-12:10 p.m. A LUNCH

12:15-1:25 p.m. **Block 3 Class**

11:45-12:15 p.m. **Block 3 Class**

12:15-12:45 p.m. B LUNCH

12:45-1:25 p.m. **Block 3 Class**

11:45-12:55 p.m. **Block 3 Class**

12:55-1:25 p.m. C LUNCH

1:30-2:10 p.m. **Block Four**

2:15-2:55 p.m. **Block Five**

3:00-3:40 (Tues-Thurs) **Bonus**

How long are the passing periods?

Passing periods are 5 minutes long at Northridge. Considering the size of our building, that is plenty of time for your student to go to their locker and then to their next class. There is a 1 minute warning bell to make students aware of how much time they have left before their next class begins. Please see the Student Handbook for further information.

What classes will my student take in the sixth grade?

Your student will take the following classes during his/her 6th grade year at Northridge:

English/Language Arts - 3 trimesters

Math - 3 trimesters

Science - 2 trimesters

Social Studies - 2 trimesters

Wellness (PE) - 1 trimester

S.M.A.R.T. - 1 trimester

Students also take one exploratory class per trimester. Students can take the Exploratory Rotation (**Business Tech, Family and Consumer Science, Art**) or they take **Band and/or Choir**.

I see S.M.A.R.T Class on my student's schedule– What is it?

S.M.A.R.T. is an acronym that stands for **S**ixth Graders **M**aximizing **A**ttitudes and **A**bilities (with) **R**esponsibility (via) **T**echnology. Your student will take this course one trimester only. The course content will include but is not limited to: Intro to Careers, Study Skills, Note Taking, Organization, Time Management, Research Skills, Listening Skills, Learning Styles, Conflict Resolution, etc. We hope students will come away from this course better prepared to handle the demands of middle school.

My student wants to take Band and Choir but only one is listed on the schedule. Why?

The computer only allows one class to be shown. However, make sure you let the band and choir teachers know your student wants to do both and they will make that work for you. It should be known that a child who does participate in both will be responsible for making up missing work in each class and will be expected to learn the music for both band and choir the same as any student who is enrolled in just one of the courses.

How do I read my student’s schedule?

Here are a few basic guidelines:

Each **ROW** indicates a different trimester and each **COLUMN** is a different class period.

	Advisory	1	2	3	4	5
TRIMESTER 1	<u>Advisory</u> Hunter, Katie Room: NR 88 Lab	Math A Switzer, Sheri Room: NR 112 1(A) T1	Wellness Kyle, Ron Room: NR Gym B 2(A) T1	FACS Leonard, Cindy Room: 33 3(A) T1	English A Bucher, Korey Room: NR 102 4(A) T1	Science A Hunter, Katie Room: NR 88 Lab 5(A) T1
TRIMESTER 2	<u>Advisory</u> Hunter, Katie Room: NR 88 Lab	Math B Switzer, Sheri Room: NR 112 1(A) T2	English B Bucher, Korey Room: NR 102 2(A) T2	Business Tech Lab Raines, Pamela Room: NR 49 3(A) T2	Social Studies A Welcher, Adam Room: NR 104 Lab 4(A) T2	S.M.A.R.T Brooks, Kevin Room: NR Media Center 5(A) T2
TRIMESTER 3	<u>Advisory</u> Hunter, Katie Room: NR 88 Lab	Math C Switzer, Sheri Room: NR 112 1(A) T3	Science B Hunter, Katie Room: NR 88 2(A) T3	Art Hinders, Autumn Room: NR 27 3(A) T3	English C Bucher, Korey Room: NR 102 4(A) T3	Social Studies B Welcher, Adam Room: NR 104 Lab 5(A) T3

What is Bonus?

Bonus occurs as the last period of the school day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00-3:40 p.m. with bus transportation provided. However, your student may also voluntarily stay after for bonus in order to participate in a club or other extracurricular activity. No sports practice will begin until after bonus, which is on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Are schedule changes allowed during the school year?

Schedule changes are only allowed in special circumstances. Below is a list of circumstances that are not considered special circumstances:

- I don't want that teacher.
- I don't have any friends in my class.
- I would rather eat lunch earlier in the day.
- I don't want P.E. first thing in the morning.

If you must request a schedule change, then it needs to be requested before the trimester begins.

Will my student have a lot of homework in the 6th Grade?

You may not see much homework coming home during 6th grade. We have 5 periods a day, so each period is 65 minutes long. The 6th grade teachers design their instruction to allow for plenty of time for assignments to be completed in the classroom.

When will my student get the Northridge Agenda?

Your student's agenda will be electronically distributed a few days after receiving their iPads. Please make sure you and your student read through the Student Handbook that will be included on the iPad. Students will not receive a hard copy of the Student Handbook.

When will my student eat lunch? How does the lunchroom work?

Your student will be scheduled to eat lunch during his/her 3rd Period class. The 3rd period teacher will tell your child what lunch he/she will be assigned on the first day of school.

The lunch schedule is as follows:

- 10:55-11:20 a.m. - A LUNCH
- 11:25- 11:55 a.m. - B LUNCH
- 12:05-12:35 p.m. - C LUNCH

Students are required to keep money in their lunch account. If they run out of money, they will have to eat peanut butter and jelly until the account is paid. Students will have assigned seats in the lunch room.

Will my student have his/her own locker at Northridge?

Yes. Students are assigned their own locker at Northridge. They are not allowed to share lockers during the year. Also, it is important to remember not to share locker combinations with anyone. FYI: Many students enjoy decorating their lockers. Please don't use tape, glue, or stickers of any kind. Magnets are a student's best option.

Where and when will my student get textbooks/iPads?

Textbooks and iPads will be passed out by the teachers within the first week of school. Textbook invoices will be mailed out late August and are due back September 20th.

What school supplies are needed?

Supply lists are available online at the Northridge Middle School Website.

Are there Wellness (PE) uniforms?

Yes. Students are expected to participate in PE in the designated Northridge PE uniform. Uniforms are sold at Top Line in Crawfordsville.

Top Line
212 E Main St
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Phone: 765-362-1048

What is the dress code?

Northridge dress code is outlined specifically in the Student Handbook your student will receive electronically during the first few days of school. However, a brief description follows:

- Shorts and skirts must reach below a student's extended fingertips.
- Shirts should have a sleeve, and must be able to be tucked in.
- Clothes should not have a lot of rips or tears.
- All pants, jeans, or shorts must fit at the waist and cannot "sag."
- Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and that has vulgar or suggestive wording is not permitted.
- Hats and bandanas are not to be worn at any time inside the building during the regular school day.

What happens if my student's clothing does not meet the dress code?

If your student is not dressed appropriately, he/she will be given the opportunity to change into something more appropriate. We may have to contact you if your student does not have anything at school and does not want to wear what we offer them; however our school nurse has extra clothes in the clinic.

Can my student bring personal electronic devices (smart phones, iPods, etc.) to school?

Students may bring personal computing devices to school for educational purposes only such as research, writing, and other educational purposes with individual teacher permission, however all Northridge students will be issued iPads resulting in students not needing their personal devices.

*NMCSC will not be held responsible for lost, stolen or damaged computers, hardware, peripherals or software.

What if my student gets sick during the school day?

Students must see the school nurse if they get sick during the school day. The nurse calls parents if a student needs to go home.

What if my student needs to use the phone? Can he/she just use a cell phone?

Use of personal cell/smart phone within the classroom is a disruption to the learning environment and **will not** be permitted. Students may go to the office to make personal phone calls.

My student wants to ride the bus home with a friend after school. What is the procedure in this situation?

A note from a parent/guardian is needed. Students are not allowed to board a bus that is not their own without a bus pass. Mrs. Fruits, the receptionist at the front desk in the office, issues all bus passes. Notes/phone calls from parents giving permission must go through Mrs. Fruits and must be in before noon on any given day.

Are there school dances?

Yes, school dances occur throughout the school year.

Are there any clubs, activities, or sports?

YES! Here is a list of activities open to sixth graders (including but not limited to):

Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, Tennis, Cheerleading, Student Council, Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball, Art Club, FACS Club, Robotic Club, FCA, Yearbook Club, etc.

What should I tell my student to do if the locker gets stuck, they forget the combination, or their class schedule?

Encourage your student to go to teacher or the office for help. Please go over with them how important it is for them to not give out their locker combination to anyone. Students are not allowed to share lockers with other people. All students have been assigned their own locker and need to use the one assigned to them.

How does my student get involved in sports/clubs?

Announcements are read at the beginning of every school day. It is during this time that students will get information regarding sports try-outs and club meetings. Information will also be provided on the school website.

***Please note:** Students must have a physical and a drug form on file at Northridge before they can participate in any sports activities.

An older student I know told me the 8th graders stuff the 6th graders into lockers. Is that true?

NO! Although there 8th graders in the building with us, they are hardly ever in the same hallway with the 6th graders. They are worried about getting to class on time, just like your student will be. However, just so you know, our hallways are monitored at all times by staff members and security cameras.

What if someone picks on my student?

The best thing you can encourage your child to do is to walk away from the situation. If the situation is more than he/she can handle, report the situation to a staff member (counselor, teacher, principal, etc.). We will take care of the situation and make sure your student is well taken care of. Please encourage your child to come to us; we cannot take care of a situation we know nothing about.