

# Navigating Middle School



WORKING TOGETHER  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION  
TO MIDDLE SCHOOL





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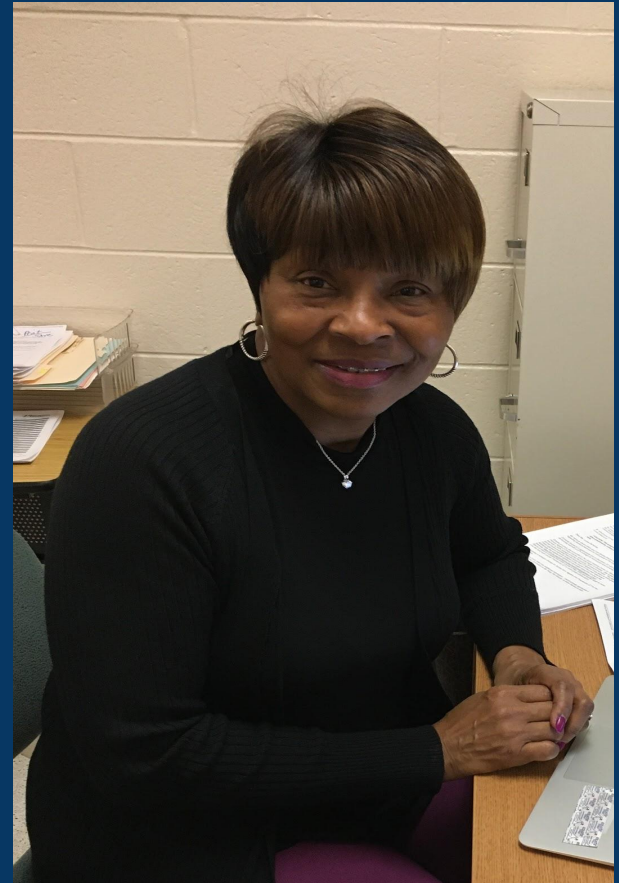
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But First...

A Message From Our  
PTA.

# The PTA welcomes you to Burleigh Manor Middle School!

## Purpose:

- Engage and empower BMMS to advocate for children
- Build and strengthen an inclusive community for our school
- Support the students and teachers of BMMS
- Support our greater community
- Facilitate increase communication between the school and parents

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## Resources

BMMS PTA webpage

<https://bmmspta.weebly.com>

New family information webpage

<https://sites.google.com/view/bmms-new-family-information/>

BMMS parents Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/932094366900268/>

Email to find out more, get involved or with questions

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Purchase BMMS spiritwear for your incoming Bobcat ONLY \$19.99

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In order to  
teach a  
child well  
we must  
know a  
child well.

# Supporting Student Growth

At **Burleigh Manor**, staff and students:

- Start with the goal in mind
- Do what they do best, every day
- Celebrate effort and achievement
- Engage in positive experiences each school day
- Create excitement for the future.

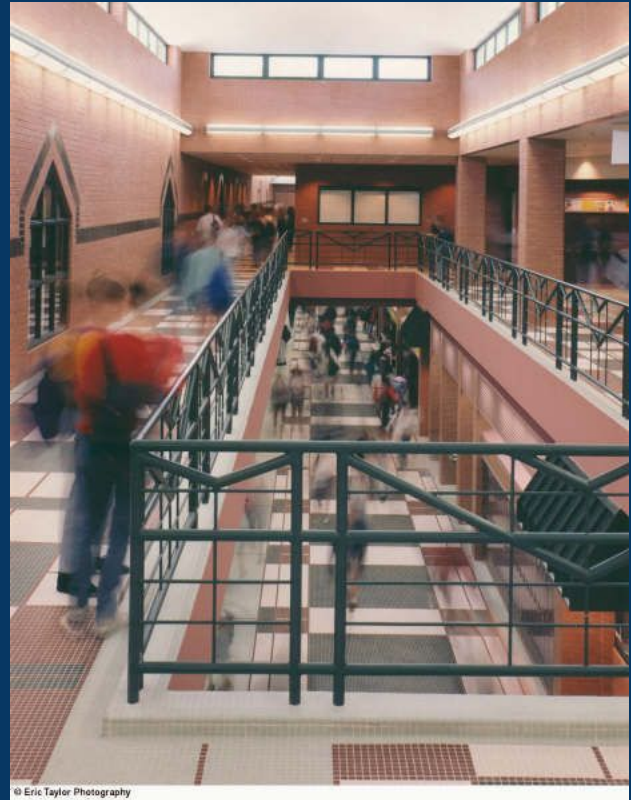


# Questions your Children Might Have





How will I  
find my  
way?



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**Many students  
worry about finding  
their way around  
the building.**

**What about  
Lockers?**





**It gets easier! Many students struggle at first, but there are a lot of people around to help.**

**Are there  
after  
school  
clubs and  
activities?**





**There are a lot  
of after-school  
activities and  
clubs!**

**Who will  
help if I  
need it?**

WHEN I WAS A BOY AND I WOULD SEE  
SCARY THINGS IN THE NEWS,  
MY MOTHER WOULD SAY TO ME,  
"LOOK FOR THE HELPERS.  
YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND PEOPLE  
WHO ARE HELPING."

TO THIS DAY, ESPECIALLY IN TIMES  
OF "DISASTER," I REMEMBER MY  
MOTHER'S WORDS AND I AM ALWAYS  
COMFORTED BY REALIZING THAT  
THERE ARE STILL SO MANY HELPERS  
-SO MANY CARING PEOPLE  
IN THIS WORLD.

~FRED ROGERS

**Who will  
help if I  
need it?**

- **Question about an assignment?**
- **Question about friends, or a situation, or class choices?**
- **Need help with a locker, or lunch pin, or figuring out what to do at recess?**



We all make mistakes,  
have struggles,  
and even regret things in our past.  
But you are not your mistakes,  
you are not your struggles,  
and you are here NOW with  
the power to shape your day  
and your future.

- Steve Maraboli

Who will  
help if I  
need it?

What's the  
cell phone  
policy?





**Students may not use cell phones during the school day.**

**Teachers may give permission from time to time for instructional purposes.**



# Learning and Leading with Equity

## *The Fierce Urgency of Now*

**VISION:** Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

**MISSION:** HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.



### Four Overarching Commitments

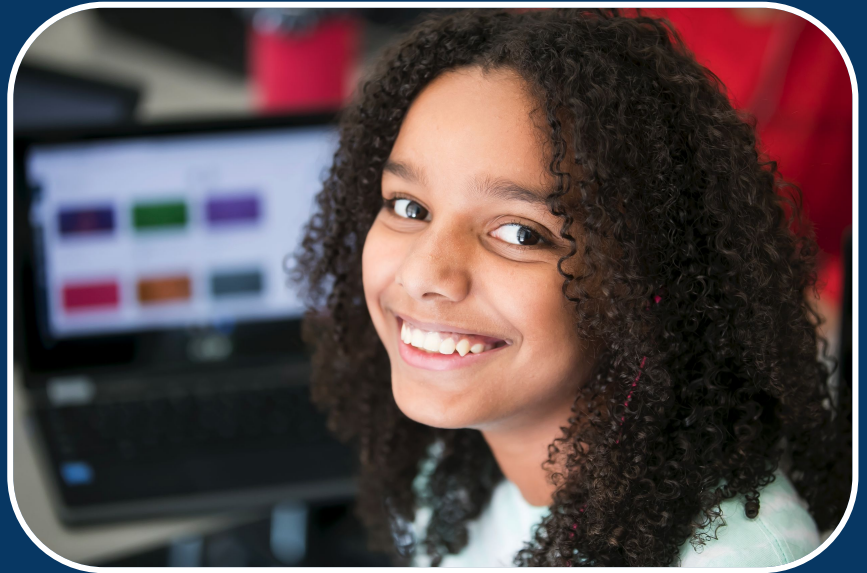
VALUE

ACHIEVE

CONNECT

EMPOWER

**Middle school is a defining point for students in the college and career readiness process.**




Source: The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are On Target For College and Career Readiness Before High School, ACT, 2008.



# Preparing Students for the Future



**High  
School  
Readiness**



**College  
and  
Career  
Readiness**

**21<sup>st</sup>  
Century  
Skills**

**Academic  
Behaviors**

**High  
School  
Readiness**

**College  
and  
Career  
Readiness**





# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

Academics

- Life and Career Skills
- Learning and Innovation Skills
- Information Media and Technology Skills

High  
School  
Readiness

College  
and  
Career  
Readiness

# Academics



# The Middle School Schedule



All students are enrolled in seven 50-minute classes every day.



# Grade 6 Example Schedule

Course 1	English
Course 2	Mathematics
Course 3	Science
Course 4	Social Studies
Course 5	Physical Education/Health/Tech
Course 6 (Fine Art Choice)	Band, Chorus, Orchestra, or Art, Music, Theater, Dance (each one quarter)
Course 7 (Additional Courses/Intervention)	1 Quarter - Digital Citizenship, 21st Century Learning, Boost Your Brain, Art, Music, Theater, FACS, Reader's and Writer's Cafe 2 Quarters - GT Research Year-long - ESOL, Special Education/Mathematics/Reading Intervention

# In accordance with state requirements, each year middle school students receive instruction in the following areas:

- English Language Arts
- Fine Arts
- Health
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Studies



English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics offer a Gifted and Talented (G/T) option for instruction. Mathematics has an above-grade level course in addition to the G/T options.

# Class Choices in Core Academic Classes

- English Language Arts
  - 6th Grade ELA
  - 6th Grade GT ELA
- Mathematics
  - 6th Grade Math
  - 7th Grade Math
  - Pre-Algebra GT
- Science
  - Earth Science
  - Earth Science GT
- Social Studies
  - Geography and World Cultures
  - Geography and World Cultures GT

# Students are also required to receive instruction in the following during their middle school experience:

- Technology
- Financial Literacy
- Careers







## Fine Arts Options

Students in grade 6 will choose from the following options:

- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Art/General Music/Theater Arts/Dance combination

# Additional Course Options

- Family and Consumer Science
- Technology Education
- G/T Research or Seminars/Interventions in reading and/or mathematics
- Reader's and Writer's Workshop
- Additional Fine Arts Classes
- Other Elective Course Offerings



# Finding the Right Balance Between

- Course Placements
- Rigor
- Personal Interests
- Student Success



# Middle School is Also:



- Social/Emotional Learning
- Executive Functioning
- Exploring Interests
- Building Confidence
- Developing Resilience
- Learning Communication and Advocacy

# Important Dates

Date	Activity
2/2/22 - 2/22/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Course Recommendations for rising 6th graders available in Synergy for parents to review.</li><li>● Parents will enter student course requests in Synergy no later than 2/22/22.</li><li>● Parents will complete a Course Placement Review (CPR) as appropriate.</li></ul>
5/16/22	Rising 6th Grade Visit

# More Questions?

Course Catalog For Middle School

Question Form

Thank you for being with us on  
this journey!

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