

Hicksville Middle School 6th and 7th Grade Parent and Student Course Selection Informational Forum



January 4, 2024



Administrators and Support Staff

Hicksville Middle School Administration



Mr. Tangney
Principal



Mr. Wallace
Assistant Principal
(6th Grade)



Mr. Silkowitz
Assistant Principal
(7th Grade)



Ms. Nguyen-Horan
Assistant Principal
8th Grade



Ms. Rodriguez
Assistant Principal
(ENL/New Entrants)

Meet the Middle School Support Teams

School Support Staff:

Support staff can help with:

Making friends, managing conflicts, family issues,
social skills, learning difficulties, managing difficult
emotions, behavior support and more!



School Psychologists:
Dr. Gibson & Ms. Clive in 224



School Social Workers:
Ms. Dambrose & Ms. Howell-Luu

School Counselors:

Guidance counselors can help with:

Concerns about classes, scheduling issues, adjusting to new teachers,
improving grades, family issues, social conflicts and more!



6th Grade Team
Ms. Gorey (A-L) & Ms. Villatoro (M-Z)
Assistant Principal: Mr. Wallace




7th Grade Team
Mr. Louis (A-LEA) & Mr. Paranandi (LEB-Z)
Assistant Principal: Mr. Silkowitz



8th Grade Team
Mr. Rivera (A-LOP) & Ms. Dellacona (LP-Z)
Assistant Principal: Ms. Nguyen-Horan

Assistant Principal: Ms. Rodriguez (ENL/New Entrants)



<u>Grade 6</u> Course of Study			<u>Grade 7</u> Course of Study			<u>Grade 8</u> Course of Study	
Required Courses - 40 weeks							
	English Math Social Studies Science Communication Arts FLEX Physical Education			English Math Social Studies Science World Language Physical Education			English Math Social Studies Science (with lab) World Language Physical Education
Special Area Courses - 40 weeks alternating days							
	Computer Literacy 6 Family and Consumer Science (FACS) 6 Health 6 Music 6 Art 6 Technology 6			Art 7 Clothing, Textiles, and Fashion 7/8 Computer Skills for the Digital Age 7/8 Express Yourself Creative Writing 7/8 Family and Consumer Science (FACS) 7/8 Food For Thought 7/8 Global Conversations 7/8 Health 7/8 Music 7 Science Research 7/8 Technology 7			Clothing, Textiles, and Fashion 7/8 Computer Skills for the Digital Age 7/8 Express Yourself Creative Writing 7/8 Family and Consumer Science (FACS) 7/8 Food for Thought 7/8 Global Conversations 7/8 Health 7/8 Introduction to Digital Media 8 Music 8 Robotics 8 Science Research 7/8 Studio in Art 8 Woodworking 8
				Support Services			
				ELA AIS			
				Math AIS			
				ENL			
				Reading Lab			
				Resource Room			

Sample 7th Grade Schedule

Period 1	English 7 (7H)
Period 2	Social Studies 7 (7H)
Period 3	Math 7 (7H)
Period 4	Science 7 (7H)
Period 5A/5B	Phys Ed 7/ Music 7
Period 6	Lunch 7
Period 7	World Language 7 (ASL, French, Italian, Spanish)
Period 8A/8B	Art 7/Technology 7
Period 9A/9B	Health 7/8-or-Computer Skills 7/8-or- FACS 7/8 or Elective

***Participation in the above classes, as well as elective courses may be affected by the need for academic support services. (AIS, Remedial Reading, ENL services, Special Education Programs)**



Sample 8th Grade Schedule

Period 1	English 8 (8H)
Period 2	Social Studies 8 (8H)
Period 3	Algebra I (HS Level course culminating with NYS Regents Exam) or Math 8
Period 4	Living Environment- (Or Earth Science Honors)
Period 5A/5B	Living Environment Lab/ 5B- Physical Education 8 (or E Sci H Lab/Lunch)
Period 6	World Language (Continuation of language started in Grade 7)
Period 7	Lunch 8 (Students in Earth Science Honors DO NOT have a lunch period on their schedule but they do get the opportunity to eat lunch during their Earth Science Lab period)
Period 8	Music or Electives
Period 9	Elective



Visual Arts

- Art 6
- Art 7
- Introduction to Digital Media 8 (**must take Art 7**)
- Studio in Art (**must take Art 7 and be recommended by Art teacher**)



Business Courses

- Computer Skills for the Digital Age 7/8
(Must be taken in 7th or 8th)



Family and Consumer Science FACS Courses

- Clothing, Textiles, and Fashion 7/8
- FACS 6
- FACS 7/8
- Food for Thought 7/8



World Language Courses

(Required in grades 7 and 8)

- ASL 7
ASL I (Must complete ASL 7)
- French 7
French I (Must complete French 7)
- Italian 7
Italian I (Must complete Italian 7)
- Spanish 7
Spanish I (Must complete Spanish 7)
- LIA Spanish



Health Courses

- Health 6
- Health (**Must be taken in grade 7 or 8**)



Technology Courses

- Technology 6
- Technology 7
- Robotics 8
- Woodworking 8



***Music (Required for grades 6 and 7,
optional for grade 8)***

- Band 6, Band 7, Band 8
- Chorus 6, Chorus 7, Chorus 8
- Music Appreciation 6
- Music Exploration 7
- Modern Music Creation 8
- Orchestra 6, Orchestra 7, Orchestra 8
- Piano 6, Piano 7, Piano 8



Additional Elective Courses

- Express Yourself Creative Writing 7/8
- Global Conversations 7/8
- Science Research 7/8



Naviance Career Exploration Program

Naviance for Middle School is a college and career readiness program that helps students discover strengths and interests and learn about careers that may interest them. It is a helpful tool that enables students to begin to think about their future goals and aspirations. Part of the journey to career readiness is identifying interests and connecting those interests to future careers, coursework and graduation pathways.



Honors Classes

- **Honors classes begin in Grade 7 and are offered in the following subjects:**
 - English, mathematics, science and social studies
 - Accelerated study beyond grade level
 - Mastery expected on subject-area assessment
 - Road to HS Honors and Advanced Placement courses

- **Placement in honors classes is dependent on meeting the following criteria:**
 - Average of 90 or above in subject
 - At least two (2) RIT scores above grade level on MAP test
 - Reading MAP used for English and social studies
 - Mathematics MAP used for mathematics and science
 - Recommendation of current subject area teacher



STEM Program

	STEM Math	STEM Science
Grade 6	Math 6 STEM	Science 6
Grade 7	Algebra I Honors	Living Environment
Grade 8	Geometry Honors	Earth Science Honors
Grade 9	Algebra II Honors	AP Physics I
Grade 10	Pre Calculus Honors/ AP Statistics	AP Chemistry
Grade 11	AP Calculus BC	AP Biology
Grade 12	Multivariable Calculus/Linear Algebra	BioChemistry



Course Selection Worksheet

1	English 6	1	English 7	1	English 8
2	Math 6	2	Math 7	2	Algebra I/Math 8
ADV	Advisory	ADV	Advisory	ADV	Advisory
3	Social Studies 6	3	Social Studies 7	3	Social Studies 8
4	Science 6	4	Science 7	4	Living Environment/Earth Science
5	Lunch 6	5	Lunch 7	5A	Living Env Lab/Earth Sci Lab
6A	Physical Education 6	6A	Physical Education 7	5B	Physical Education 8
6B	Comm, Arts	6B	Art 7	6	Lunch 8
7A	FLEX	7A	Technology 7	7	_____ (World Language Continued)
7B	Technology 6	7B	_____ (Music 7 Choice)	8	_____ (Music and/or Studio In Art or _____ 2 Electives)
8A	Art 6	8A	_____ (Elective Choice)	9A	_____ (Elective Choice)
8B	Health 6	8B	_____ (Elective Choice)	9B	_____ (Elective Choice)
9A	FACS - or - Computer Literacy	9	_____ (World Language Choice)		
9B	_____ (Music 6 Choice)				

IMPORTANT DATES

January 8, 9, 10:

Middle School Counselors push into 6th and 7th grade classes to discuss course selections

January 16, 17, 18:

Middle School Counselors return to 6th and 7th grade classes for students to make their elective selections. Grade 6 students make music, world language selections and elective selections. Grade 7 students make elective selections.

[HMS Course of Studies Catalog 24-25](#)



Any Questions?

Middle School Counselors are always available to answer any of you or your child's questions! We are only a phone call/email away. Additionally, If you would like to make an appointment to meet with your child's counselor, all you have to do is call the Middle School Guidance Office at: (516) 733-2275 or email us directly at:

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Clubs, Athletics, and Extra Help



Clubs/Activities



Extra Help



Athletics



Google Classroom Codes **for Students and Parents**

Middle School Classroom Codes

6th Grade - ctqqihp

7th Grade - m25bax6

8th Grade - en3owns

