

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – 6th Grade

Does North have school uniforms?

- No. We have a dress code, but you can choose what to wear as long as it meets the dress code. Details about the dress code and other expectations can be found in the North Middle School Student Handbook. It is on the school website and all students get a copy each fall.

Does North assign school lockers?

- North does not have school lockers. You may have a PE locker.

Is there a required PE uniform at North?

- No. Students need to wear clothing that is appropriate to work out in for PE, but a specific uniform is not required.
 - Top – light colored top
 - Bottoms – No zippers or metal on the outside that could scratch the gym floor. Breathable cloth that is easy to move in
 - Shoes – athletic shoes that can be laced up to tighten

Do I get to take PE and Health?

- Yes, 1 Semester of each PE and Health are state requirements.

Do I get to choose when my classes are?

- No. Classes are selected according to class availability. You do get to choose what classes you take, but not when they are in the school day.

Can I request to be in classes with my friends?

- We cannot grant these requests. However, most students do end up in classes with friends. Middle school is a great opportunity to find new friends as well.

Can I change my classes after I finish registering?

- We set our schedule of courses based on what you select this Spring, so we do not make changes after registration.
- The schedule you receive in August is your schedule for the year.

Can I join after-school activities and clubs?

- Yes, we have after-school activities and clubs that are available to all grades.
- There are 3 sports that allow 6th graders to practice, but not to participate in games. Those are cross country (fall), wrestling(winter) and track(spring).

How many different classes will I have?

- You will have 6 classes per day.

Is there recess in middle school?

- The lunch period is 40 minutes and is split between 20 minutes of eating and 20 minutes of activity.
- We have outdoor and indoor options available for students to choose from during this time.

If I choose to not take a challenge class as a 6th grader, can I change pathways in 7th or 8th grade?

- Honors Pathways in English and Math are best to start in 6th grade.
- If a student wants to advance to honors pathway in 7th or 8th grade, it is possible after completing a summer school course.
- If student wants to move from an honors pathway to grade level pathway grade it can be done with administrator approval.

Does one of my electives have to be a Visual or Performing Art class?

- Yes, all students must take at least 1 semester of Visual or Performing Art.

Will middle school classes be more difficult than my 5th grade classes?

- The expectations are greater because you are older, but you'll be ready for it.
- If a class feels too hard ask your teacher, parent and/or counselor for help.

When will I get my schedule for the school year?

- You will be notified in August about our back-to-school Orientation Day. Students can pick up schedules and explore class locations within the building.

Are phones (and personal electronic devices) allowed at North?

- Students may bring phones to school; however, they are not allowed to be used during the school day. They must be turned off and kept in your backpack. The detailed cell phone policy is located in the student handbook.

What is the biggest adjustment for most students?

- The biggest adjustment for most students is moving from one teacher to six teachers and staying organized. But we are here to help you.