

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN ENTERING 6th GRADE

Please note that class offerings vary from one year to another and that this information is a rough guide for reference only. The budget dictates how many Exploratory Classes may be available in any given year.

A 6th grader has 7 mandatory periods. An Advisory class (25 minutes) and 6 periods of 50 minutes each. 5 periods are common to all students.

- *Language Arts (LA 6) or Honors Language Arts (L:A 6H- known as Spectrum)*
- *Social Studies (SS 6)*
- *Math*
- *Science 6*
- *Physical Education- PE* (1 semester) For the other semester, students will be placed in a semester-long Exploratory Class (see list below.)*

Students who did not meet the standards on state testing the previous year will be placed in Math Empowerment or Reading Improvement, depending on the area of need.

MUSIC: Your student may choose to be in band or orchestra. This is a yearlong course. If your 5th grade is interested in participating in the Music Program at Madison, please contact Mr. Bathum at cobathum@seattleschools.org

Students who are in Band or Orchestra might be eligible for Jazz Band. Jazz Band is an “extra p[eriod]”, from 7:15 until 7:45 every morning. Jazz Band also practices for 2 hours after school on Early Release Days. If your child plays saxophone, trombone, trumpet, piano, bass, guitar or drums and is interested in auditioning for Jazz Band, please contact Mr. Bathum: cobathum@seattleschools.org

Potential Exploratory Classes for 2015-2016 (one semester each):

**Visual/Fine Arts (drawing, painting...)*

**Computer Technology, also known as Tech Art (photography, video...)*

**World Languages (Spanish/French). Students explore either Spanish or French language and culture.*

**Communication. Students will learn how to communicate knowledge in a variety of formats and contexts.*

During 6th grade, late Spring, students will need to make choices and express preferences for 7th grade. To know more, please refer to the Course Descriptions.

If you have additional questions regarding your student, please contact the school counselors.