Welcome to 6th Grade Orientation

Dr. Michael Gaskell, Principal
School Counselors and Staff of Hammarskjold
The Cafeteria
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The Hallway
The Media Center
The Gym
Hammarskjold is divided into houses of students and teachers.

Each house has common teachers for ILA, Science, Social Studies, and Math. These classrooms are near each other in the building.

The students in each house have the same lunch period and a common locker area.
Your School Counselor

- Every house has a school counselor
- There are 4 school counselors. Two work with the sixth grade houses and then continue with them in seventh grade.
  - Your child’s counselor will be Ms. Siegel or Mrs. Violett
- There is a Student Assistance Specialist assigned to each grade—your child’s SAS is Mrs. Knable
6th Grade Classes

- Science
- Social Studies
- Math
- ILA (2 periods)
- Lunch
- Physical Education/Elective
- Cycle
- World Language
Classrooms at Hammarskjold

SCIENCE

ART CYCLE
Science Curriculum Trips:
- Dallenbach's
- Fairview (2 nights, 3 days)

World Language:
French, German, Italian, Mandarin, & Spanish
- Mrs. Chang - World Languages
Cycles- meet daily in rotations throughout the year

Examples of cycle courses may include:

- Art
- Computers
- Health
- STEM
- Theatre
Electives - meet every other day all year

Students may choose one of these electives:

- Art Exploration
- STEM
- Chorus
- Band
- Orchestra
- Beginning Piano 6
- Family and Consumer Science
Scheduling Electives & World Language Online Through Parent Access
Gifted & Talented Class

- Verbal Gate replaces ILA
- Math Prime replaces Math 6

Every student is considered for Verbal Gate and Math Prime. Placement depends on a combination of criteria including:

- Standardized test scores including Grade 5 NJSLA
- Running records and EOY assessments.
- Placements are made before schedules go out in August.

-A matrix for placement criteria will be shared with parents this June.
## Parent Access

### Gradebook

**Course:** Pre-Algebra  
**Assignments Due Date:** 02/03/2017  
**Status:** Show all assignments  
**Show Assignment Dates:** All assignments in MP2  

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Information for new 6th Graders!

- The grade level administrator will be Ms. DiMaggio.
- In May, students will have a tour of the building with their fifth grade class and teacher.
- During Summer Orientation students will have the opportunity to practice opening lockers and go to all of the classrooms on their schedule.
Clubs/Activities and PBSIS

- Many after school clubs and activities
  - Academic Challengers
  - Band
  - CARE Club
  - Drama Club
  - Video Newsmakers
  - Sports Club
  - Junior Art Society
  - Investors
  - **Sources of Strength

- PBSIS is our positive behavior program where students get rewarded for displaying positive behaviors in the halls, stairs, cafeteria, bus & classes.
6th Grade Expectations

- Students need to wear their IDs every single day. Your child’s safety is our priority.
- Students use agendas at HMS.
- Behavioral Expectations.
  - Personal responsibility increases
Immunizations- Nurses

- Please remember that as required by state law, students must have their immunization schedule completed, or they CANNOT attend school, regardless of the excuse.

- We don’t want your child to miss ANY time and we cannot mail the schedule in August without this documentation- forward to elementary nurses through June and the HMS nurses through July and no later than early August!
Welcome New 6th Grade Students and Parents

Welcome to Hammarskjold Middle School. We are happy that you will be attending our school in the fall. We are sure that you are anxious, nervous and excited about coming from your elementary school to middle school. Don’t worry! Most of the students and parents who are new to our school feel the same way you do. Rest assured, we will do our best to help you through this transition and to help you gain the independence and confidence that will help you through your time at Hammarskjold and throughout your life.

There are several opportunities for students and parents to see our school during the school year. Many of our 5th grade students who are involved in District Wide Chorus, Band and Orchestra have been to our amazing JMPAC Auditorium for rehearsals and performances.
When there is a matter that you wish to address:

- Contact the staff member closest to the issue that you would like to address. Most often there is resolution with this first contact.

- Next, if necessary, contact your child’s school counselor or grade level administrator, Ms. Dimaggio.

- It is reasonable for you to expect a prompt, though not immediate response. You should hear from the person within one school day, barring unforeseen circumstances.
Want to know what our students really think? Unscripted responses in this video:

https://vib.by/v/Xy12EjFMM
Questions and Answers