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THE TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL
What to expect in a Middle School Environment?

- Seven Class Periods – 53 minutes
- Lockers - $5 to rent for the year
- Parent Portal – grades are posted weekly
- More Responsibility
- Extracurricular activities – sports and clubs. Good grades and behavior are required to participate. Some sports and clubs require payments
- No Cell Phone Zone – Students are not allowed to use a cell phone during school hours and the cell phone should not be visible during the school day.
School Wide Expectations

• Be on time and prepared for class
• Be respectful to peers and adults…including subs
• Focus on learning and not cell phones…no cell phone zone.
Students will take seven classes each day and they will receive a new connections schedule every 9 weeks.

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Douglas County Schools
Grading Policy

90-100- A
80-89- B
71-79- C
70- D
69 and below- F
• Progress Reports are given every 4 ½ weeks – 4 total
• Report Cards are given every 9 weeks – 4 total
• The final grade for the year is an average of the 4 report card grades.

Important Facts About Report Cards
The Infinite Campus Parent Portal allows parent/guardian(s) access to their child’s schedule, attendance records, and grade information.
• At the beginning of each school year the students have an opportunity to rent a locker for $5.

• They will have three opportunities each day to use their lockers (during homeroom, before or after lunch and before dismissal).
Middle school students are faced with lots of new opportunities and challenges.

- Lockers
- Changing classes
- More teachers & homework
- Rigorous Coursework
- Expected to be more focused, independent, and responsible

More Responsibility
• Each student is expected to have their agenda with them each day. It is your student handbook, assignment book (where you write your assignments), and hall pass.
• Read it carefully and thoroughly. Your agenda includes important information about Discipline & Student Conduct, Dress Code, Early Dismissal, Honor Rolls, and much more.
Sixth Grade Academic Classes

- Science
- Math
  - Fractions
  - Geometry
  - Multiplication
  - Equations
- Social Studies
- Language Arts

Reading Is Fun!
ACADEMICS

**Reading/ELA:** Literary Comprehension & Informational, Narrative, Argumentative, Informative

**Math:** Number Sense, Ratios and Proportional Relationships, Algebra, Geometry and Statistics

**Science:** Hydrology and Meteorology, Astronomy, Geology

**Social Studies:** History, Geography, Government, Economics (Europe, Latin America, Canada, Australia)
Connections & Athletics
SMS Sports Teams

- Cheerleading August – February
- Girl’s Softball August-September
- Volleyball - August - September
- Football September-October
- Boy’s and Girl’s Basketball November- February
- Baseball - March - April
- Boy’s and Girl’s Soccer March-April
- Boy’s and Girls Track March- May

In the Douglas County School System students are eligible to play sports during their 6th, 7th and 8th grade school years.
Stewart Middle School
Eagle Band

Director: Dr. John Robinson

- Students will be fitted for the instrument that best fits them.
- Parents will have an opportunity to purchase/rent an instrument.
- The band will participate in school performances throughout the school year.
- Enrollment in the band is a year-long commitment.
Extracurricular Activities
Stewart Middle School has a variety of clubs and organizations that students can join.

- Band
- DIVAS Club
- Beta Club
- Reading Bowl
- Pep Band

Extracurricular Activities
Helpful tips to prepare your student for Middle School…

- Visit the school’s website and follow them on Social Media: Instagram - @dcsstewartmiddle Facebook – J.W. Stewart Middle School
- Learn about school procedures and scheduling.
- Discuss new schedules, using lockers, moving between classes, and getting used to a larger building.
- Buy a combination lock over the summer and have students practice using it.
• Prepare your student for more challenging work and more responsibilities. Work in and out of school will require more research and critical thinking.

• Start helping students develop time-management skills and other organizational skills. Daily planners are helpful for tracking multiple class assignments, projects and after school activities.

• Develop organizational strategies. Set up a quiet study area with supplies. Set up a designated place for backpacks and extra gear.

• Keep a family calendar (online or wall version) to keep track of everyone’s schedule. Find one that works for your family rhythm.
• Middle School is a very big step and a very big change for both students and parents.
• During the middle school years, it’s very important that you be involved in your student’s life.
• More now than ever, your student needs your guidance, encouragement, love, and understanding.
• Discuss and monitor social media.

Parental Involvement
Parent Resource Center
Parent Resources

- We know that parent involvement makes all the difference in the success of our students. Stewart Middle is happy to provide a resource center just for parents.
- Our goal is to help parents understand what their children are learning so that they are better able to help their children at home with homework and projects.
- The Title I Parent Resource Center offers a lending library where parents may borrow books and materials. We offer books on various subjects: parenting, discipline, how to help your child with homework to name a few.
- In addition, we offer Academic Workshops and Parent Advisory Council meetings as ways for parents to get involved in their child’s education.

Our Parent Resource Center is open on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm. We look forward to your visit!
If you have questions or concerns please feel free to email any administrator:

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