

HAWTHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH

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Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation

April 20, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Welcome

- Mr. Rob Natale, Principal
- Mrs. Dana Tamez, Assistant Principal

Guiding Principles for Effective Middle Schools

- Build warm, stable relationships among teachers and students
- Attend to the social and cognitive dimensions of learning
- Teaming
- Deliver exploratory experiences related to the developmental needs of young adolescents
- Provide a rigorous core academic program to foster curiosity, problem-solving and critical-thinking

Master Schedule – “A Day in the Life of a Middle School South 6th Grader”

Middle South School Hours: 7:40 a.m. - 2:10 p.m. (*Full Day of School*)

7:40 a.m. - 11:10 p.m. (*Early Release School Day*)

- Students seated in homeroom at 7:40 a.m. (*Full Day and Early Release Day*)
- 10 minute homeroom
- 200 minutes of core academics
 - ★ 50 minutes each for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies
- 40 minutes for Writing Workshop
 - ★ *Please note, students from The School of Dual Language will take Advanced Spanish in place of Writing Workshop*
- 40 minutes for Physical Education
- 40 minutes for Arts/Technology
 - ★ 5 rotations (*each 7 weeks in length*) – Art, Consumer Technology, Health, Industrial Technology, and Music
- 20 minutes for lunch
- 40 minutes for Band/Orchestra/Chorus or Integrated Math & Science (*IMS*)
- Dismissal is 2:10 p.m. for a Full Day and 11:10 a.m. for an Early Release Day

Inspire all students to embrace learning in an ever-changing world.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

- Clubs
- Athletics
- Intramurals

Other

- Resource Center
- Assignment Notebook
- Communication
- Activity Bus

Dates to Remember

- **May 9** Summer Reading information will be distributed in midterms
- **Early June** 6th grade course confirmation letter (*please review and call the Middle School South office if you notice any errors*)
- **August 3** District-Wide Residency Event: All District 73 families must prove residency each school year. This event will enable parents/guardians to prove residency, pick up student schedules, pay fees and more. Student information will not be mailed home prior to the start of school.
August 4
August 8
- **August 23** 6th Grade Orientation (*6th grade students only*)
- **August 23** “Walk Your Schedule” (*6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families*)
- **August 24** First day of school (*7:40 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.*)

Building Tour

- Last Name A-M with Mrs. Tamez
- Last Name N-Z with Mr. Natale

Questions & Answers

- Common Area