

STEWART MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Rising 6th Grade
Orientation**

Administration

Principal

Dr. Kevin Jefferson

Assistant Principals

Mr. Marcus Harley

Dr. Hope Wilkins



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.**
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- 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.

School Wide Expectations

4 Academic Classes

- ELA
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

2 Connection Classes

- Art
- Band
- Careers
- Health
- PE
- Reading
- Spanish

Students will take seven classes each day and they will receive a new connections schedule every 9 weeks.



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80-89- B

71-79- C

70- D

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below- F



Douglas County Schools Grading Policy



- **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.**



**Infinite Campus Parent
Portal**

- **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).**



Locker Privileges

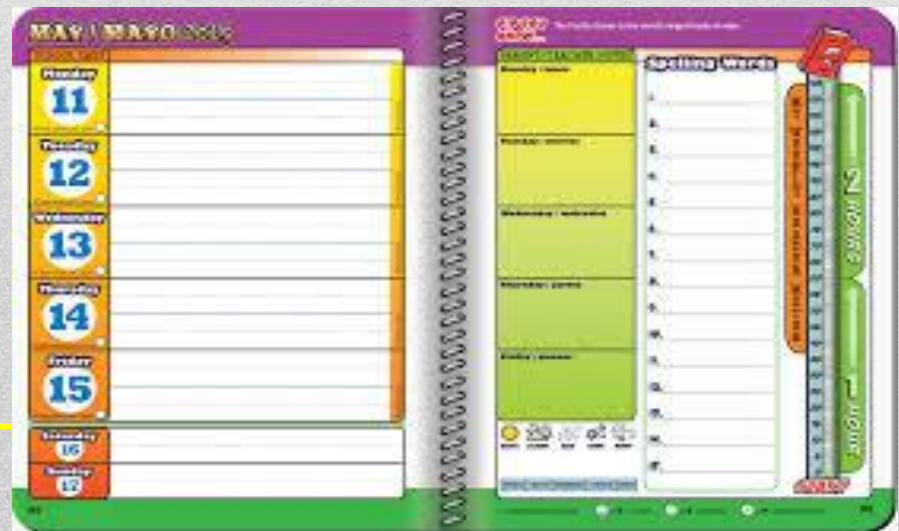
Middle school students are faced with lots of new opportunities and challenges.

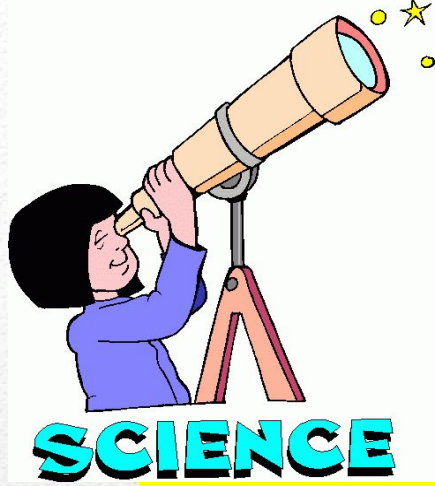
- Lockers
- Changing classes
- More teachers & homework
- Rigorous Coursework
- Expected to be more focused, independent, and responsible

More Responsibility

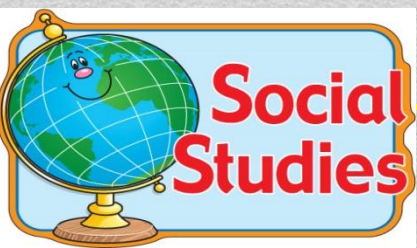
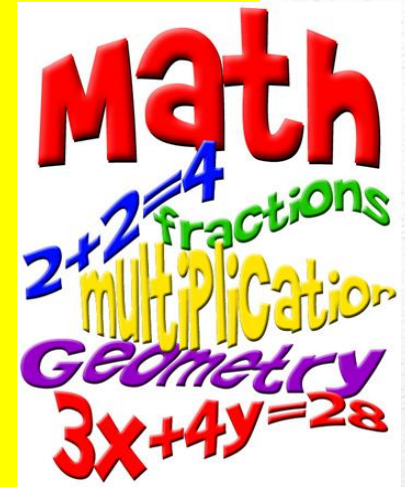
- Each student is expected to have their agenda with them each day. It is your student handbook, assignment book (where you write your assignments), and hall pass.
- Read it carefully and thoroughly. Your agenda includes important information about Discipline & Student Conduct, Dress Code, Early Dismissal,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

AGENDA





Sixth Grade Academic Classes



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.
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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 - @dcstewartmiddle 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.
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- 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.
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- 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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Contact us...
