



Lenape Middle School

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6th GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Curriculum

Q: When does the middle school offer foreign language classes?

A: 8th grade year students will have the option to take French or Spanish.

Q: Do students take the Keystone in 7th Grade?

A: Algebra 1 students do take Keystone; other students will take the Keystone upon completion of Algebra curriculum.

Q: Is it possible to take 2 music classes during the year?

A: It is possible. A student would only have 1 course on the schedule, but Mrs. Jamie Rogers, Ms. Susan Steen and Mrs. Jessica Tosti will work together to provide this to students the opportunity to go to the other music class depending on where they are in the curriculum or upcoming concerts.

Q: How are students graded in middle school?

A: [Lenape and CBSD Grading Practices](#) Here is a 1-page overview of our grading philosophy and guidelines. Students will receive more information on individual teachers during the first week of school.

Q: Will graded Science & Math tests be returned home for parents to review?

A: Assessments are reviewed with students and most are sent home for review. For district and other summative assessments (possible cores) – these are case by case basis by department and if a parent reaches out to the teacher, arrangements will be made for review at the request of a parent.

Q: How does transition work for the PEN program from elementary to middle?

A: Each student with a GIEP has a case manager assigned who reviews the GIEP from the elementary school and will get to know your student throughout their time at Lenape.

Q: What is the difference between ELA-A and ELA-B?

A: These are both English Language Arts classes that are integrated between teachers. One section tends to focus a bit more on Writing, and the other a bit more on Reading.

Q: How do honors classes/ PEN factor into the teams? Do students in honors (or advanced) classes still have class with the teachers on their team, or do they have different teachers?

A: Typically Lenape will have Advanced ELA on each of the teams. The PEN courses are dependent on enrollment and may factor into team placement.

Q: If a subject is assigned advanced courses will it be within their own team class or they have to go to separate class?

A: This depends on different variables (number of sections of a course, etc.) but we do try to keep students on team. There are times when a student will have a course “off team” and this is not uncommon, especially in math.

Extracurricular

Q: Are clubs offered now and will they be next year?

A: [Clubs and Activities](#) Lenape’s clubs and activities change every year – some are offered in person and virtual. And each year often students start their own clubs!

Q: When and how does registration occur for fall sports?

A: [Lenape Athletics Home](#)– Please save this in your browser. All dates & paperwork are located here and we will send out emails. Registration completed using the Family ID link.

Q: Is there an after-school activity bus?

A: We currently do not have a bus that runs for after school activities.

Q: In a school year, when do students select club and athletic activities?

A: This depends on the sport or the club as they can occur at different times throughout the year. For clubs, we typically have a student activities fair in in late September/early October where students are introduced to the different activities. Students can sign up for clubs throughout the year and will join the athletics programs based on the season and tryout process.

Student Services

Q: How are 504 documents carried over and implemented from 6th grade to the start of 7th grade?

A: All records and documents come from the elementary school and from middle school to high school. Our counselors and nurses hold transition meetings with counselors at each school. Our team at Lenape then informs the teachers of this information through a variety of means. Teams review 504’s during team meetings.

General School

Q: When will a bus schedule be made available?

A: This would be released in summer and available on the Parent Portal.

Q: Where is car pickup and drop off?

A: [Traffic Pattern for Car Riders and Buses](#)- The car line pick up and drop off is by the back of the school past the main entrance by the cafeteria.

Q: Are there two separate types of lockers or only 1?

A: There is a Hall Locker and then a PE Locker during the semester they have class. There are also a limited number of Sports Lockers available by team/season at Lenape.

Q: Are there any parent volunteer opportunities?

A: Yes! We have been limited in the past year with the restrictions of the Health & Safety Plan but we typically send out a form in the summer/before school asking for volunteers in a variety of ways (Magazine Drive, Relay for Life, School Musical, Field Trips, etc.). A good way to learn about these opportunities is to join our monthly Parent Council meetings.

Q: Is it easy to interact or correspond with teachers?

A: Yes. There are more teachers that your students will see on a daily basis – so communication could look different if you wanted to communicate with the “team” of teachers or individuals. Each teacher has a link on the Lenape website and a Canvas page as well...so there are several ways to interact!

Q: By what date do students have to register for their electives?

A: We call electives “specials” in 7th grade. These are assigned for 7th graders based on whether they’ve chosen a music program (this is reviewed in the presentation and on the 6th grade transition page).

Q: Do gym lockers have locks built in or do students provide the locks?

A: Students provide the locks for the gym lockers. We will send out a communication for this before school begins.