

# Qualters Middle School

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## Transition Information

- ✓ **QMS Parent Meeting for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** This meeting is held at QMS and focuses on the transition of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Administration highlights the schedule, classes, in-school opportunities, and the daily routine that students should expect. Meeting is scheduled for **May 1, 2019** from **6:30-8:30** in the **QMS Auditorium**. Please check website to confirm.
  - ✓ **Move-Up Day:** Classrooms visit QMS and listen to a presentation.
  - ✓ **QMS Counselor Visits:** This program takes place in late spring, and is for all students. The Grade 6 QMS guidance counselors visit classrooms and talk about life at QMS!
  - ✓ **Jump-Start to Sixth Grade:** A popular Mansfield Summer Institute program that provides a fun and exciting way for your child to preview life at QMS and the daily routine of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student. It benefits the student in many ways, from preparing to enter a new school, to helping reduce any anxiety. A brochure/notification will be sent home in the spring.
  - ✓ **Summer Reading:** There will be required summer reading. Your child will read two books; one book is chosen from a list provided by QMS and the other is a book of your child's choice. All information will be sent home at the end of the year with report cards and will also be on the QMS website.
  - ✓ **Summer Achievement Academy:** A four week summer program that focuses on strengthening a student's understanding of grade 5 Math and/or English Language Arts Common Core Skills. A form will be sent home in the spring outlining dates and other information.
  - ✓ **Summer Reading Lists** and **Grade 6 Supply List** are also posted on the Qualters Middle School webpage under the "**Students**" tab.
  - ✓ **Program of Studies:**
    - o Qualters Middle School website
    - o Student Tab
    - o Student Resources - program of studies
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## Opportunities for Support

- ✓ **After school help** - grade 6 teachers stay after school for an average of 30 minutes, which allows enough time to receive extra help with academics. A late bus runs Monday – Thursday to bring students home who have stayed after school late.
  
- ✓ **Successful Student** - The Successful Student course is designed to help students adjust to the changes of middle school and explore how their brains learn and grow. Over the course of the trimester, students will identify their learning styles, practice organization strategies, and review study strategies. Through project-based learning, students will apply concepts such as growth mindset, effective effort, and research strategies and skills. Students will also evaluate how successful people have overcome challenges and demonstrated a growth mindset.
  
- ✓ Teachers utilize **Google Classroom** and/or **X2** to post homework, long-term assignments, projects, and other information.
  
- ✓ How do you study for middle school tests? Follow the steps below to access the **“QMS Test-Taking Strategies Handbook”**:
  - mansfieldschools.com
  - go to the Qualters Middle School webpage
  - move mouse over “Departments”
  - select “Guidance”
  - toward bottom of page there is a link for the document

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## Sample Grade 6 Schedule

The Qualters Middle School uses a seven-day schedule with seven fifty-minute periods per day. Each day, students take five on-team core courses and two specials. Students are expected to be seated in their first period class at 7:25 am. There is no homeroom period. Each day, courses rotate with the last period of the day becoming the first period the next day. There are three lunches per day; each grade has its own lunch.

### A Day in the Life of a QMS 6th Grader!

#### *Sample Student Day*

Period	Time	Subject
1	7:25 - 8:15	Term1: Wellness A Term 2: Wellness B Term 3: Performing Arts
2	8:17 - 9:07	Math 6
3	9:09 - 9:59	Science 6
4	10:01 - 10:51	Term 1: Successful Student Term 2: Art Term 3: Digital Literacy
	10:53 - 11:13	Lunch
5	11:15 - 12:05	English Language Arts 6
6	12:07 - 12:57	Social Studies 6
7	12:59 - 1:49	Literacy

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## 6th Grade Schedule

- There are 7, 50 minute periods per day.
- 5 full-year core classes with 2 specials per trimester (total of 6 specials per year).
- Schedule rotates each day in a predictable pattern (7 day cycle).

## Academics: Classes 6th Graders Might Take

Core Courses (full year)	Specials (trimester)	Electives (full-year/pull out)	Other Courses**
English Language Arts	Wellness (PE/Health) A	Band	Academic Intervention
Math	Successful Student	Orchestra	Reading
Science	Wellness (PE/Health) B	Chorus	Study Skills
Social Studies	Art		Academic Learning Center (ALC)
Literacy *	Performing Arts		
	Digital Literacy		

Classes at QMS are homogeneously grouped with the exception of Math.

\* Students enrolled in Study Skills will not take Literacy.

\*\* Students are enrolled in these classes due to their IEP's or a demonstrated need for support with parent consent.

This letter serves to provide parents with general informational reminders regarding important opportunities.  
Please note that the programs, descriptions, and dates may be subject to change.

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