

## **Middle School Scheduling/Transition**

### **Scheduling**

5th Grade - Elementary teachers and administration inform Middle School Staff of appropriate courses for incoming 6th grade students. Students have the opportunity to take Chorus, Concert Band or Performance Combination (Chorus and Concert Band) as music electives.

6th Grade - There is a classroom presentation in May to discuss courses and elective options. Students fill out an online form indicating interest in Chorus, Concert Band or Performance Combination for 7th grade.

7th Grade - There is a classroom presentation in May to discuss courses and elective options. Elective options include Chorus, Concert Band, Performance Combination, and Spanish 1 for 8th grade. There are eligibility requirements for Spanish 1 since this is a high school course.

8th Grade - For students moving to the high school, we work with THS School Counselors and Principals to schedule students for 9th grade. This process starts in February. There is an evening presentation for parents at THS, School Counselors go into classrooms to review course offerings for 9th grade and distribute course catalogs and selection forms. School Counselors then meet individually with each 8th grader to discuss their course requests and future careers interests.

For students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), there will be a meeting to discuss student needs and appropriate courses.

### **Transition Events**

5th Graders transitioning to TMS - Students in 5th grade will visit the middle school in May to meet teachers, school counselors, principals and staff. They will tour the building, practice opening lockers, and will have a question and answer session. In August, incoming 6th graders are invited to the middle school for the 6th Grade Launch where they will receive their actual schedule, tour the building, practice opening their lockers, and attend a series of informational sessions about the middle school. We hope that these events help them feel more comfortable starting at the middle school in the fall.

8th Graders transitioning to THS - Students in 8th grade will visit the high school in May for a tour and question/answer time with Ignite Mentors currently attending THS.