# Pathfinder School

# Welcome to the 6th Grade!

# 2024-2025 Course Information

## Important Dates

- Wednesday, March 6, 6:00pm: Class of 2031 Informational Registration meeting for parents/guardians
- Thursday, March 7: Class of 2031 comes to visit Pathfinder
- Friday, April 5: Music Selection and Ranking Form due to 5th grade teacher
- August 19, 8:00am-1:00pm: Orientation Day for Class of 2031
  - All day event with our WEB leaders (Where Everyone Belongs)
  - Lunch included (let us know if there are any food allergies)
  - Family meeting at 1:00pm
  - Chromebook pick up

## **Required Courses**

Year Long Class	Language Arts
Year Long Class	Mathematics
Year Long Class	Science
Year Long Class	World Geography
Year Long Class	Choice of Music (see below)
Quarterly Rotation	PE, PE w/Health, Art 6 & Computer Applications

**Full Year Music:** Instrument Selection begins March 21. Form will be due Friday, April 5 to Navigator

Teacher

Year Long	Beginning Band: Percussion, Woodwind, Brass
Year Long	Choir
Year Long	Beginning Orchestra

## Rotation Courses: Each 6th grade student will take the following rotation courses:

### Art 6:

Students in C4 will develop art vocabulary and language skills while problem solving through the creative processes. Students are continuing to investigate various media, developing and improving skills in drawing, painting, mixed media, and sculpture. They are introduced to and draw inspiration from artists from different cultures, genres and mediums.

Students will also develop both verbal and non verbal communication skills while utilizing digital media and investigating career paths. Emphasis will be placed on group work, conversations, and collaboration to establish effective communication skills and the ability to think critically and creatively.

#### **Computer Applications:**

Students will become proficient in the use of Google Suite Tools including Gmail, Google Classroom, Sheets, Docs and Calendar. This course will develop students' keyboarding skills as well as basic tech troubleshooting. Digital Citizenship, online safety, and digital identity will be explored throughout the course and the PCS Acceptable Use Policy will be reinforced.

### **Physical Education:**

This course emphasizes the "FITNESS for YOUTH" philosophy of fitness awareness, health awareness and attaining a healthy lifestyle. The goals of the course are to encourage students to attain an acceptable level of fitness; create an awareness of the importance of nutrition; and to attain a healthy lifestyle for the student. Students will have PE for two quarterly rotations. One of the two rotations includes Reproductive Health instruction.

- Cardio-respiratory fitness
- Muscular strength and endurance
- Flexibility
- Body awareness

More information can be found on our Course Selection Guide

## Fact Sheet

- Pathfinder students have 6 classes per day that begin at 7:40 and end at 2:44.
- A semester (18 weeks long) consists of two quarters (9 weeks each).
- Google Classroom platform for instructional details
- MiStar communicates grades & progress: Student & Parent login
- Grading= Formative 20%+Summative 80%
- Attendance is taken in each class
- Lunch tablemates are chosen by students. 6 students are assigned to a table for one quarter.
- Students are assigned and will use lockers for backpacks, coats, etc.

