Ola Middle School Rising 6th Grade FAQs

Attendance
Please email your student's Teachers when they'll be absent. Also, send a handwritten note and/or excuse to Mrs. Connie Carmen, Attendance Secretary, in the front office upon their return to school.

Backpacks
Backpacks only need to contain essential items needed for daily use at school. Textbooks remain at home once distributed. Also, please remind your student to check their backpack each evening for necessary supplies for the next school day.

Chromebook
Chromebooks should be charged at home each night. Teachers may not have spare chargers.

Clubs/Activities
Please review the OMS Clubs/Activities information. Joining a club is a wonderful way to make friends, enjoy your hobbies, or learn new skills!

Communication
Your student's Teachers should be your first point of contact for help with questions, concerns and support regarding grades, classwork, classroom incidents, or concerns that come up. You may use the following link to view the email addresses for Sixth Grade Academic & Connections' Teachers.
Teacher Contact Information

Conflict/Disagreements
Having discussions with your student in advance about the best ways to handle peer conflicts can be helpful. Use role-playing to practice choosing the best response in different situations so that your student has a guide for what to do in similar situations.

Connections Schedule Changes
Fine Arts classes (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, and Theatre) are the only connections classes students can request to join. All non-Fine Arts connections classes are set unless a student has a severe or medical condition that requires a schedule change. If this is the case, the parent/guardian should conference with the Teacher first and then the Grade Level Administrator (if needed). After this time, the Counselor will receive guidance from the Administrator regarding the potential schedule change.
OMS Connections Course Description List

Getting Lost
It is difficult for students to 'get lost' when going from class to class. Most of the classes for sixth graders will take place on the sixth grade hallway. Each Teacher has their name and room number on the outside of their classroom door. Students should practice looking at their schedule to see their Teachers' names and room numbers for each class period listed. Some students may have classes that take place in the trailers, which are located outside along the bus lane (which is directly outside of the doors of the sixth grade hallway/cafeteria). Currently, our trailers each have a number on the outside (from 1-10). Students will know if one of their classes will take place in a trailer if the room number on their schedule is listed with a 'T' (e.g.

T2 or T3). When it is time for the students to go to their connections classes (currently the last two class periods of the day), the sixth grade Teacher will walk with their entire class and take them to the connections hallway.

Google Classroom
Google Classroom is utilized by all classes and they should be checked daily.

Grading
Please see below for the grading equivalents for student progress reports and report cards.

Grades:
90-100= A 80-89= B 74-79= C 70-73= D Below 70= F

Conduct:
S=Satisfactory N=Needs Improvement U=Unsatisfactory

Henry County Schools (HCS) Student Parent Handbook
Please use the following link to view the HCS Parent and Student Handbooks (available in multiple languages).
HCS Student Parent Handbooks

I.F. (Instructional Focus) Class
All students have an I.F. class that provides additional support in math/reading or acceleration in another content area. A student's I.F. class may change throughout the school year based on grades, MAP scores, or other assessment data.

Lockers
Currently, OMS students do not use the hallway lockers. If this changes, our Administrators will let us know.
Students are expected to carry their belongings with them throughout the school day. (e.g. school materials, jackets, etc…)

Newsletters
In order to share updates and important information with families, two types of newsletters are sent via Parent Portal Infinite Campus messenger. The Grade Level Newsletter is sent weekly with information specific to your student's grade level, and the Parent Newsletter is sent monthly with information regarding the school overall. Please be sure your email is up-to-date in Infinite Campus.
SAMPLE 6th Grade OMS Newsletter

Parent Portal/Infinite Campus
Parent Portal access is very important. It allows you to view your student's schedule as well as monitor your student's grades and attendance. Please call the main office for assistance with creating your Parent Portal account.

Rising 6th Grade Website
Please view important information on our Rising 6th Grade Website!

Self-Advocacy & Independence

Please encourage your student to speak up for themselves when they need help with a class or a problem. To do this in a discreet manner, students can write a note about their question/concern and give it to a Teacher so that we can provide support.

Sixth Grade Essentials (Parent & Student Information)

Please review the Sixth Grade Essentials Presentations below as a family for essential information.

Student Information Presentation

Parent Information Presentation

Sports Teams

In order to be eligible to participate with the sports teams, a student must:

- be in seventh or eighth grade, and
- have passed five classes during the previous semester (this could be as early as the second semester of sixth grade).

Student ID

Please ensure your student knows their Student ID Number; students will need to enter this number for breakfast and lunch.

Student Schedule Information

Please review the Student Schedule Information Presentation with your student. This will give you an idea of what a typical day looks like for a sixth grade student.

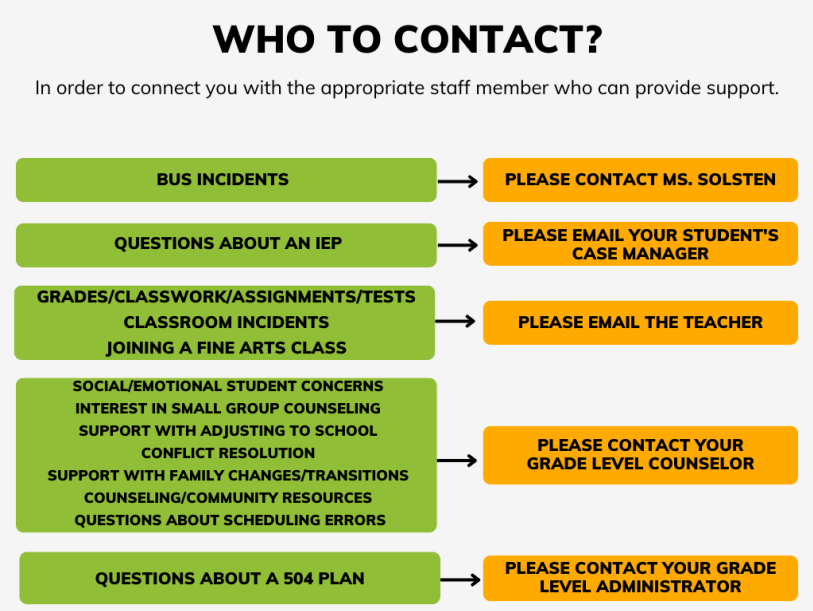
******This presentation reflects current school schedule information and can be adjusted as needed if there are changes to the school's schedule structure.***

Transportation

Please ensure your student knows how they will be dismissed from school each day (car rider, bus, walker).

Who to Contact

You may use the chart below to receive support with the following concerns.



Additional Question(s)

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any additional questions/concerns.

Ola Middle School Main Office: 770-288-2108