

Transition from 5th to 6th Grade

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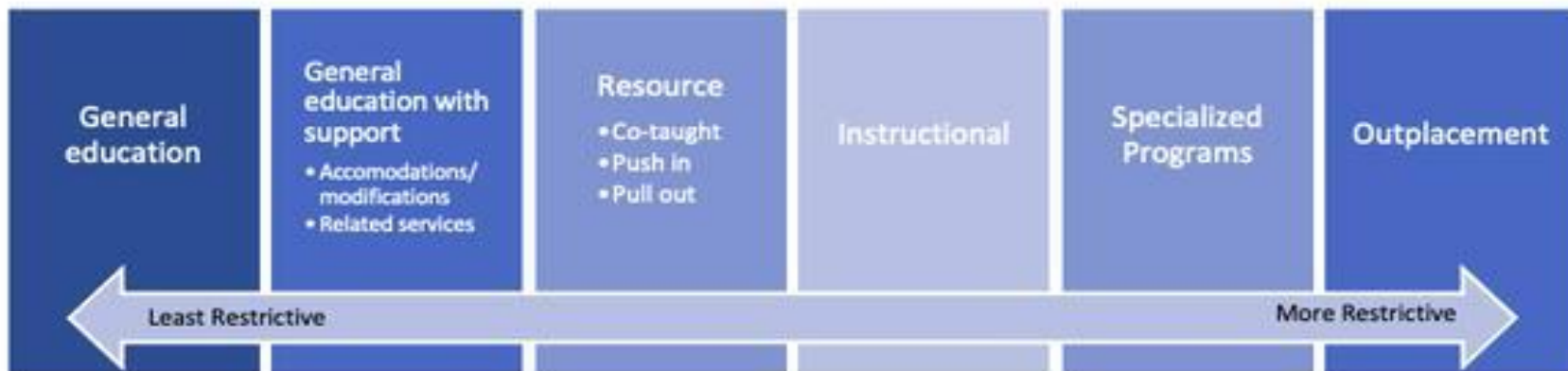


Algonquin

- Forest
- Orchard Place
- Plainfield
- South

Chippewa

- Central
- Cumberland
- North
- Terrace



Continuum of Services

Key Players in the Transition Process

- Current Special Education Teacher and General Education Teacher
- 6th Grade Representative
- EL Teacher
- Related Service Providers
 - Speech Language Pathologist
 - Occupational Therapist
 - Social Worker
 - Physical Therapist
 - School Nurse
 - Psychologist
- Student Services Coordinator

Transition Meeting

- At your child's IEP meeting, the IEP team will meet and discuss:
 - your child's current progress
 - how they are doing with their current IEP goals
 - future goals for the next school year
 - related services

Transition Meeting

- 6th grade transition meetings can be combined with a regularly scheduled IEP meeting
- Placement options in regards to the specific classes,
 - based on your child's specific needs (academically and functionally)

Services Offered in Middle School

- **General Education** (w/ Supplementary Aides)
- **Co-taught classes**
 - Partial or Full Co-taught classes in Math and ELA
- **WIN/Resource**
 - Can be in General Education or Special Education
- **Instructional classes**
 - Math, ELA, Reading Intervention, Science / Social Studies

Services Offered in Middle School

- **ELS program** (@ Chippewa Middle School)
- **STEP program** (@ Algonquin Middle School)
- **B.E.S.T program** (@ Chippewa Middle School)
- **Related Services** (OT/PT/Speech/Social Work)
- **Special Transportation** (if eligible)
- **Extended School Year** (if eligible)

IEPs in Middle School

- Annual reviews held every year
- Reevaluations held every three years
- **Students will likely attend their IEP meetings**
- Meetings will be held at odd times (i.e. 11:23)
- Gen ed teacher present

Supporting the Transition to Middle School

- Middle school principals visit elementary schools during the school day
- 5th graders visit middle school (Chippewa)
- Thunder/Charger camp (one day event in August- date TBD)
- Incoming 6th grade Parent night - evening event for families month of April-May (date TBD)
- Program specific activities

Example 6th Grade Schedule

Sample Master Schedule

Monday		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		8:00 - 8:40	8:43 - 9:20	9:23 - 10:00	10:03 - 10:40	10:43 - 11:20	11:23 - 12:00	12:03 - 12:40	12:43 - 1:20	1:23 - 2:00	2:03 - 2:45
		(40 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(42 minutes)
Tues - Fri	Advisory	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	8:00 - 8:20	8:23 - 9:00	9:03 - 9:40	9:43 - 10:20	10:23 - 11:00	11:03 - 11:40	11:43 - 12:20	12:23 - 1:00	1:03 - 1:40	1:43 - 2:20	2:23 - 3:00
	(20 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)	(37 minutes)
	Advisory	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Adv	Core		Core		Lunch	E/P	Core		E/P	Win

Students will have their own lockers with combination locks!

Encore? What's that?

- Encore classes in the middle school are the same as specials classes in elementary school
- Your child will have more options for Encore classes in 6th grade!
 - Art, Music, Drama, STEM, Spanish, FACS
- New in 2024-25 School Year.....**Hexster Rotations**
 - 6th grade students experience ALL the Encore classes!
 - Encore classes are every 6 weeks
 - instead of every 9 weeks in 7th/8th grade
- 7th/8th grade - You get to chose 4 Encore classes

Tips On How I Can Help with Middle School Transition

1. Encourage Open Communication
2. Visit the School Together
3. Help Them Stay Organized
4. Encourage Independence
5. Foster Time Management Skills
6. Support Social Adjustments
7. Stay Involved
8. Address Emotional and Academic Challenges
9. Celebrate Milestones
10. Be a Role Model

What activities can my child participate in?

Algonquin Middle School

- [Algonquin Sports](#)
- [Algonquin Clubs](#)
- [Algonquin Music](#)

Chippewa Middle School

- [Chippewa Sports](#)
- [Chippewa Clubs](#)
- Chippewa Music

My child has so many teachers!

Who do I go to with questions/concerns?

- Special Education Case Manager
- Principal weekly newsletter and communication



My child is struggling. What should I do?

- 1.) Reach out to your child's case manager/teacher
- 2.) If concerns persist, you may request an IEP meeting to review goals and services





Questions?