
Welcome to Giles Junior High



Principal Stephanie Palmer

Thank you for joining us

We hope to answer many of your
questions

and

help you prepare for success in junior
high.

Developmentally...

The most important thing for junior high students is ...



Belonging

Social Emotional Milestones

Middle-schoolers generally do these things:

- Bow to peer pressure to be like others; struggle to fit in
 - Be sensitive to other people's opinions and reactions; think the whole world is watching
 - Value friends' opinions over parents' opinions
 - Keep secrets (often being able to have secrets is more important than the secret they're keeping)
 - Struggle to be a good friend; they will exclude and gossip
 - Discover the opposite (or same) sex
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We teach...

Reading

Math

And

Friendship!

If you have any concerns...

Call, text, or email

Principal Palmer

No issue is too small!

Arrival to school...

7:55 am Gate opens on Cullom--Students enter back playground;

8:07 am bell rings for entry to school

5th/6th graders enter door to their wing

8:10 am school starts

The first class is considered “Homeroom”

The Schedule: Block 4

Math --79 minutes

English Language Arts (ELA)--79 minutes

Science 4x per week (79 minutes)

1x per week: Science (39 min)/Music or Art (39 min)

Also

3x per week: PE (39 minutes)/Spanish(39 minutes)

2x per week: Social Studies (39 min)/Spanish (39 min)

Sample Schedule: Monday

PE/Spanish

ELA

Lunch/Recess

Math

Science/Art

Lions' Den

Sample Schedule: Tuesday

SS/Spanish

ELA

Lunch/Recess

Math

Science

Lions' Den

Lunch/Recess

20 minutes of recess: front of school--5th graders only

20 minutes of lunch: 5th and 6th graders together

Supervised by classroom aids and teachers (paid)

Indoor recess option in cold months

What is Lions' Den?

40 minutes at the end of each day for:

Study hall/test and homework make up

Reading remediation/Math help

Enrichment elective courses (art or intramurals, for example)

Student Council/PRIDE Council

DARE (5th grade)

Band

LIONS' Den

Two choices every trimester

Gold Days: choice 1

Purple Days: choice 2

Middle school is different...

PA announcements

Passing periods

A different teacher for each subject

Voice and choice

Changing clothes for gym

Detentions: during lunch/recess, mornings, after school

Cell phones

OFF AND AWAY

DURING THE DAY!

Communications

Remind 101

Google Classroom

Planner

Weekly TRACKS

Email to teachers: both students and parents



Transition

4th Grade Fly Up Day: June 6th 9:45-11am

School supplies drop off August 23rd

Individual tours by appointment in August

Grading and Homework

Information about Standards-based Grading will be presented in August at numerous times and places

Homework:

Math and science completed at school

Likely ELA and Spanish each night; occasionally Social Studies

Band

Please read our sheet about band and
give us the survey if you are thinking about
band for next year.

How can Parents help?

ST&P

Field Trips, Dances

Band

Thank you for coming tonight!



Questions that apply to all?

Please stay after to ask individual questions
