

Maitland Middle School Quick Help Guide

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Welcome to Maitland Middle School. We look forward to working with you and your student during the 2021-2022 school year! This flyer is designed to provide general information about our school, ways to stay connected, as well as middle school academic components. It is important to regularly check the MMS website for updates!

People to Know

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First Day of School Procedures

On the 1st day of school, 6th grade students will report to the cafeteria where they will receive a new copy of their schedule. A new schedule does not mean classes have changed, but please be aware that changes may take place the first few weeks of school to ensure we meet class size requirements. Teachers will pick up 6th grade students and walk them to 1st period. The tardy policy will not be enforced during the first week of school to alleviate anxiety. We want to help students locate classes without the fear of being tardy.

How To Stay Connected!

PTA—assists with fundraising, teacher/student recognition, student support, 8th grade party, school dance, etc.

School Advisory Council—Meets the first Tuesday of each month. Review/discuss school improvement goals and needs.

Hawk Herald—weekly electronic newsletter. Text “Maitland” to 22828 to signup.

Canvas Observer—all students will have a Canvas page for each class. You can become an observer to stay current with classroom assignments. Directions will be sent out and posted online.



General Academic and Acceleration Information

All 6th grade students will take the following academic classes:

- English Language Arts (standard or advanced)
- Mathematics (standard, advanced, or 7th grade accelerated)
- Comprehensive Science 1 (standard or advanced) or Life Science
- World History advanced

While at Maitland Middle School, students have the option to take accelerated courses in an effort to earn high school credit. The following classes are high school courses and would reflect on a high school transcript/GPA:

Algebra 1 Honors (7th or 8th grade)	Geometry Honors (8th grade)
Earth Space Science Honors (7th grade)	Physical Science Honors (8th grade)
Digital Information Technology (8th grade)	Spanish 1 and 2 (7th and/or 8th grade)
Digital Video (8th grade)	

Elective Classes (subject to change)

Maitland offers a wide selection of elective classes to meet student interest and provide a well-rounded education. We encourage all rising 6th grade students to take a music class. The following electives are available for 6th grade students:

Orchestra

Band

Chorus or Musical Theater

Art

Project Lead the Way

Video Production

Beginning Spanish

Information & Communication Tech

All students will take a full year of Physical Education (PE) as required by Florida Statute.

A PE waiver is available from Mr. Singer and will be published on the MMS website once registration begins.

A student is eligible for a PE waiver if the student is participating in physical activities outside of the school day (excluding school programs), which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

Students who do not take PE will be scheduled into an additional elective class where space is available.



Who Do I Contact?

Grade Level Deans can assist with:

Student conflict

Lost/stolen items

Bus concerns

Guidance Counselors can assist with:

Student schedules

Academic questions/concerns

Student crisis

Provide outside counseling referrals



Front Office can assist with:

Attendance issues

Provide school related information

Update parent contact information

Classroom Teachers can assist with:

Course related information

Individualized classroom support

Questions/issues regarding grades

Missing work

Extracurricular Opportunities

Maitland offers a number of extracurricular activities to keep students involved. We encourage students to join one or more extra curricular activities. For a full list of meeting times and sponsors, please visit the MMS website:

- **Battle of the Books**
- **Youth in Government**
- **National Junior Honor Society**

- **YMCA Afterschool Zone**
- **Chess Club**
- **Science Fair Club**
- **Athletic Intramurals**
- **Brown Bag Book Club**
- **Gardening Club**
- **Civics Bowl**

Additionally, Maitland has four sports teams. Tryouts are held for each of the following, and an OCPS physical form must be completed prior to tryouts (found on MMS website or front office):

Soccer—1st quarter

Volleyball—2nd quarter

Basketball—3rd quarter

Track—4th quarter