

Information for You from Greenville County Schools

MIDDLE SCHOOL Basics

Graduation Plus: Creating Career and College Ready Students

Moving from an elementary school to a middle school is a time of transition. For many students, it's considered a major stepping-stone on the road to becoming an adult. To teachers and principals, it is an opportunity to have a fresh start with students and to introduce them to the expectations of their new school in a way that promotes positive behavior and involvement. Middle schools offer a variety of academic and athletic programs for students in sixth through eighth grades.



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Daily Schedule

Middle school hours are 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Most middle schools have six academic periods and a mid-day lunch break. District lunch menus are available at your child's school and posted on the GCS website.

Report Cards

Report Cards are sent home each quarter (every 45 days). Interim progress reports are sent home between report cards. Each student receives a numeric grade based on the state-wide grading scale.

Grading scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	50-59

Schools Hours (6th – 8th Grades):

8:30 AM – 3:15 PM

Curriculum

Middle school teachers help students delve more deeply into subjects introduced in elementary school, expose them to more information about the world, and prepare them for high school. Middle school curriculum includes both core and exploratory courses.

Core courses include language arts, social studies, science, and math. Students can explore other subjects and interests, such as drama, foreign language, Gateway to Technology, music, and art. Middle school students have the opportunity to take advanced courses and earn high school credit. Students who are identified as gifted and talented participate in GT English classes at each grade level. Athletic offerings may include baseball, basketball, softball, volleyball, and football.

Testing

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests are administered to students in grades 2, 5, and 8 each winter. The state's assessments of standards are given in the spring to all middle school students. Check with your child's school or visit the Greenville County Schools website for testing dates and information.

Tips for a Smooth Middle School Transition

1. Ensure your child has all immunizations or exemptions.
2. Attend open house events to meet your child's teacher and to acquaint yourself and your child with the school.
3. Meet with teachers early in the school year. Discuss your child's strengths and weaknesses.
4. Sit with your child and explore the school website.
5. Get a copy of your child's class schedule and mark the location of his/her locker, each classroom and bathroom on the school map. Make sure your child knows how to unlock the locker. (This is a big deal!)
6. Discuss the route between classes with your child—more than once, if necessary—and note "landmarks" that your student can use to navigate.
7. Get a copy of the student handbook. Review rules and requirements—especially the school's code of conduct.
8. Go to back-to-school night, parent-teacher conferences and other events where you can connect with your child's teachers.
9. Ask the school staff questions about anything that's unclear.
10. Stay connected to your child's school work. Teach your child to work more independently while offering confidence.

Washington Center

Washington Center is the district's school for students with severe intellectual disabilities, ages 3-21. Academic instruction is aligned with state standards, and the program is highly focused on community based training and experiences, as well as technology integration in the form of assistive technology and augmentative communication.

Washington Center

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West Greenville School

West Greenville is a separate school for students with disabilities in grades 6-12. West Greenville provides curriculum based on South Carolina general and alternate state achievement standards. The curriculum is embedded with intensive social and emotional supports to increase outcomes for students with dis-

abilities and to prepare them for post school opportunities.

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