

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Is Springfield Twp. Middle School big?
- A. *STMS has three floors. The 6th grade homerooms and most of the classrooms are all on the first floor. You will travel to other parts of the building for lunch, Specials, and assemblies.*
- Q. What time does school start and end?
- A. *Homeroom begins at 7:45 a.m. You must be in your homeroom by that time. The school day ends at 2:45 p.m.*
- Q. How long do we have for lunch?
- A. *Every lunch period is a half hour. You will eat lunch with sixth graders only. There is a short recess after lunch each day.*
- Q. Can I carry a backpack from class to class during the school day?
- A. *No, backpacks present a safety hazard when they are stored on classroom floors. You must keep your backpack in your locker and only carry the books you need at specific times. Your teachers will tell you times when you can go to your locker to get your books and materials.*

Easy Ways to Make Friends

- Be yourself
- Smile often
- Act friendly
- Don't gossip or post hurtful things online
- Think for yourself
- Just say Hi!
- Stay out of friendship "drama"
- Practice good personal hygiene
- Join a club or activity

More Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. May I use a cell phone at school?
- A. *Your cell phone may be used during the school day with teacher permission only. At all other times, your cell phone must be set to "silence" or "off" and secured in your locker. You may use it freely before and after the official school day.*
- Q. Can I participate in any clubs at the middle school?
- A. *Yes, there are many clubs offered either during Spartan Block or after school. Examples include: Art Club, Service Club, Chess Club, Drama Club, School Newspaper, and Reading Olympics.*

Questions or comments?
Contact the STMS
School Counselor,
Mrs. Judy Smith at
judy_smith@sdst.org or
check out the STMS
Guidance homepage at
www.sdst.org

Making the Transition to Middle School



A Student's Guide



"You won't be able to open your locker!"
"You're going to get lost everyday!"
"The teachers are so mean!"

These may be things that you've been told about middle school. The truth is, the teachers are not mean (they really want you to succeed and be happy!) After some practice, you will be able to open your locker with ease..... And, even if you do get lost, there will be lots of people to help you find your way.

Sixth grade will be a fun, exciting year for you. You will have more freedom (no more lining up in the hallway to go places!) Of course, with this freedom comes more responsibility. You will be responsible for getting to your classes on time and coming prepared.

You will be expected to treat all the people here, students and adults alike, with respect. If you can follow this rule, you will have an awesome middle school experience!

Congratulations!

You're heading to Middle School!

A 6th Grader's First Day at Springfield Township Middle School

The first day of school for 6th graders is an exciting one. You will need to bring the schedule and map that were mailed to you over the summer as well as the supplies listed on the supply list that came with your schedule.

When you arrive at school, go directly to your homeroom. Your schedule will tell you who your homeroom teacher is. There will be many adults near the entrances to show you where to go if you don't already know or get confused.

In homeroom, you will learn about the school rules, your schedule, and other important things. For most students, all of your academic classes will be on the first floor. Your teachers will show you other important places like the cafeteria, library, and gym.

The subjects you will study in 6th grade include: Math, Social Studies, Language Arts and Science

·Quarterly Specials - Ten weeks each of Music, Art, Health, and Technology

·Alternating Specials: Physical Education, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and Intramurals.

Spartan Block

In addition to your regular school day, you will have "Spartan Block" every day. Spartan Block is a morning activity period. Many activities are offered during this period including: Chorus, Band, academic tutorials, Student Council, various clubs, and many other fun options. Your teachers will tell you when and how to sign up for these activities.

Transportation

You may walk, ride your bike, or get driven to middle school. You might be eligible to take a bus as well. Bus schedules are posted on the district website. If you have any questions about bussing, please ask your parent or guardian to call the Transportation Department at 215-233-6095.

