



# Springfield Township Middle School's 6th Grade Program - Parent Overview

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Moving from elementary school to middle school can be an anxious time. However, with support and encouragement, students (and their parents!) adjust to middle school just fine.

## ACADEMIC MATTERS

- ◆ All 6th grade homerooms are located on the first floor. Most 6th grade academic classes are located on the first floor too. Every 6th grader will have Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. 6th graders have all of their classes, and lunch, with 6th graders only.
- ◆ 6th graders travel to other parts of the building for "Specials". The sixth grade specials are:
  - "Quarterly" Specials - Ten weeks each of Music, Art, Health, and Technology.
  - "Alternating" Specials - Students are exposed to other specials during a six day rotation. These offerings include physical education each year as well as two other courses (determined yearly).

## SUPPORT SERVICES at STMS

- ◆ Teacher/parent communication is strongly encouraged at STMS. Please contact your child's teacher(s) if you have any concerns. Parents may contact teachers by email, phone or during parent/teacher conferences.
  - ◆ Student grades can be monitored on-line. Access information will be distributed at Back to School night in September. Homework is also posted on-line daily.
  - ◆ Academic support services are available to students who meet criteria or consistently struggle academically. Students are identified for support through scheduled teacher/administrative reviews of student progress.
  - ◆ Special Education services are provided to all students who meet criteria for learning support or gifted support. Personalized Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) are written yearly for all eligible students.
  - ◆ English Language Learner (ELL) services are available to all students with this need.
  - ◆ Guidance support is available to all students. Our Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Judy Smith, is at the middle school every day.
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