

WILLIAM BYRD MIDDLE

Home of the Terriers



OUR SCHOOL DAY ...



Students arrive at WBMS: 7:45 - 8:10 AM

School Day: 8:20AM-3:25PM

School day is divided into 4 blocks that last 95 minutes

6th grade lunch: 11:40AM-12:10PM

Student Schedules ... (an example)

(Block Scheduling)

“A” Day

- ❖ Math
- ❖ English
- ❖ Science 6
- ❖ PE

“B” Day

- ❖ Math
- ❖ English
- ❖ US History I
- ❖ Elective



Advanced or General Classes?

In Advanced classes students should expect:

- ❑ Analytical/Critical Thinking
- ❑ Problem solving
- ❑ Reading
- ❑ Writing
- ❑ Group work
- ❑ Faster pace
- ❑ **Some** additional work outside the classroom



6th Grade Math options

- General Math: moves at a regular pace
- Pre-Algebra 6: moves at a faster pace and is considered “advanced” Math
- Accelerated Math program (AMP): students are accepted into this program based upon certain criteria (OLSAT test, SOL scores, grades and teacher recommendation) in 5th grade

Electives

- ❑ Band (full year)
- ❑ Choir (full year)
- ❑ Interest Block (a 7, 9 or 12 week rotation) that could consist of:
 - + Technology Education
 - + Art
 - + Business/Computers
 - + Family & Consumer Sciences
 - + Intro to Music



Health & PE ...

- ❑ Students have Health/PE class every other day.
- ❑ PE is fun and activities are focused on keeping students healthy.
- ❑ Students dress out for PE class. A t-shirt & knit shorts with tennis shoes is acceptable for gym.
- ❑ Students are assigned a gym locker and a lock. Students should LOCK belongings in their locker.



What to expect at your Registration appointment

- Hear your students' recommendations from their 5th grade teacher(s)
- Choose general or advanced classes for your student
- Pick an elective from the 3 options (Band, Choir or Interest Block)
- Get other middle school questions answered 😊

What happens after Registration ?

- Encourage your student to do their best the rest of the school year and pass all their SOL tests
- Students will come in April to tour WBMS
- Your student's schedule will be available in the summer
- 6th grade orientation will take place a few days before school starts in August