



Middle School: 'The Tunnel'

- Think of middle school as a three-year maturation process.
- Give your child choice and responsibility. Examples of when this can be used: disagreement with friends, disagreement with teacher, not earning the grade they wanted.
- When your child presents a problem to you, try to remain as calm as you can (easier said than done). Ask them what they think they should do about it. Offer your viewpoint in the least judgmental way possible. Do not be offended or upset if they don't try what you suggested and try it their way, and then are not successful. This is how they learn!
- You can try to fix everything for them, but they will not learn how to fix things themselves. Resist the urge (it will be strong) to step in and solve their problems for them.
- Technology often hinders our students' interpersonal skills (and I guess ours too sometimes, right?). It is more important now to encourage your child to try to talk to whomever they are having a problem with. That includes their teachers. You can help them figure out what to say (but don't tell them what to say).
- You will be amazed at who they become by the time they leave here! If parents were to keep a journal about their 6th grader and then read it when the child left 8th grade, they would be in awe of how much they have grown. They would also have some serious laughs.

Prepare the Child For the Road, Not the Road For the Child - Kari Kampakis

<http://www.karikampakis.com/2015/07/prepare-the-child-for-the-road-not-the-road-for-the-child/>



Overview of Wilson

- History of Excellence
- The Middle School Years
- Social, Social, Social...
- Being Smart is the Cool Thing
- The Staff, Parents and Community
- Dress Code
- Backpacks and Lockers



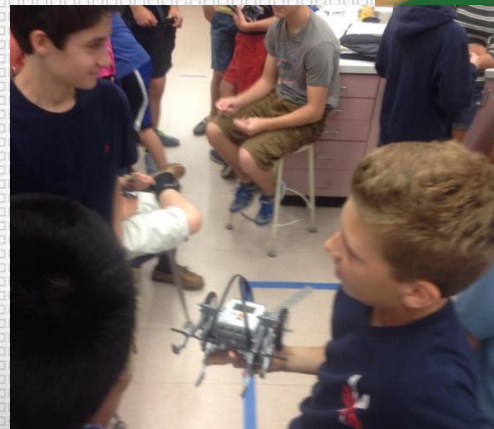
Curriculum

- Traditional Middle School
- Language Arts – McGraw-Hill Study Sync (online)
- Math – Accelerated Model, HS Classes
- Science – Text along with lab experience, HS level course in 8th Grade
- Social Studies – World History, Civics, US History
- Reading – Required in 6th Grade
- PE – All 3 years
- Electives – AVID, Art, Business Technology, Band, Orchestra, Agriculture, Creative Writing



Use of Technology

- One to One Devices
- Laptop carts
- No need for cell phones





Classes and Schedules

- School Day:
 - Gates open at 9:15am
 - Homeroom tardy bell is 9:35am
 - Dismissal is 4:30pm (3:30pm on Mondays)
- Different Levels Courses; Class Placement Decisions
- Class Size
- Early Sign Outs



Typical 6th Grade Schedule

- HR (morning show & announcements)
- 1st Reading
- 2nd Math
- 11:30am Lunch
- 3rd World History
- 4th Science
- 5th Elective(wheel)
- 6th PE
- 7th Language Arts



Clubs

NJHS – National Junior Honor Society

- Inducted at the end of 7th grade
- Projects : Fall Festival, Great American Teach In, service projects, Bulldog Bootcamp
- Elected officers

Why Define Us

- 8th grade girls
- High school girl mentor program

Student Council

- Grades 6-8
- Elected officers
- Projects: Community service, dances, coin wars

Poetry Club

- Grades 6-8

First Priority

- Grades 6-8
- Student-led faith based group

Green Team

- Grades 6-8
- Recycling





Sports

Basketball

- Grades 6-8
- Boys and Girls

Volleyball

- Grades 6-8
- Boys and Girls

Track

- Grades 6-8
- Boys and Girls

Soccer

- Grades 6-8
- Boys and Girls

Flag Football

- Grades 6-8
- Boys and Girls



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<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/wilsonms>



Student Safety

- The Campus
- School Resource Officer
- Daily Safety Protocols
- Monthly Safety Drills



Odds and Ends

- Band is located in the modular behind the gymnasium
- PTSA is in the cafeteria selling memberships, merchandise and birthday broadcasts
- Bus information, Host information and agendas are located in the media center
- You will receive a schedule and map in HR and you'll follow your schedule based on the bells