

WELCOME



An Introduction.....



Principal:

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Assistant Principals:

Adrienne Wheeler

Robert Molloy

School Adjustment Counselors:

Emily Pinto

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School Nurses:

Michelle Reppucci

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**Celebrate the young adolescent..a period of enormous intellectual and emotional growth!
Growth and development is more rapid during any other developmental stage except that of infancy!**



Richardson Middle School: Year 12!

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

955 Students

INCOMING GRADE 6

~313 Students

26 Avg. Class Size



Topics to Be Covered :

- Teams & Themes
- Schedules
- Safe & Healthy School Environment
- Teaching & Learning
- Helping Your Child Transition



Teams, Themes & Schedule



Grade 6 Team Structure

Two teacher teams configured into:

Math/Science & ELA/History

6

Total Teams

World Geography / Airport Themes

✈️ Brisbane

✈️ Brazil

✈️ Dublin

✈️ Johannesburg

✈️ Tokyo

✈️ Toronto

Schedules



6th graders are located on the first floor off the main lobby

Daily:

- Advisory begins our day
- 6 academic blocks
- 55 minutes per block

Academic Subjects

Math, Science, Social Studies & ELA

Specialists & Ensembles

Specialist Teachers: Art, Music, PE, STEAM, Health, Spanish, Consumer Science

Music Ensembles: Band, Orchestra & Chorus

Specialist Schedules

Quarterly Rotation

Specialist classes change quarterly to provide a well-rounded experience.

Daily Blocks

Students have **two blocks per day** dedicated to "specialist" classes.

Band & Orchestra Ensembles

Meets 5 days a week on a year-long schedule. This takes up one block, leaving the second block for other specialist rotations.



Registration for Band, Orchestra, or Chorus must be completed by the **end of the school year**.

Sample Student Schedule: Student in Band/Orchestra

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM
Lunch/Band	Lunch/Band	Lunch/Band	Lunch/Band	Lunch/Band
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science

Sample Schedule: Student Not in Music Ensemble

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM	Art/Health/CS/STEAM
Lunch/Science	Lunch/Science	Lunch/Science	Lunch/Science	Lunch/Science
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
PE/Spanish/Music/ SOAR	PE/Spanish/Music/ SOAR	PE/Spanish/Music/ SOAR	PE/Spanish/ Music/SOAR	PE/Spanish/ Music/SOAR

Safe & Healthy School Environment

- **Arrival: Doors open at 7:05 AM**
- **Bus Drop Off: Grade 6 entry @ field side door & assemble in the gym**

Car Drop Off: Back driveway with drop off

- **7:10 am students released to lockers**
- **7:15 am students in classrooms**
- **Dismissal at 1:45 pm**





Attendance

- **Students arriving after 7:15 AM are considered tardy**
- **Please call in all student absences: 978-957-3330**
- **Attendance & tardiness are tracked monthly/quarterly**
- **Poor attendance impacts learning and progress**
- **Communicate with the school...let us help**

Departure

- **1:45 PM = end of the day.**
- **Grade 6 bus students and walkers leave through 6th grade hallway to front of building. Car pick up out side door/gym door to the back of the building.**



Cellphones



"Off and Away"

Phones must remain off and stored away during the entire school day.



Confiscation Policy

Phones out during the day will be held in the office until dismissal.

Repeat Offenses

After 3 incidents, a guardian must personally come to the office to retrieve the device.



Parental Contact

Do not message your child directly. Call the main office to relay urgent messages.



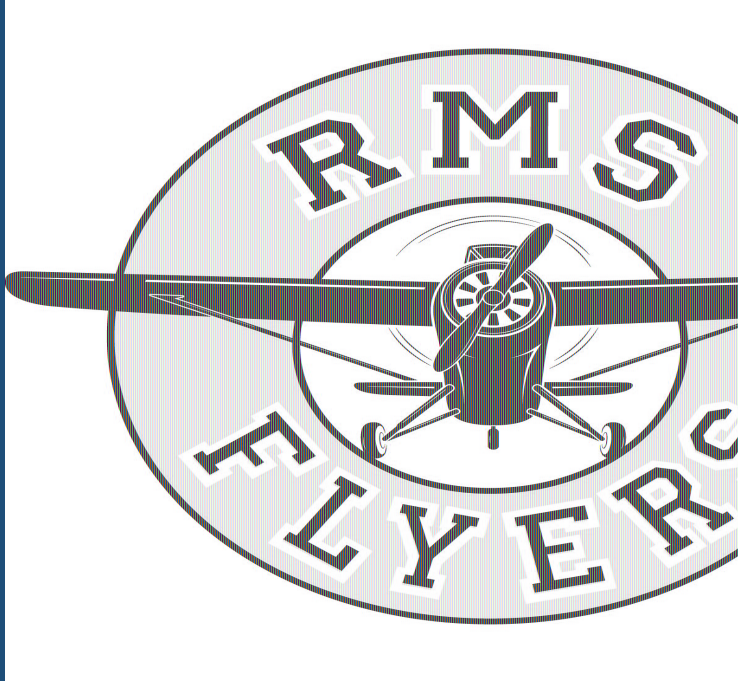
Teaching & Learning

- **Math Curriculum: Ready Math**
- **Science Curriculum: Open SciEd**
- **ELA Curriculum: Into Literature**
- **Social Studies: Investigating History**
- **iReady Platform**

Transitions

- Make sure you can log into Aspen account
- Conversations around family expectations for behavior and academics
- Social media expectations
- Get involved in school!
- How to stay organized





How Can Families Help?

Emotional Support

- Be upbeat about the future
- Recognize and validate fears
- Offer constant support
- Allow freedom to make mistakes

School Connection

- Activate Aspen accounts
- Weekly Aspen check-ins
- Stay in touch with us!
- Know adolescent development

Empowering Independence

- Give your child the opportunity to make decisions on their own.
- Pick your battles wisely.
- Provide the tools they need to succeed.

Get Involved!!

- After school programs: 6 week sessions run three times per year (Sports (Cross Country, Volleyball, Track & Field), Cooking, Robotics, Newspaper, Model UN, Ping Pong, Open Gym, Flight Crew, Movie Club, Drama Club, Best Buddies, Flight Crew, Knowledge Bowl)
- Attend PTO meetings/School Council meetings
- Keep in touch with teachers, counselors, administrators



Resources:

- School Phone: 978-957-3330
- Principal's email: mmcguinness@dracutps.org
- Dracut PS Website:

www.dracutps.org/justus-c-richardson-middle-school

- Instagram: rms_flyers
- Sunday Calls/Emails
- ParentSquare
- Make sure your contact information is up-to-date
- Aspen:
<https://www.dracutps.org/page/aspen-family-and-student-portal-brochure>