

Swanson Middle School





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2023-2024 Enrollment

935

Our Colors

Maroon & White

Our Nickname

The Admirals

We are Swanson Admirals

**We are Scholarship, striving to think
deeply and open our minds**

**We are Service, connecting to one
another, our community, and the world**

**We are Spirit, celebrating our successes,
ourselves, and our school**

We are Swanson Admirals

The School Day

- The first bell rings at 7:40 a.m.
- School starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m.
- 3 block periods on block schedule (A/B) for 83 minutes - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
- 5th period meets daily for 43 minutes
Anchor Day (C Day)-students see all teachers
- Grade levels have separate 35 minute lunches.

Responsive Advisory/Admirals Time

- Responsive Advisory (RA) - social emotional learning
 - 20 minutes, four days a week
- Admirals' Time - home room, remediation, help with assignments
 - 35 minutes daily in the middle of the day

Core Teams

- 6th Grade: Schooners, Navigators, Clippers
- 7th Grade: Orcas, Manatees, Narwhals
- 8th Grade: Cruisers, Galleons, Frigates

Intensified Classes



What are intensified courses, and what are they not?



Intensified Courses Are		Intensified Classes are Not	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intensified English, science, and social studies courses will offer a chance to go deeper into content/standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intensified English, science, and social studies courses are NOT accelerated courses that go beyond grade level content.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intensified English, science, and social studies courses will not require prerequisite classes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	There will be the flexibility to opt into the intensified English, science, and/or social studies courses each school year in middle school without prerequisite requirements.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teachers will use resources designed for rigor and CCT strategies regularly to add depth and complexity within the existing curriculum.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intensified courses will use the same existing curriculum map and have built in extensions to support going deeper into the standards
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intensified Courses will be <u>open to all learners.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intensified courses are <u>NOT exclusionary</u> and will be offered in settings that support all types of advanced learners.

6th Grade Core Classes

- Mathematics- 6th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra 6,7,8
- Social Studies- US History
- Science - Physical and Earth Sciences
- English Language Arts- Literature & Writing
- Reading- Now will be called Structured Literacy or Disciplinary Literacy
 - Reading/Introductory World Languages (French, Spanish or Latin) - semester of Reading, and a semester of a World Languages(not for high school credit)
 - Reading/Spanish for Fluent Speakers 6 – semester of Reading and semester of Spanish for Fluent speakers (not for high school credit)
- Health & PE

6th Grade Electives

Admiral's Wheel

- Fine Arts – Art and Drama
- Practical Arts - Technology Education, Family Consumer Science, and Computer Skills

Music (full year course)

- Beginning Orchestra
- Beginning Band
- Beginning Chorus

6th Grade Math Strategies (recommendation only)

Introduction to Latin, Spanish and French, and Spanish for Fluent Speakers for 6th Grade

What it is...

A class for students who are on grade level in reading

The class is offered for a semester paired with a semester of Reading

The goal is language exposure and enjoyment for students

What it is NOT...

It is not a prerequisite for a level one language class

It is not for high school credit

It is not a requirement for 6th grade students

6th Grade Transition Activities

- **Course Information Night for Rising 6th graders held on February 8th at 6:00 PM**
- **5th graders visit Swanson in April**
- **Counselor presentations & tours offered during summer**
- **Rising 6th grade orientation at the end of August**

How We Support & Engage Parents

- **Fall and Spring conferences**
- **Active PTA and music boosters organizations**
- **PTA newsletter**
- **ParentSquare Announcements**

7th Grade Core Classes

- Mathematics - Math 7, Math 8, Algebra I *Intensified* *
- Social Studies – U.S History, Civics, and Economics 1865 to the Present
- Science - Life Science
- English Language Arts - Reading & Writing
- Health & PE

* *High School Credit*

7th Grade Electives

Semester Courses

- Visual Art Drama
- Teen Living Digital Input
- Inventions and Innovations Core Plus
- Foundations of World Languages (French, Spanish or Latin)

Full Year Courses

- Reading Strategies
- Math 7 Strategies (additional support)
- Chorus Orchestra
- Symphonic Band Wind Ensemble
- Latin 1*, Latin 1 Intensified* French 1* , French 1 Intensified*
- Chinese 1*# Arabic 1*# (Not eligible for IB program)
- Spanish 1*, Spanish 1 Intensified* Spanish for Fluent Speakers 1*
- Computer Science*
- Reading Strategies
- Math Strategies
- Instructional Studies (as required by a student's IEP)

* *High School Credit*

Distance Learning

8th Grade Core Classes

- Mathematics - Math 8, *Algebra I**, *Algebra I Intensified**, *Geometry Intensified**
- Science - Physical Science- Chemistry & Physics
- Social Studies - *World Geography**
- English Language Arts - Reading & Writing
- Health & PE

* - *High School Credit*

8th Grade Electives

Semester Courses

- Visual Art Theater Arts
- Technology Education Computer Application
- Taking Charge Digital Input
- Life Management Core Plus
- Foundations of World Languages (French, Spanish or Latin)

Full Year Courses

- Wind Ensemble Symphonic Band Beginning Band
- Orchestra Chorus Theater Arts
- Visual Art Life Management Yearbook
- Technology Education *French 1 & 2** *Latin 1 & 2**
- *Spanish 1 & 2** *Spanish for Fluent Speakers 1 & 2**
- *Chinese 1 & 2*#* *Arabic 1 & 2 (Not eligible for IB)*#*
- *Computer Science**
- Reading Strategies
- Math Strategies
- Instructional Studies (as required by the student's IEP)

* *High School Credit*

Distance Learning

“Act 2” After School Classes

(Graded Classes)

- **Elective course offerings after school from 2:40-4:15.**
 - **Examples of courses:**
Theater, Core Plus, Art, Family & Consumer Science
- *Courses offered based on instructor availability.**

After School Activities

- Sports: Girls Soccer*, Boys Soccer*, Tennis*, Ultimate, Girls Basketball*, Boys Basketball*, Wrestling, Track, Swim, Dive, Cheerleading*

*Tryouts/Cuts Made

An up-to-date (within a calendar year) physical is required to participate in any sport.

After School Activities

Clubs: Art Design, Book Clubs, Chess Clubs, , DnD Club, Green Team, GSA, Trading Card Game Club, Manga Library, Lego Club, Art Club, Purple Frogs, Sisterhood, Homework Clubs, Intramurals, Latina Youth Leading at Swanson, Literary Magazine, Pep Band, MathCounts, Technology Student Alliance, and more!

Have a great idea for a new club? We'll help you get it started!

After School Activities

ASP1: - 2:40PM-3:40PM

ASP2: - 3:40PM-4:15PM

Most clubs meet during ASP1. Once the meeting has ended at 3:40, walkers should walk home, while bus riders can remain in a supervised open gym period until the late buses arrive at 4:15.

Check-In

- A fee-based after school program run by the Extended Day office
 - Runs from 2:35PM-6:00PM, Monday through Friday
- Students in Check-In can still participate in all clubs and sports at Swanson
- Check-In Supervisor: Tameka Martin
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