

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE: Middle School Classes



6th Grade Supply List*

(Lots & lots of) of filler/notebook paper (wide rule)
(Lots & lots of) #2 pencils
Blue and/or black pens
Highlighters
Colored pencils
3-4 Composition Notebooks
1 pk of Index cards (3x5)
1-pk of Index cards (5x8)
Elmer's' Glue (liquid) or 1 large glue stick

Academic Classes

Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies

Connections Classes**

Band (year-long commitment)
Careers
Computer Sciences

Chorus (year-long commitment)
Drama/Theatre
General Music

Health
Marketing
Math Enrichment

Orchestra (year-long commitment)
Physical Education
Reading Enrichment

Science Enrichment (STEM)
Spanish
Visual Arts

6th Grade Supply List, cont.*

1-pk of Black Dry Erase Markers
2 Binders (1 or 1 ½")
Notebook Dividers
1-pair Student (blunt tip) scissors
2-bottles of hand sanitizer
1-2 boxes of tissues
1-2 rolls of paper towels
1 pack of Sticky Notes
1 pack of Copy Paper
Basic 4-function Calculator
USB/Flash drive

* Parents, teachers may request additional items. Thank you in advance for your flexibility.
Please be sure to visit www.richardsmiddle.org for up-to-date supply lists.

** Please note: Band, Chorus, and Orchestra are all year long commitments, which means students enrolled in these classes must take them for the entire school year. All other Connections classes are taken by semester, or ½ year. Please see the next page for a description of all Connections classes.



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE: Connections

In elementary school, these types of classes are referred to as “Specials”.

In middle school, Connections classes are on an “A/B” Schedule. This allows students to take two connections classes each semester, alternating class days. For example, a student can take Spanish on A days and Art on B days. Their Connections schedule may look like this:

- Monday (A Day) – Spanish
- Tuesday (B Day) – Visual Arts
- Wednesday (A Day) – Spanish
- Thursday (B Day) – Visual Arts
- Friday (A Day) - Spanish

Connections Courses & Descriptions

Academic Support Courses

Reading Enrichment- Allows students to reinforce Language Arts skills through additional assistance in specific areas of need such as reading and writing through comprehension.

Careers- Students are introduced to different aspects of a career, as well as given the opportunity to assess their own strengths and weaknesses.

Spanish- Engages students on the progressive development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Spanish.

Health & Physical Education Courses

Health- Students will learn about physical, mental, emotional and social health. It builds students' knowledge, skills, and positive attitudes about being healthy in these areas.

Physical Education- This course provides students with the opportunity to learn a variety of sports and sport related movements, as well as health and fitness concepts. Health topics relate to nutrition, fitness health and wellness.

Fine Arts

Visual Arts- Students focus on further developing art skills, vocabulary, and creativity, as well as learn about Art history.

Chorus- The Choral Music program is designed to enhance the musical, creative and expressive qualities of all students.

Orchestra- Students in the orchestra classes will work on techniques for their chosen string instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass) and develop the skills to perform in a small and large ensemble group.

Band- The purpose of band class is to introduce and to cultivate musical literacy and improve the technical musical skill of each student through rehearsals, utilizing a wide range of musical styles for performances.

Drama- Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of theater arts. They will use various creative drama techniques to build confidence and trust, stimulate imagination, movement, and role-play.

STEM

Science Enrichment STEM- The goal of STEM is to focus on a learning environment in which students are motivated to come up with original ideas, objects, and structures according to certain specifications using concepts and skills from math, science, engineering and technology.

Computer Sciences- Students are introduced to Computer Science as a way of thinking which is relevant and applicable to a wide range of contexts. They learn by doing in collaboration with their peers. Students also develop habits of problem-solving.

Marketing- This course will insure that students learn how marketing is imperative to our economy. Students will gain knowledge about basic marketing concepts, and they will develop skills that allow them to use the marketing information through project-based instruction.

Math Enrichment- Is a course that is taken as a support for students through expanding their understanding of content through real-world applications, project based learning, and student discussions. Students will explore everyday real world mathematical problems and find different mathematical methods to solving the problems.

Please note: The Connections classes offered change from year to year.

