

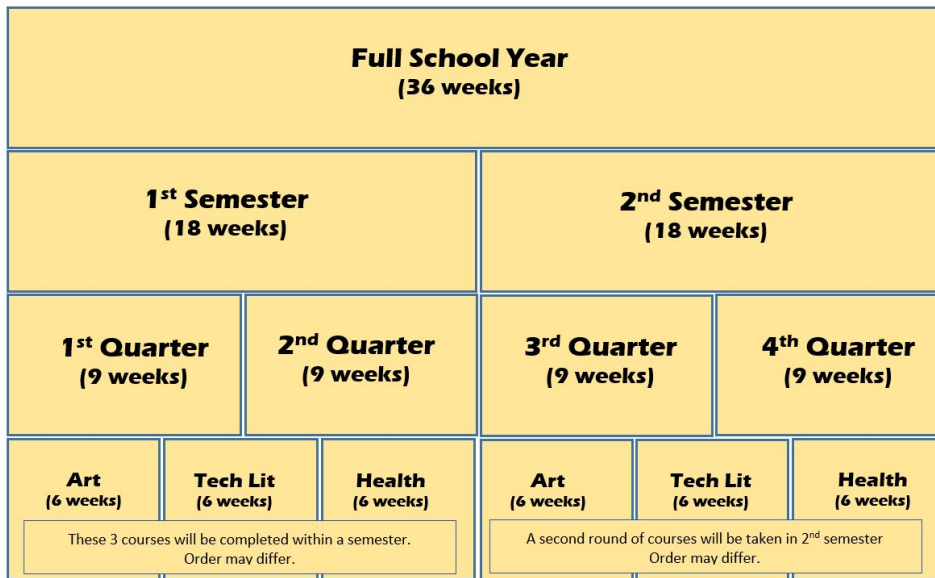
Frequently Asked Questions for 5th Graders & New Students

How does the student's schedule work?

- Teachers will go through schedule and help students at Raider Prep and the beginning of the school year. There will always be staff to help.

How is the school year laid out? What do 6 week blocks for 5th graders look like?

- The year is divided into 2 semesters (4 quarters). Progress reports can be viewed on campus portal at the end of each quarter.
- The 6 week blocks are for our Allied Arts: Art, Health, Technology Literacy.



Do teachers recommend any specific organizational system that works well for kids?

- Teachers recommend whatever organization works best for your child. This may change for a child throughout the year until they figure out what works. Specific items that are required are listed on the school supply list.
- Use of the assignment book is required and very important for student success. We suggest that parents check your child's planner every night. If your child isn't filling it out or bringing it home, you may wish to set up a way for your child to earn privileges by doing so.

Do students need to buy their own locks for their regular locker and gym locker?

- No, all locks (gym and main locker) are provided by the school.

Do students need a locker shelf?

- No, but many students do to help organization. These can be bought new or used at the school store. The school store is located in the Middle School Main office. You may purchase items any day between 7:00am-3:00pm.

What is the cell phone/smart watch policy?

- *All devices must be stored in lockers from second bell (7:50am) until the end of the day (2:35pm)*
- *Smart watches can be worn, but if a student is spending too much time gazing at, or scrolling through a smart watch, he or she will be asked to take it off.*

How do I get a hold of my child if there is an emergency?

- *Call the main office 651-480-7060*

Can students wear backpacks to classes?

- *No. Backpacks must be kept in a locker at all times unless injured and given permission from the school nurse.*

When can students walk around to practice? What are the dates and times the school is open?

- *Students can walk around open areas of the building (closed are marked for construction) up until school starts (closed for Labor Day holiday and weekends). The building will be open from 7:30am- 6:00pm. After 3:30pm a parent needs to be present.*

Do students store their gym clothes in their locker?

- *Gym clothes and shoes can be stored in the Physical Education locker.*

Is there a list of activities/clubs/sports that fifth graders can participate in?

- *You will find information about what sports each grade can be involved in on the Hastings Middle School Website. Click on "Athletics" and then "Sports/Schedules"*
<http://ms.hastings.k12.mn.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=92533&pageId=586177>
- *For a list of other Activities, go to Hastings Middle School website and click on "Activities"*
<http://ms.hastings.k12.mn.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=92533&pageId=259245>

How does OASIS work? How do you pick kids up each day? How do you sign them out?

- *OASIS operates, without charge, throughout the school year from 2:45 until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.*
- *If a student chooses to attend, he or she is required to check in at the Media Center before 2:45 p.m. Students arriving after that time, must have a pass from a teacher/staff member before admittance is allowed.*
- *There is no parent/guardian sign out. Students are free to leave at any time once they have signed/checked out of OASIS on their own.*
- *Parents should prearrange a time to pick up your son/daughter from OASIS. If plans change, parents can contact OASIS at 651.480.7102 and the staff will send your child out to catch their ride.*
- *See Hastings Middle School Website for more information. Click on "Services" and then "OASIS"*

<http://ms.hastings.k12.mn.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=92533&pageId=259224>

Are students' lunch numbers the same as their elementary PIN numbers?

- *Yes, the student ID/Lunch Number will stay the same K-12th grade.*

Can students have a snack/drink between classes?

- *No. Drinking fountains are located throughout the building.*

What is Allied Arts?

- *5th Graders will rotate through Technology Literacy (Valek), Health (Hoffman) and Art (Berg) every six weeks.*

What is reading lab/reading intervention that is on the supply list? How do I know if my kid has that too?

- *Students are registered into reading lab/reading intervention based on scores. These courses will be listed on the student's schedule.*

What is WIN Time?

- *WIN stands for "What I Need"*
- *Students work on what they need, whether it's enrichment or a little re-teaching.*

Spiral notebook for each class on class list, what does that mean? One for art/tech lit/health too? What about interventions and music?

- *Spiral notebooks and pocket folder (colors match) are needed for each of the five classes (Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Health).*

How early can my child be dropped off at school for parent drop off?

- *Students will be allowed in the Middle School hallways at the first bell at 7:45am to head to class which begins at 7:55am. If a student arrives before this time, they need to report to the cafeteria until the 7:45am bell.*

How does lunch work?

- *Teachers will explain and teach students how lunch works. Students attend lunch with their grade level. 5th graders eat lunch at 11:18am-11:43am. Students only need their pin or their home lunch.*

Clarification between Schoology and Infinite campus

- *Schoology is a place where teachers will post calendars that include major projects and test dates. As our staff learn more about Schoology, teachers will be adding relevant classroom information.*
- *Infinite Campus (also known as Campus Portal) is a place where grades and student schedules can be found.*

Is there help crossing highway for walkers?

- *Our crossing guards are located on the corner of 11th & Pine and 12th and Pine. There are no crossing guards to help cross Hwy 55, there are traffic signals only at this location.*

Is there recess?

- *Recess is not listed at a specific time on the student's schedule. 5th grade teachers try to find time to take students to recess.*

How much will construction be impacting the kids lockers/classrooms/travel times between classes?

- *As we navigate this construction process, teachers will help students understand where they can and cannot go and best routes to get to classes. Travel times will stay the same (4 minutes between classes) and adjust as we go.*

What classes do students go outside the pods?

- *Students will leave the pod for Allied Arts (Tech Lit, Health and Art), Lunch, Gym, WIN (Interventions) and/or Music.*

Lockers? If can't figure it out, who do they ask/where do they go?

- *If students have trouble with their locker, they can ask any teacher for help or come to the main office.*