

WELCOME TO Middle School Parents & Caregivers



Sixth grade is a major transition for children and families. Students are in a new, bigger school with more teachers and classes to navigate, new friends, and new opportunities. At the same time, their personality and emotions may change as they mature.



Entering middle school is exciting and challenging for students and parents. **It is more important than ever to communicate with the school.** It doesn't matter what your educational background is or what language you speak. Your school wants to hear from you and work with you.

What do you need to know as a parent or guardian of a sixth-grade student?

Students may feel overwhelmed at first but can catch up. They must get used to...

- ✓ Learning the personalities and classroom expectations of multiple teachers.
- ✓ Getting to school earlier.
- ✓ Staying organized and studying for seven different classes.
- ✓ Knowing how to study and what study habits work best for them.
- ✓ Opening up and using a locker.

Students are expected to take more responsibility.

Encourage your child to talk with their teachers or counselor whenever they have questions about their classes, interests, and needs.

Parents and guardians should communicate with school staff when they have questions, have information that will help the teacher or school counselor, or if the student is not getting what they need.

Make sure your child comes to school every day. It is very hard to catch up if students miss too many classes. If your child struggles to attend school, contact the school counselor for support.

To keep up with school notices, homework, and grades, **sign up for ParentVue and check weekly.** Teachers update ParentVue regularly. You can also contact your child's teacher at any time to confirm. ParentVue can be set in your preferred language.

Don't know how to use ParentVue? Contact your school or scan the QR Code below.



Go to <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/siteassets/district/parents/parentvue-quick-guide-english.pdf>

School Staff Contacts



How do I contact the school?

- In any language, you can:
- Send a note with your child
 - Send a message through ParentVue
 - Email or call the office **240-740-6800**



What if my child's teacher is not helping, or I have questions that concern several classes?

Call, write, or email your child's school counselor.

- If your child is in **6th** grade, contact
- If your child is in **7th** grade, contact
- If your child is in **8th** grade, contact



What do I do if my child is having behavior, health, or emotional problems?

This information is very important for the school to know. Your child's school counselor can work with you. Please call, write, or email your child's counselor.



My child struggles with homework, and I don't know how to help.

1. Tell your child to speak with their teacher and request help. The teacher may provide additional support during class time, before or after school, or during lunch. If that doesn't help, YOU should call, email, or write a note to the teacher.
2. Our school offers



What do I do if I am not getting results from the teacher or counselor?

Please contact your child's grade-level administrator. They can all be reached at or email.

- If your child is in **6th** grade, contact
- If your child is in **7th** grade, contact
- If your child is in **8th** grade, contact



How do I know which bus my child will take? Who do I contact if my child's bus is late or doesn't come?

[Find the correct bus here:](https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/busroutes/) <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/busroutes/>
Contact if a bus is late or doesn't come.



What do working parents do with students after school? Are there after-school programs?



What is the school policy for cell phones?