

Goddard Middle School

General Information

We have three academic teams – one 7th and one 8th and one combination 7th/8th. These teachers have a common team time four days a week in addition to their personal plan. On Wednesday's these teachers meet by department. We have 13 team teachers: four math, three science, three English, and three social studies. We have three teachers that teach both 7th and 8th grade students. Since the 7th grade class is larger, they teach three sections of 7th grade and two sections of 8th grade.

Class sizes vary among contents but the core classes range from 24-31 students per class. Elective classes range in class size from 12-24, depending on hour and availability of teacher. This year the class sizes are smaller because the numbers are so high in the music classes that require two electives and because we now offer Teen Leadership for all 7th grade students.

We share one elective teachers (choir) with EMS. We also share the band and orchestra teachers with Challenger and GHS. We share the gifted facilitator and several special education staff such as social worker, speech pathologist and psychologist.

We have several new staff this year:

- Bridget Vaughn – 7th Math
- Carolyn Apt – Special Education
- Michelle Lewis – Special Education
- 6 New Special Education Paras

We added Teen Leadership this year as a required class for all 7th grade students. We did this with no additional staff, borrowing from reading, PE and technology.

All 7th grade students are required to take one semester of PE, reading, and Teen Leadership. All 8th grade students are required to take one semester of PE, reading, and Computer Apps. Students then have six (6) electives they can take during middle school.

We continue to utilize teaming, Capturing Kids Hearts, Kindness Counts and other programs/activities as part of the middle school concept. This year we are building on CKH but focusing on attendance.

GMS Academic Intervention Classes Available to Students:

- Reading Lab
- Math Lab
- Pride Time Study Hall