

Grosse Pointe Middle School College & Career Planning Guide Grades 6-8 2015-16

The mission of the Grosse Pointe Public School counseling departments is to support all students, regardless of individual differences, to acquire the educational, career, and social competencies to become effective students, responsible citizens, productive workers and lifelong contributors to society.

It is the philosophy of the Grosse Pointe Public School counseling departments (Gr.6-12) that all students have access to a state-certified school counselor to discuss academic, career, and personal challenges. Every counselor is committed to helping students become autonomous by providing positive and appropriate assistance to both student and parent(s) who maintain responsibility for monitoring student progress.

This Planning Guide is loosely organized by student school year. Students and their families are encouraged to read through the entire Guide to identify the planning activities that should be completed during the year and to get a sense for the comprehensive college and career planning process.



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Counselor Availability

- Middle School Counselors are available by email, telephone and by appointment.
- Appointments may be scheduled Monday through Friday during school hours.

Confidentiality/Communication

The State of Michigan recognizes the confidential student-counselor relationship, except when the student is a danger to self or others.

All course information is available online – please visit the Grosse Pointe website for Program of Studies information.

www.gpschools.org

Grade 6

ACADEMIC

Course Selection

Required Course Selections: Math 6, Social Studies 6, Science 6, Narrative ELA (English Language Arts), Informational ELA, 6th Grade Computer Skills

Honors Course Selections*: Honors Math 6, Honors Narrative ELA, Honors Informational ELA

Academic Support Course Selections: Reading Essentials (2 hour block)/Reading Foundations, Math Foundations 6, Academic Assistance**

Elective Course Selections: Spanish Introduction, French Introduction, Chinese Introduction, Choir, Drama, Orchestra, Band, Physical Education, Lifeskills, Technology, Art

Extracurricular Support: Homework Help/7th Hour/After School Study, Math Hour

Honors Criteria

*Honors Criteria cut-off scores may vary by Middle School and are subject to annual review.
Please refer to the individual middle school websites for specific information.*

Honors Math 6:

- NWEA minimum score
- 5th Grade Grosse Pointe Year-End Math Assessment
- Teacher Recommendation

Honors Narrative/Informational 6:

- NWEA minimum score
- Grosse Pointe Write Score
- Teacher Recommendation

*Students may qualify for accelerated math courses.

**May vary by Middle School

Grade 6 Standardized Testing

NWEA- Fall, Spring

M-Step- Reading, Math, and Social Studies- Spring

Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment-Spring

PERSONAL:

Extracurricular Activities*

Athletics: 6th Girls Basketball, 6th Grade Boys Basketball, Cheerleading, Swimming Club, Running Club

Clubs: Chess, Computer, Lifeskills, Get Fit, Drama, Science Olympiad, Geography Bee, UNITE, Ambassadors, Book Club, Yearbook, Zumba, Games, Student Council, Art, Drama, GEAR UP, STABLE School Store (Brownell), Social Studies Olympiad, Game Club, Robotics, Destination Imagination

Community Service: SERVE, STAND, UNITE

*Extracurricular Activities vary by Middle School

CAREER:

Mandatory 6th grade Computer Skills Class-Computer Competency Test includes Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and Outlook

6th Grade Career Lesson to introduce career exploration and the six Michigan career pathways.

Career Day for students grade 6-8th every three years. Students have the opportunity to select careers of interest in conference style format. Career speakers represent the six Michigan career pathways.

Grade 7

ACADEMIC:

Course Selection

Required Course Selections: Math 7, Social Studies 7, Science 7, English 7

Honors Course Selections*: Honors Math 7, Honors English 7, Honors Science 7, Honors Social Studies 7

Academic Support Course Selections: Math Foundations 7, Academic Assistance

Foreign Language Course Selections: Chinese, French, Spanish (Introduction, Enrichment, and Full Year)

Fine Arts Course Selections: Chorus, Creative Drama I/II, Strings, Cadet Band, Explorations in Art, Art 2D, Art 3D, Graphic Design

Computer Course Selections: MS Computer Skills, Advanced MS Computer Skills, Computer Programming, Digital Presentations

Technology Course Selections: Introduction to Woods & Metals, Wood Technology, Metal Technology, Explorations in Technology, Problems in Technology, Introduction to CAD

Lifeskills & Health Course Selections: Lifeskills, Foods & Nutrition, Life Management, and Health

Other: Journalism, Broadcast Journalism, Physical Education

Honors Criteria

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Honors Math 7*:

- NWEA minimum score
- Teacher Recommendation

Honors English 7:

- NWEA minimum score
- Grosse Pointe Writing Score
- Teacher Recommendation

Honors Social Studies 7:

- NWEA minimum score
- Teacher Recommendation

Honors Science 7:

- NWEA minimum score
- Teacher Recommendation

*Students may qualify for accelerated math courses.

Grade 7 Standardized Testing

NWEA-Reading and Math- Fall

M-Step- Reading, Writing and Math- Spring

ACT/EXPLORE- Spring

Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment-Spring

PERSONAL:

Extracurricular Activities*

Athletics: 7th Grade Girls Basketball, 7th Grade Boys Basketball, 7th Grade Wrestling, 7th Grade Girls Volleyball, 7th Grade Track, Swimming Club, Running Club

Clubs: Chess, Computer, Lifeskills, Get Fit, Drama, Science Olympiad, Geography Bee, UNITE, Ambassadors, Book Club, Yearbook, Zumba, Games, Student Council, Art, Drama, GEAR UP, STABLE School Store (Brownell), Social Studies Olympiad, Destination Imagination, Robotics

Community Service: National Junior Honors Society (NJHS), SERVE, STAND, UNITE

*Extracurricular activities vary by Middle School

CAREER:

Educational Development Plan (EDP)

The Educational Development Plan (EDP) is designed to help students identify career interests and goals, and to create a plan of action. Students begin the EDP process in 7th grade by exploring their interests, setting goals and learning how to connect to future goals. The student EDP is revisited annually through senior year. The Grosse Pointe School district uses Career Cruising, a web-based software program for career development and EDPs. Students can access their EDP at www.careercruising.com/login

Career Cruising Content for Grade 7

- Personal Information: General data
- Career Pathways: Identify 6 Michigan Career Pathways-Health Sciences, Arts & Communications, Human Services, Business Management and Marketing, Agriscience & Natural Resources, Engineering & Industrial Technology
- Career Matchmaker: 116 Question Interest inventory
- Learning Styles Inventory: Visual, Tactile, and/or Auditory
- Hobbies: Identify Hobbies

Career Day for students grade 6-8th every three years. Students have the opportunity to select careers of interest in conference style format. Career speakers represent the six Michigan career pathways.

Grade 8

ACADEMIC

Course Selection

Required Course Selections: Math 8, Social Studies 8, Science 8, English 8

Honors Course Selections*: Honors Math 8, Honors English 8, Honors Science 8, Honors Social Studies 8

Academic Support Course Selections: Math Foundations 8, Academic Assistance

Foreign Language Course Selections: Chinese, French, Spanish (Introduction, Enrichment, and Full Year)

Fine Arts Course Selections: Chorus, Creative Drama I/II, Strings, Cadet Band, Explorations in Art, Art 2D, Art 3D, Graphic Design

Computer Course Selections: MS Computer Skills, Advanced MS Computer Skills, Computer Programming, Digital Presentations

Technology Course Selections: Introduction to Woods & Metals, Wood Technology, Metal Technology, Explorations in Technology, Problems in Technology, Introduction to CAD

Lifeskills & Health Course Selections: Lifeskills, Foods & Nutrition, Life Management, and Health

Other: Journalism, Broadcast Journalism, Physical Education

High School Course Selections (Courses for HS credit): Honors Algebra, Honors Geometry, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, French 1, French 2, German 1, Italian 1, Chinese 1, Latin 1

Honors Criteria

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Honors Algebra 8*: (HS Algebra 1 Credit)

- NWEA minimum score
- Teacher Recommendation

Honors English 8:

- NWEA minimum score
- Grosse Pointe Write Score
- Teacher Recommendation

Honors Social Studies 8:

- NWEA minimum score
- Teacher Recommendation

Honors Science 8:

- NWEA minimum score
- Algebra Honors
- Teacher Recommendation

*Students may qualify for accelerated math courses (High School Credit)

Grade 8 Standardized Testing

NWEA-Reading and Math- Winter

M-Step- Reading, Science, Social Studies and Math – Spring

Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment-Spring

ACT/EXPLORE: Spring

PERSONAL:

Extracurricular Activities

Athletics: 8th Grade Girls Basketball, 8th Grade Boys Basketball, 8th Grade Wrestling, 8th Grade Girls Volleyball, 8th Grade Track, Swimming Club, Running Club

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- Career Matchmaker: 116 question interest survey
- Career Preparation: Short Term and Long Term Goals
- Awards/Community Service

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