

WELCOME



6th Grade Parent Orientation 2017

A message from the PTA...

➤ **Troy Marty**
2016-2017 President





Moving to Middle School

Building the Foundation for High School and Beyond



Our Goal

- To ensure that all middle school students attain the knowledge and skills to be prepared for their future.

Who is the principal?

A brief introduction...



Who is the principal?

➤ Mr. Robert A. Motley

➤ B.A. – University of Maryland – College Park

➤ M.Ed. – The George Washington University

➤ Currently seeking Ph.D at Notre Dame Maryland University

➤ Teaching Career

➤ French & Spanish Teacher – Prince George's County (3 yrs)

➤ Upper Level French Teacher (Honors and AP) – Atholton High School (4 yrs)

Who is the principal?

➤ Administrative Career

➤ Assistant Principal

➤ Howard High School (3 yrs)

➤ Centennial High School (2 yrs)

➤ Principal

➤ Patuxent Valley Middle School (9 yrs)

➤ Glenwood Middle School (2 yrs)

Meet the Staff

➤ Robert Motley, Principal

➤ Mrs. Debra O'Byrne, Assistant Principal

➤ Mrs. Kelli Brandt, Counselor

➤ Mrs. Liz O'Connor, Counselor

Meet the Staff

- Mrs. Janowich, 6th Grade Team Leader
- Mrs. Sceपुरa, 6th Grade Team Leader
- Mrs. Storr, GT Resource Teacher, Nominee for Washington Post / HoCo Teacher of Year
- Mr. David Apple, Band Director



Understanding middle school
students



Young Adolescents...

- Social Changes
 - Need to belong to a group
 - Exhibit immature behavior
 - Are in search of self
 - Like fads
 - Overreact to ridicule, embarrassment, and rejection

Young Adolescents...

- Emotional Changes
 - Experience mood swings
 - Need to release energy
 - Seek to become increasingly independent
 - Are concerned about peer acceptance
 - Are self-conscious
 - Believe that personal problems, feelings, and experiences are unique to them

Young Adolescents...

- Intellectual Changes
 - Transition from concrete thinking to abstract thinking
 - Are intensely curious
 - Prefer active over passive learning
 - Have a strong need of approval / may be easily discouraged
 - Are inquisitive and often challenge authority

Young Adolescents...

- Physical Changes
 - Experience rapid, irregular growth
 - Undergo bodily changes that may cause awkward, uncoordinated movements
 - Have varying maturity rates
 - Experience restlessness / fatigue
 - Develop sexual awareness

Realities of middle school...

- **Two feeder schools – Bushy Park and Lisbon Elementary Schools**
- Older students—some 8th graders may reach 14 in the spring
- Conflicts and bullying



What is our directive?



HCPSS Goals – Vision 2018

➤ *Fulfilling the Promise of Preparation*

➤ *Goal 1 – Students*

➤ *Goal 2 – Staff*

➤ *Goal 3 – Families and Community*

➤ *Goal 4 -- Organization*

What the research says...

- Middle school is a defining point for students in the college and career readiness process.

Source: The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are On Target For College and Career Readiness Before High School, ACT, 2008.

Middle School Program of Studies



"We are preparing students for their future, not our past."

-- Daniel Pink
Author of *Drive* and *A Whole New Mind*



Middle School Program of Studies

- Seven 50-minute classes each day
- Daily instruction in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science
- Innovation and Inquiry Reading Modules
- Additional seminar classes for students performing below grade level in mathematics

Middle School Program of Studies

- Option for World Language study beginning in 7th grade
 - French or Spanish
- Physical Education every other day for an entire year
- A variety of Related Arts classes
 - Music, Art, Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science (FACS), Health

6th Grade

➔ The Career Module for ALL 6th Grade students as one of your related arts courses. This satisfies the State requirement.

GRADE 6 INQUIRY AND INNOVATION COURSE HOMEPAGE

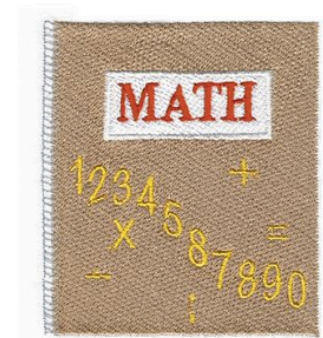
[Course Overview](#)



[Unit 1: Connections](#)



[Unit 2: Mathematical Reasoning](#)



[Unit 3: The Future of Water](#)



[Unit 4: It's a Small World](#)



[Related Arts Module : Expanding and Exploring Career Options](#)



Innovation & Inquiry Reading Modules— 6th Grade

- Opportunities for students to apply disciplinary literacy skills to real-life, problem-solving situations
- Connections
- Environmental Literacy: The Future of Water
- Mathematical Reasoning
- It's A Small World



MS Program of Studies at GMS



6th Grade Schedule for 2015-2016

Period	Time	GRADE 6
HR	7:40 – 7:48	Homeroom
1	7:50 – 8:40	Period 1 (Core Class)
2	8:42 – 9:32	Period 2 (Core Class)
3	9:34 – 10:24	Period 3 (Core Class)
Lunch	10:20 – 11:43	Lunch (10:26 – 10:56)
4	10: 59 – 11:49	Period 4 (Core Class)
5	11:51 – 12:41	Period 5 (Core Class)
6A / 6B	12:43 – 1:33	Related Arts Sem 1 Class / Sem 2 Class
7A / 7B	1:35 – 2:25	Related Arts Sem 1 Class / Sem 2 Class
DISMISSAL	2:25	

Everyday, ALL students have:

Homeroom

Lunch

Seven classes

7

Everyday, ALL students have...

English Language Arts

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

**Levels and
time of day
may vary**

Other options...

Band / Orchestra / Chorus



Other options...(no band / orchestra)

Reading Modules:

1. Connections
2. The Future of Water
3. It's A Small World
4. Mathematical Reasoning

Math Seminar

Explanation

Math Seminar

This course is for students who need support in meeting on-grade level expectations in math.

This course meets EVERY DAY.

This was determined by your child's elementary school 5th grade teachers

What's left? 2 classes—Related Arts

- Related Arts classes meet every other day
 - A day / B day for a semester (1/2 year)

Period	Class	Class	Period	Class	Class
6A	A-Day RA1 Sem 1	A-Day RA1 Sem 2	6B	B-Day RA2 Sem 1	B-Day RA2 Sem 2
7A	A-Day RA1 Sem 1	A-Day RA1 Sem 2	7B	B-Day RA2 Sem 1	B-Day RA2 Sem 2

Related Arts Options...

Technology Education

Music

Physical Education

Art

Family & Consumer Science

GT Research Class*

Health

Careers Module

* Open to selected GT students

Let's See a Schedule...

- Sixth grade student (all GT)
- Band
- Above grade level reading

Period		Class	
1		English Language Arts GT	
2		Science GT	
3		Common Core Math 7	
4		Geography GT	
5		Band	
6A1		Physical Education	
6A2		Physical Education	
7A1		Careers Module	
7A2		Tech Ed	
6B1		GT Research Class	
6B2		GT Research Class	
7B1		Health	
7B2		Art	

Let's See a Schedule...

- Sixth grade student
- On grade level reading

Period		Class
1		English Language Arts
2		Science
3		Common Core Math 7
4		Geography
5		Inquiry & Innovation Module
6A1		Physical Education
6A2		Physical Education
7A1		Music
7A2		Careers Module
6B1		Tech Ed
6B2		Art
7B1		Health
7B2		Family & Consumer Science

Let's See a Schedule...

- Sixth grade student
- On grade level reading
- Math Seminar Support

Period		Class
1		English Language Arts
2		Science
3		Common Core Math 6
4		Geography
5		Inquiry & Innovation Module
6A1		Physical Education
6A2		Physical Education
7A1		Careers Module
7A2		Health
6B1		Art (may vary)
6B2		Tech Ed (may vary)
7B1		Math Seminar
7B2		Math Seminar

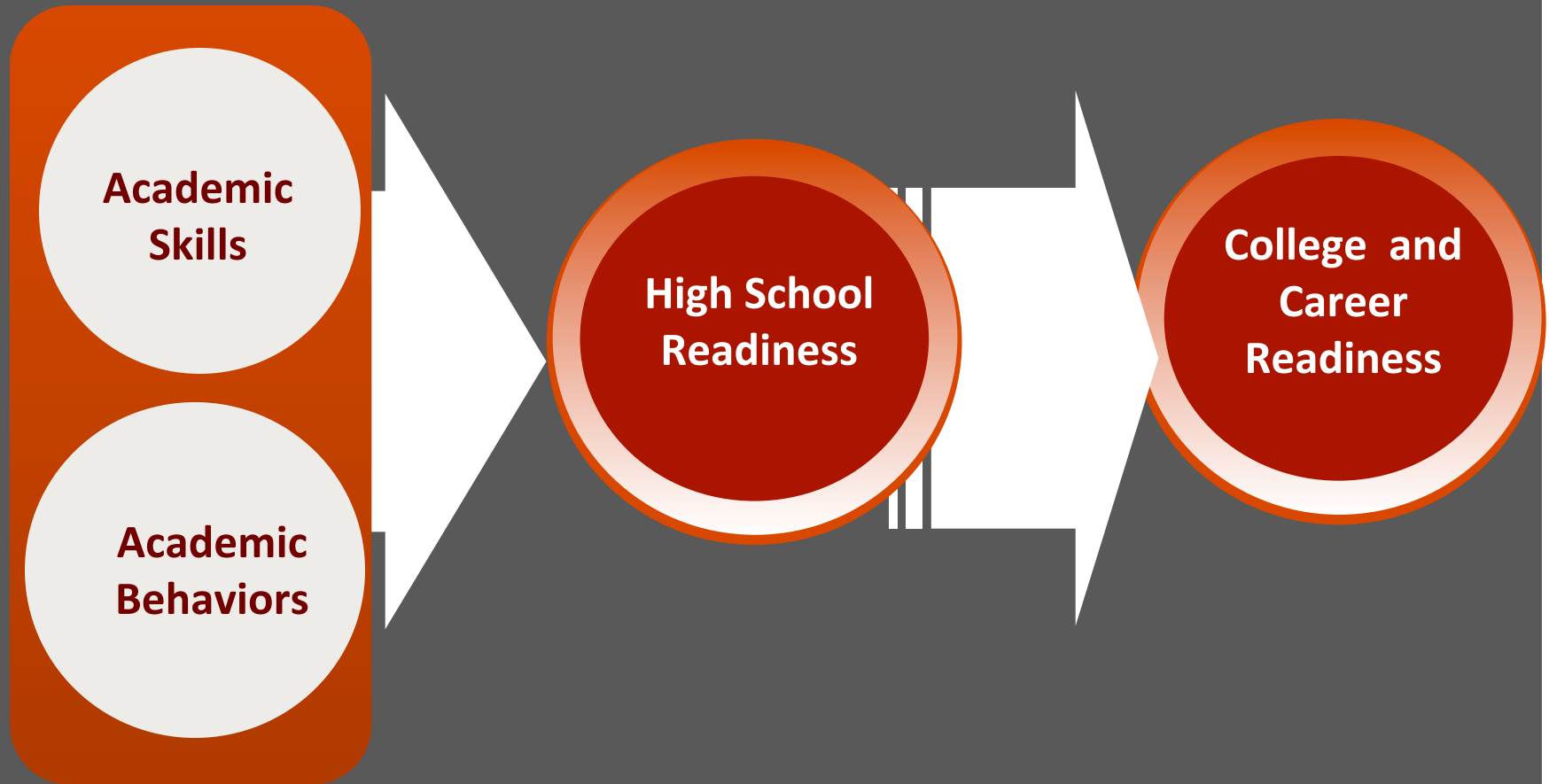
What the research says...

- The level of academic achievement that students attain by eighth grade has a larger impact on their college and career readiness than anything that happens academically in high school.

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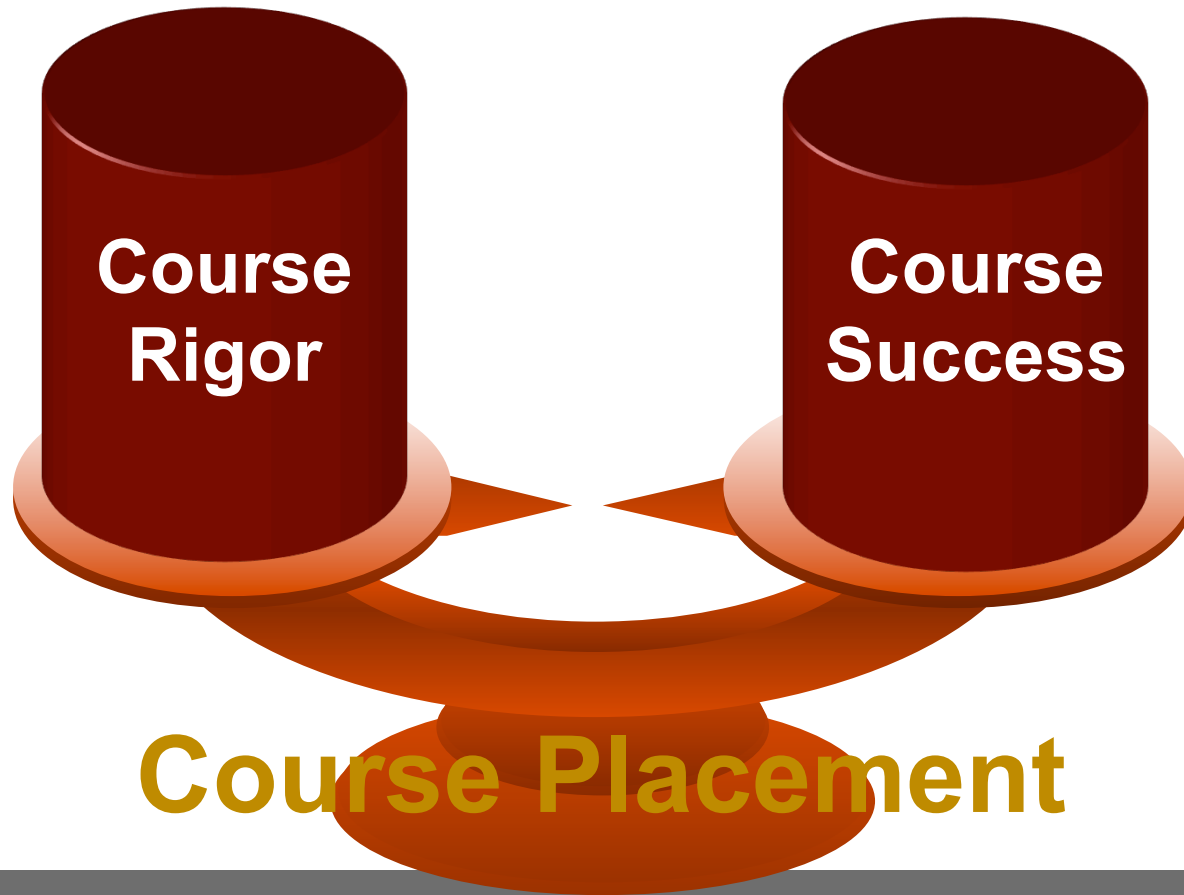
Middle School Success



Academic Skills



Finding the Balance



Is GT the right decision?

- Follow recommendations from elementary school
- Utilize tools for success:
 - GT watch list
 - Placement rates
 - 2013 – 2014 – 76%
 - 2014 – 2015 – 64%
 - 2015 – 2016 -- 70%
 - GT seminars

Supports for Academics

➤ Reading

➤ Below Grade Level

➤ Interventions – Read 180 Program

➤ After school Program

➤ On / Above Grade Level

➤ Writer's Guild

➤ Modules (Grade 6, 7, 8)

➤ GT Seminars

Supports for Academics

➤ Mathematics

➤ Below Grade Level

- Seminar Class
- After school Program
- Math Assistant in classroom

➤ Above Grade Level

- Review and testing of students to move to next level
- Seminar for advancement

Supports for Academics

➤ Additional Supports

➤ History Day

➤ Spelling Bee

➤ GT Seminars

➤ Debate, Creative Writing, many, many more!

Measures of Academic Progress Testing

- MAP – adaptive test

- Fall – Oct/Nov

- Winter – Jan

- Spring – May

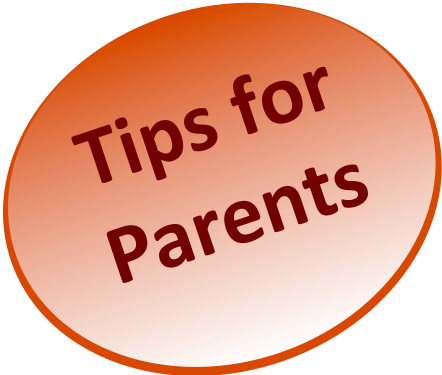
- RIT Score

- Norm-referenced

- performance level

- Data for teachers

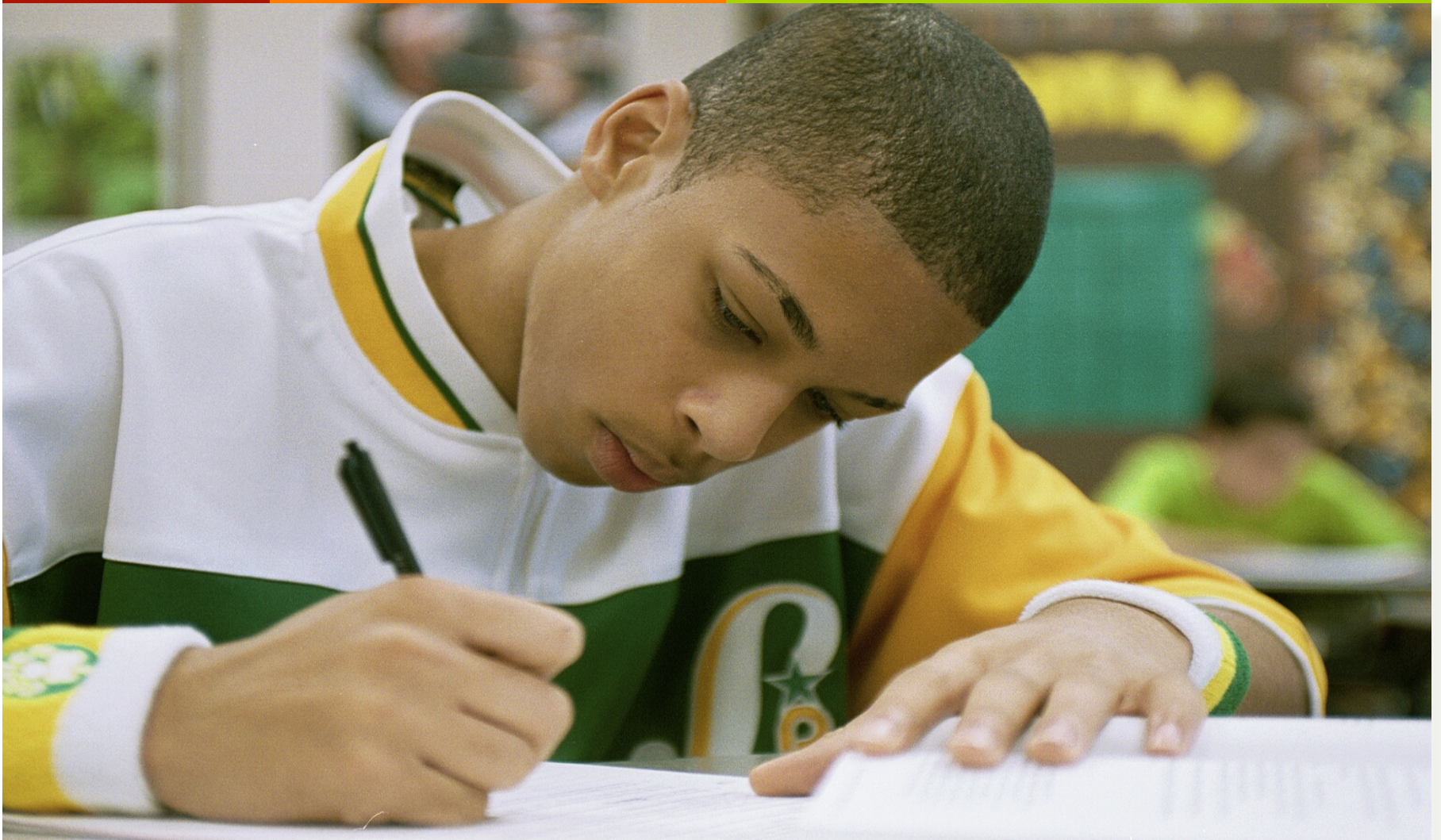
Supporting Academics

An orange oval with a gradient and a dark orange border, containing the text "Tips for Parents" in a dark red, bold, sans-serif font.

Tips for Parents

- Stay involved in your child's education
- Attend parent conferences
- Stay aware of your child's homework and school demands
- Attend school events
- Try to connect outside experiences to school learning to increase interest and relevance

Academic Behaviors

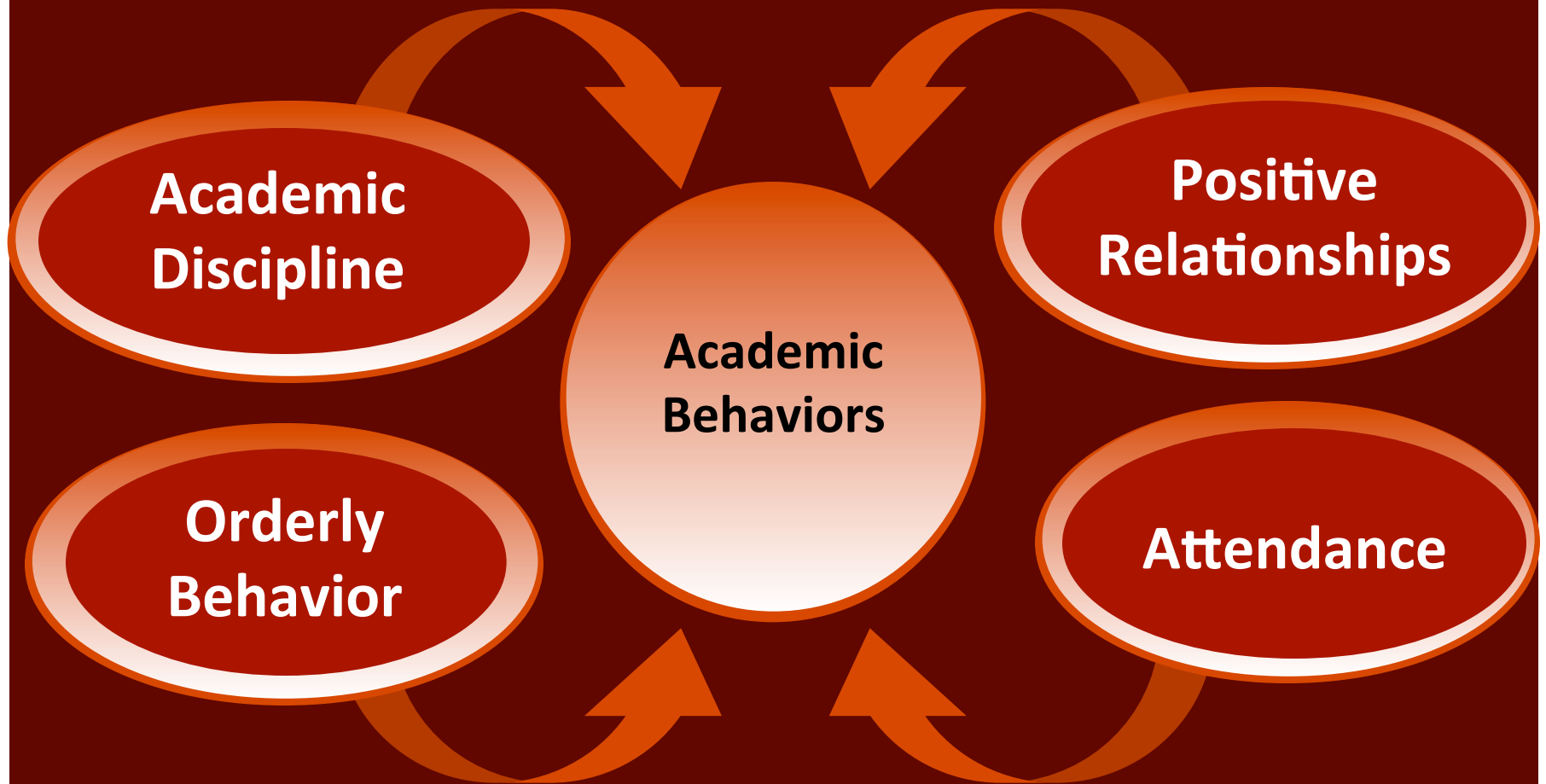


What the research says...

- The earlier a student develops important academically related behaviors, the more likely these behaviors are to become a habit.

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What are academic behaviors?



Supporting Academic Behaviors

Tips for Parents

- Ensure that your child has the materials and place to study at home
- Set a regular time for homework
- Encourage your child to be responsible for chores and homework
- Provide your child with a range of experiences to allow him/her to identify areas of strength
- Talk to your child

Communication

➤ HCPSS Connect

- Monitor student progress for each class



➤ Cobra Connection

- Bi-weekly publication of school and community events, awards, etc.

**Glenwood Middle
Cobra Connection**



➤ School Messenger

- Updates, news, notifications, last minute changes from the school—daily, weekly, as needed



Contact Us...

- Glenwood Middle School
 - Main: 410-313-5520
 - Guidance: 410-313-5525

- Robert Motley, Principal
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- Kelli Brandt, Counselor, A-L
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- Liz O'Connor, Counselor, M-Z
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Upcoming Activities

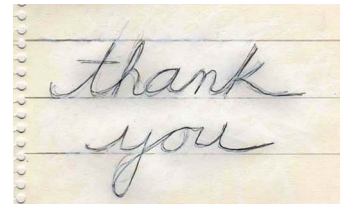
- 5th Graders Visit, May 23, 2017
- Orientation Day, August, 2017
- Outdoor Education, Mid-October

QUESTIONS???



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THANK YOU!!





Naviance / Family Connection

Student Services 6th Grade Lessons



Student Services Strengths Curriculum

Built into the Career Reading Module Class



Naviance/Family Connection

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/main/". The page header includes "Glenwood Middle School" and "Logged in as: taylor swift (log out)". The main navigation bar features tabs for "home", "courses", "colleges", "careers", "about me", and "my planner". The "family connection" title is prominently displayed. On the left sidebar, there are sections for "my colleges" (with a link to "colleges I'm thinking about"), "links" (with links to "hs catalog 16-17" and "school website"), and "my colleges". The main content area has a "Welcome to Family Connection!" message, followed by a paragraph introducing the site's purpose. Below this, a section titled "Family Connection will allow you to:" lists four key features: "Get involved in the planning and advising process", "Research colleges", "Research careers", and "Create plans for the future". On the right side, there is a "Get the mobile app! Naviance Student" banner with an Apple App Store logo, and a notification box stating "You have no new messages" with links to "document library" and "contact us".

Family Connection

Hobsons, Inc (US) | https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/main/

Glenwood Middle School

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Manage my account

family connection

home courses colleges careers about me my planner

my colleges

- colleges I'm thinking about

links

- hs catalog 16-17
- school website

Welcome to Family Connection!

Welcome!

I am pleased to introduce Family Connection to you and your family. Family Connection is a comprehensive website that you can use to help in making plans for high school, colleges, and careers.

Family Connection will allow you to:

- Get involved in the planning and advising process** – Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers
- Research colleges** – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our district for students who have applied and been admitted in the past
- Research careers** – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments like the Career Cluster Finder..
- Create plans for the future** –create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned to you by the school to better prepare yourself for your future high school, college and career goals.

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Student will use the Naviance program throughout middle and high school

Strengths Assessment

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/strengthsexplorer". The page header includes "Glenwood Middle School", "Logged in as: taylor swift (log out)", and a "Manage my account" link. The main navigation bar features tabs for "home", "courses", "colleges", "careers", "about me", and "my planner". The "about me" tab is active, showing the "StrengthsExplorer® - identify your talents" section. This section includes a progress indicator with three steps: "1. intro", "2. take assessment", and "3. view results" (which is highlighted). Below the progress indicator, the text "Here are your top 3 themes:" is followed by three themes: "Organizer", "Dependability", and "Competing". Each theme has a brief description. On the right side of the page, there is a "Student Resources" section with a profile icon and a list of links: "View Full Report", "View Your Workbook", and "See Related Career Pathways". At the bottom right, there is a "Tell me more!" link with a curved arrow icon. The left sidebar contains links for "interesting things about me:" (resume, documents, journal, survey history), "official things:" (profile, inbox, account, test scores), and "surveys to take:" (8th grade mentor form, view all surveys, survey history).

StrengthsExplorer®

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StrengthsExplorer® – identify your talents

1. intro 2. take assessment 3. view results

Here are your top 3 themes:

Organizer
Scheduling, planning, and organizing your world makes life better. People count on you to get the details right and pull a plan together.

Dependability
Trust is important to you, and you care about being seen as responsible and trustworthy. People count on you to do what you say you will do. When you make a promise, you mean to keep it.

Competing
You see many things in life as a game, and you feel great joy when you win. You truly hate to lose because you are always striving for first place.

See Related Career Pathways

Completed Dec 18, 2014

Student Resources

Your top 3 themes are your areas of natural talent – ways in which we naturally think, feel, and act. We are all naturally good at some things, and the resources below will help you understand what those things are and the career pathways associated with them.

- [View Full Report](#)
- [View Your Workbook](#)
- [See Related Career Pathways](#)

Tell me more!

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TAYLOR SWIFT'S REPORT

StrengthsExplorer® - Powered by Gallup

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Overview

Theme Details

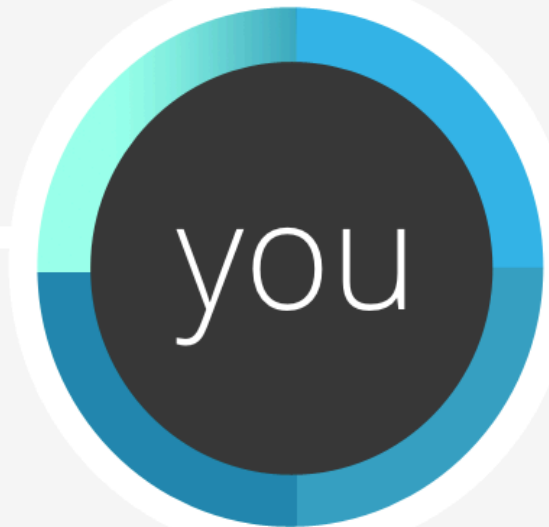
Action Items

Your top 3 themes

You are the only person with your exact talents. Nobody in the world is the same as you.

3. Competing

You see many things in life as a game, and you feel great joy when you win. You truly hate to lose because you are always striving for first place.



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Celebrating Our Strengths



A word cloud on a black background featuring various strengths in different colors and orientations. The words include: Organizer, Competing, Confidence, Thinker, Dependability, Future, Presence, Discoverer, and Achieving. The word 'Caring' is the largest and most central.

Organizer
Competing
Confidence
Thinker
Dependability
Future
Presence
Discoverer
Caring
Achieving



Outdoor Education 2017

