

Sixth Grade Transition to Valley View Middle School

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. Q: How do students find their locker and what about a lock...do I need to buy a lock?**
A: Look on the schedule that you receive on "Get Connected Day." Your locker number is listed on the bottom. You will also need to buy a lock for \$5.00 on Get Connected Day. The lock will include a combination and a rubber lock protector to put around the lock to protect our newly refurbished lockers!
- 2. Q: How do students remember their locker and gym combination?**
A: Students should keep their combination written in a safe place (agenda, home, Positive Transition Teacher). Students should not share their combination with other students.
Hint: Master combination locks are the best locks for students to bring for their school locker.
- 3. Q: What if a student cannot open their lock on their locker?**
A: Students can ask a teacher for help. Students can also go to the office and ask for a custodian to help.
- 4. Q: What do students do if they forget something at home?**
A: If it is essential, students can have the item dropped off in the main office. Students are then called to pick it up!
- 5. Q: How much is a school lunch?**
A: A combo meal is either \$2.50 or \$3.10 and there are many items that can be purchased separately.
- 6. Q: What are some of the choices for lunch?**
A: There is a great variety: pizza, subs, French fries, soup, salads, fresh fruit, and vegetables. There is no pop or candy!
- 7. Q: Can students sit by their friends at lunch?**
A: Yes! All students can choose to sit by their friends. Sixth grade students go to lunch at 10:30ish.
- 8. Q: Do students use the same pin number for lunch as they did in 5th grade?**
A: The food service moves the fifth grade student account to VVMS. A new pin number will be mailed home.
- 9. Q: How do students keep track of their assignments?**
A: Students are given an agenda on the first day of school. Teachers show students how to use it successfully.
- 10. Q: What is "Positive Transitions" class?**
A: This is a class that focuses on organization, study, test-taking, and other skills. It is also a study time, where students can get assistance from teachers.
- 11. Q: How will students find their classes?**
A: Room numbers are listed on the student schedule and maps are available in the office. Students may also find their rooms on "Get Connected Day."

12. **Q: What is the process for students when they are absent?**

A: Parents should call in the absence to the office in the morning. Parents can leave a message on the attendance line (952-848-3502).

13. **Q: What should a student do when they return to school after an absence?**

A: Students should go to the office upon their return and get an "Admit" slip. Students should show the "Admit" slip to their teachers, and they will give the students their missed assignments.

14. **Q: How much time do students have to make up their work when they are absent?**

A: Students have two days to make up their work for a day of absence. If students are gone for three or more days, parents can call Student Services and a homework file will be created.

15. **Q: What are the World Language Choices for 6th grade?**

A: Students may choose French, Latin, Mandarin Chinese, or Spanish.

16. **Q: Are there direct services for 6th grade Type III Identified Learners?**

A: Yes! There are services available if a student's educational program is out of alignment with the curriculum that is offered. More information will be provided for parents the spring of their child's fifth grade year.

17. **Q: What music classes are offered?**

A: All students take World of Music. Students may choose to take Band, Orchestra, or Singers.

18. **Q: What are some of the Exploratory Classes for 6th grade students?**

A: Students take Art and FACS (Family and Consumer Science) for Exploratory Classes.

19. **Q: What is Edline and how do parents sign up?**

A: Edline is a secure website where parents and students can check grades and other class information. Parents will receive a letter and instructions for activating their Edline account. We will also have Edline Training Sessions during "Get Connected Day."

20. **Q: Can students take Band or Orchestra and Choir (Singers)?**

A: No...students may take Band, Orchestra or Singers. Students must choose one of the options.

21. **Q: What do students need to bring for Phy-ed?**

A: Students need to bring a white t-shirt, black shorts, sweat socks, and athletic tennis shoes. There is also a swimming unit in the winter. Girls need a one-piece swimming suit for the swimming unit.

22. **Q: What are the Special Services that are offered?**

A: We have Speech Clinicians, a Social Worker, and a Resource Room.

23. **Q: Where do students get a list of school supplies?**

A: Supply lists will be posted online and can be found in the packet all parents receive on "Get Connected Day."

24. **Q: Where can I check out books and magazines?**

A: The Media Center is open from 7:00-3:15 pm. Students can check out books and magazines during that time.

25. **Q: How do students find their bus at the end of the day?**

A: Students should write down their bus numbers so that they can find them after school. Many teachers and parent helpers will help all students find their bus on the first few days of school.

26. **Q: What happens if a student doesn't feel well during the school day?**

A: Students should get a pass to come to the Nurse's Office, which is near Student Services.

27. **Q: What are the hallways like?**

A: Sixth grade students are grouped together and most classes are grouped together near one another.

28. **Q: Is there a recess?**

A: Valley View students do not have a recess. However, students have 5 minutes to get to each class and can socialize at lunch!

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30. **Q: What is "The Hive?"**

A: "The Hive" is a snack bar that is open after school from 2:45-3:30. "The Hive" is located near the cafeteria. Parent volunteers are welcome!

31. **Q: What are some after-school activities that are offered?**

A: We have many after school classes that will be listed on Edline and the Valley Viewer Parent Website (<http://valleyviewer.com/>).

Here are the activities at VVMS:

Talent Show	grades 6-9	Lego League	grades 6-9
Drama	grades 6-9	PAWs	grades 6-9
Service Squad	grades 6-9	Intramural sports	grades 6-9
Homework Help Lab	grades 6-9	Lab Band	grades 6-9
Site Council rep	grades 6-9	SLT-212	grades 6-9
Budget Committee Rep	grades 6-9	Stage Band	grades 6-9
Chess Club	grades 6-9	Spelling Bee	grades 6-8
Academic Triathlon	grades 6-9	Knowledge Masters	grades 6-9
History Day	grades 6-9	Math TEAM	grades 6-8
AMC 8 and 10	grades 6-9	EHS Math TEAM	grade 9+
Robotics	grade 9+	Spelling Bee	grades 6-8
Geography Bee	grades 6-8	Mock Trial	grade 9+
EHS Debate	grade 9		
Yearbook	grades 6-9 (by application/selection)		

Homework Help-lab is offered once/week.