

Welcome to Big Hollow Middle School! We have compiled a list of answers to frequently asked questions pertaining to the Middle School.

How is arrival and departure organized?

All students may arrive after 7:25 a.m. each school day. All students report to the cafeteria for supervision until they are released to classes for the day. Fifth grade students are assigned a seat with their first period teacher. All other grade levels have designated areas in the cafeteria for seating. At 7:50 a.m., grades 6-8 are dismissed to their lockers; 5th grade students are escorted by their first period teacher to their lockers. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

Fifth Grade students are allotted approximately 10 minutes at the end of each day to go to their lockers and prepare for departure. Teachers are supervising students during this time. All grade levels are dismissed for the day at 2:45 p.m. Students who ride the first run of busses proceed to their assigned bus after they have gathered items to bring home. Students who ride the second run bus proceed to the cafeteria where they are supervised until the second run busses arrive. Students who are picked up by a parent or guardian, or those who have documented parent permission to walk home, proceed to the cafeteria until the entire first run busses have departed.

What does a students schedule include?

5th Grade

Each day every student attends a literacy block which includes instruction in reading, language arts, and spelling. Each child also has Social Studies, Science, Math, Physical Education, and a Specials class. During one quarter of the year, students in Physical Education are instructed in Health Education. Specials classes include Computers, Student Every Day Life, Music, and Art. Children change their specials class each quarter. The rotation this year is:

Quarter 1 Computers

Quarter 2 Music

Quarter 3 Student Every Day Life

Quarter 4 Art

5th Grade students are escorted to Physical Education and Specials courses each day.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Each student attends Reading, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, and Specials. During one quarter of the year, students in Physical Education are instructed in Health Education. Specials classes include Computers, Student Every Day Life, Music, and Art. Children change their specials class each quarter.

The Specials rotations for grades 6-8 are as follows:

	6 th	7 th	8 th
Quarter 1	Music	Art	Student Every Day Life
Quarter 2	Computers	Student Every Day Life	Art
Quarter 3	Art	Music	Computers
Quarter 4	Student Everyday Life	Computers	Music

Lunch

All students eat lunch with their grade level. 5th and 6th grade students have recess each day with their grade level.

7th and 8th grade students do not attend recess, however we have allotted time that allows for an increased amount of time working on reading or school assignments. During this period (20 minutes opposite the student's lunch period) students are required to bring a book, magazine or another material to read that should be grade and school appropriate; or they may complete school work. Each 7th and 8th grade student has a schedule that will show they eat lunch first and have Silent Study or Reading time second or have Silent Study or Reading first and eat lunch second. To identify this, please refer to the description below:

Lunch first and reading second will be shown as **LSSR**. Reading first and lunch second will be shown as **SSRL**.

How do I find out about activities in the Middle School?

Each month, the Middle School Newsletter is posted on the Middle School website. Each grade level and teacher also has a link to their Teacher Web website with team and grade level information. The website also includes information on athletics, fine arts, and the student handbook. Please periodically check the website for updates in the Middle School. We have also included an electronic Friday Folder. Items will be placed in this folder when information needs to be communicated about upcoming events, PTO information, reminders, etc.

Please contact the Middle School with any questions or concerns. We are here to assist you and make this a positive and exciting educational experience for your child.