

Welcome To Finley!

6th Grade

Parent Night

Tuesday, January 20, 2022

BRIEF OVERVIEW

- Introduction and Welcome
- Topics Discussed:
 - Grades 7 & 8 Units of Study
 - Accelerated Course Offerings
 - Scheduling Process for Grade 6 into 7
 - Role of the School Counselor
 - Student Support Services
- Q & A Session

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

- Administrators
 - Traci Roethel (Principal)
 - Kenneth Parham (Assistant Principal)
 - Jeannette Alomia (Director of Guidance)
 - Jessica Rivera (Dean)
- School Counselors
 - Ivy Alvayero
 - Paloma Ramlogan
 - Alison Logan

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- School Counselors
 - Paloma Ramlogan (Last Names A-B and Spanish speaking households)
 - Alison Logan (Last Names C-Z)
- Social Workers
 - Kathryn Costa
 - Mary Guzman-Lewis, (Bi-lingual)
- School Psychologists
 - Mary DiBenedetto
 - Jasmina Nakevska (Bi-lingual)

NYS MIDDLE SCHOOL UNITS OF STUDY GRADES 7 & 8

- English Language Arts - two units of study
- Social Studies - two units of study
- Science - two units of study
- Mathematics - two and a half units of study
- Technology Education/Computer Science Education - one and a quarter units of study
- Family and Consumer Science - three quarters of a unit of study
- Physical Education - two units of study
- Health - one half unit of study
- The Arts - one half unit in visual arts and one half unit in music
- World Languages - two units of study

ACCELERATED COURSES

- At J.T. Finley Middle School, we offer accelerated courses in the following areas in 8th grade:
 - Science (Earth Science)
 - Art (Studio in Art)
 - Algebra 1 (All Students)
 - World Language

Students can earn up to four high school course credits

SCHEDULING PROCESS FOR GRADE 6

- **January** – Information will be sent home to the 6th grade parents requesting the selection of language/ arts/music
- **January/February** – Mrs. Ivy Alvayero, 6th grade school counselor, will meet with students to review 7th grade courses and life at Finley
- **February/March** – Course placements for grade 7 will be entered into our student management system (eschool) so that staffing decisions can begin
- **May** – Course Request Tab will be available in parent portal
- **August** – Final determination will be made regarding course placements and schedules will be posted on parent portals

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- Assist Students:
 - Develop an educational plan that's realistic and appropriate to obtaining goals.
 - Recognize and utilize academic strengths so that they can make effective decisions.
 - Analyze the interrelationships of interests and abilities.
 - Improve responsibility.
 - Address social emotional concerns and peer relationships.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE (COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS)

- Students registered in accelerated courses earn credits towards their high school diploma. Courses are also listed on the high school transcript
- Dual Language Students continue in their language throughout high school. Course credit from grade 6 (following the Checkpoint B exam) will appear on a student transcripts.
- Career Exploration programs are provided in grade 7 through our Naviance platform.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Thank you for coming!