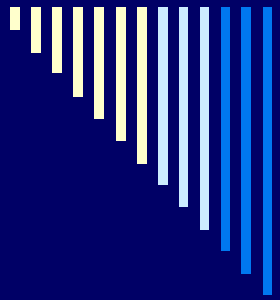


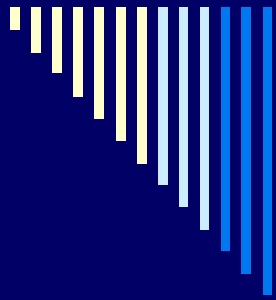
Maiden Middle School

Making Our Mark!



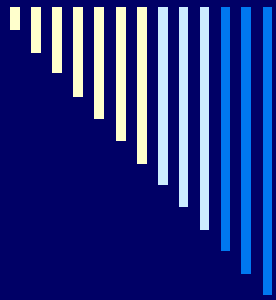
Points of Pride

- Academic Achievement
 - Artistic Excellence
 - Athletic Development
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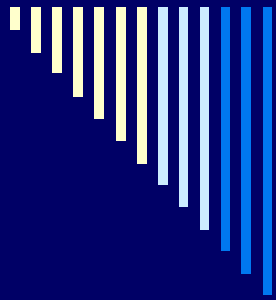
Eighth Grade

- During the eighth grade year, we begin transitioning our students to become more self-sufficient young adults. In order to be successful in high school, students need to be responsible, conscientious and self reliant. The eighth grade year is the opportune time to foster these traits in our young people and to encourage the students to take ownership of their academic progress.



Student Registration

- All students will be scheduled into math, language arts, science, social studies, physical education, health and computer skills.
- Students will choose either one elective course (band) or two semester length elective courses. Students may take another level of a previously taken elective, or may explore something new.

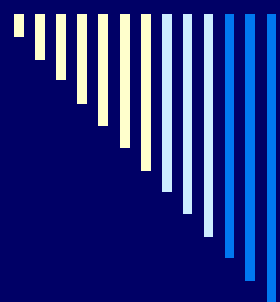


Student Registration

Required Electives

- Computer Skills
- Physical Education
- Health
- Weight Lifting *
- Physical Conditioning *

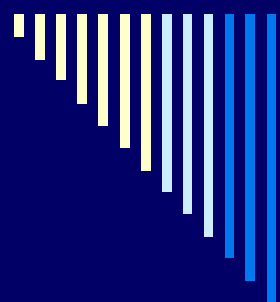
*Selected Students



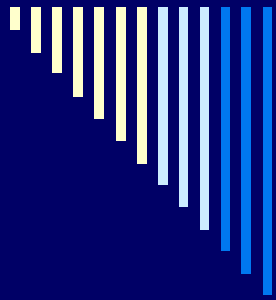
Student Registration

Electives

- Spanish
- Keyboarding
- Web Page Design
- Video Production
- Dance
- Theatre Arts
- Global Positioning
Satellite (GPS)
Technology
- Art
- Band
- Chorus
- Handbells
- Piano Lab
- Music Appreciation

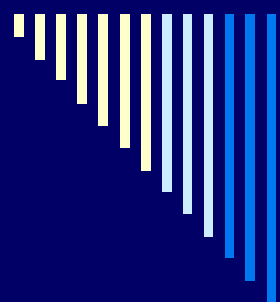


- Students are placed in math and language arts classes based on a variety of factors including End-of-Grade Tests scores, placement tests and grades.
- Students with tallies above the cut score on the placement formula will be placed into Algebra I. The number of Algebra classes offered will depend on the placement scores.
- Placements are flexible and are altered throughout the school year as needed.



High School Credits

- To provide opportunities for acceleration, middle school students who successfully complete high school coursework can earn high school credits. 8th grade students will be able to earn high school credits both on campus and online.



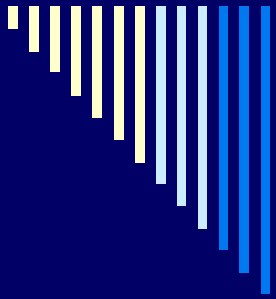
High School Credits

- A student who completes Algebra I coursework in conjunction with the 8th grade math curriculum may earn a high school credit. Students who are enrolled in both courses must pass both the 8th grade Math EOG Test and the Algebra I EOC Test.

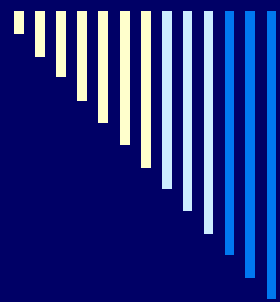


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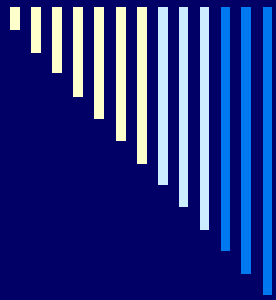
- ❑ A high school foreign language credit may be earned by successful completion of the online Spanish I course. It will be a one semester elective class.
 - ❑ World History may be offered as a semester elective. Students successfully completing the course will receive one unit of high school social studies.
 - ❑ Other courses, such as Latin I may possibly be offered as additional electives. These would be year long courses that the students would complete on their own time.
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- Student placements will not be determined until mid-summer.
- Students will receive a registration sheet on April 18.
- Completed registration sheets will be due to homeroom teachers by April 22.

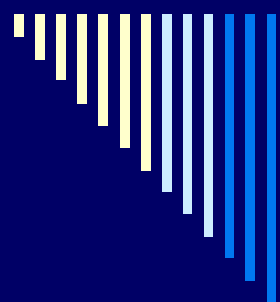


- Students schedules will be distributed several weeks prior to the opening of school. An information sheet for parents and students will be included.
- Each student will have six classes per day. One of the six periods will be a PE / Health / Computer Skills rotation.
- Open House will be scheduled prior to the first student day. Students will be able to locate their classes and meet their teachers.



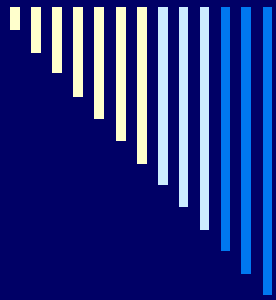
Promotion Standards

- ❑ Students must score a level III or IV on End-of-Grade Tests in reading and math. Eighth grade students will also take an End-of-Grade Test in science.
- ❑ Students must pass math, language arts, social studies and science.
- ❑ Students must have an overall passing average (70) in one of the two rotation periods.



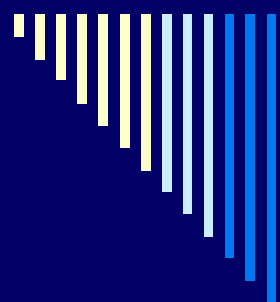
Promotion Standards

- Students must meet the requirements of the Catawba County Schools Attendance Policy.
- Attendance Policy – Students must be in attendance 90% of the days enrolled to be promoted. For those enrolled all year, this equates to 162 days.



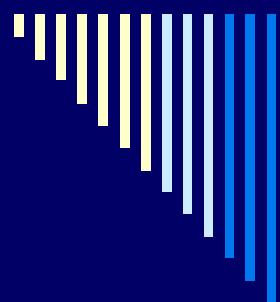
Promotion Standards

- Eighth grade students must also demonstrate proficiency in computer skills. Computer proficiency is not a requirement of promotion, but is required for a high school diploma.



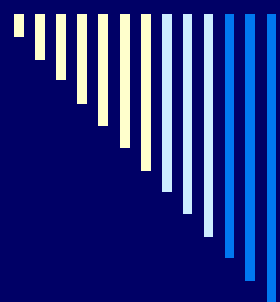
High School Registration

- In the spring of the eighth grade year, students will receive information from the high school concerning courses and pathways. Each rising freshman will select a course of study and a pathway to follow through high school. Middle school teachers will make recommendations for academic course selections.



Alternate Opportunities

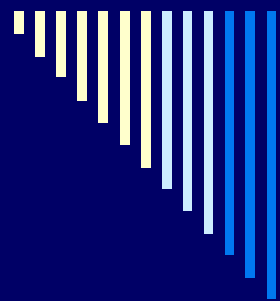
Eighth grade students from Catawba County and surrounding areas have additional options outside of the traditional high school track.



Alternate Opportunities

Hickory Career and Arts Magnet School

- ❑ Students must apply for admission
- ❑ A lottery is held to select students
- ❑ Serves students in grades 9-12
- ❑ Located at the old College Park Middle School in Hickory



Alternate Opportunities

Newton-Conover

Health Science High School

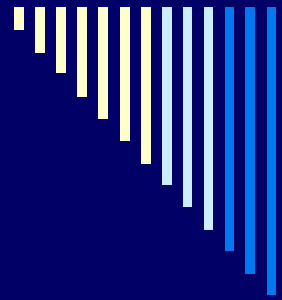
- ❑ Students must complete an application, an interview, and an essay
- ❑ Will begin a new curriculum (STEM)
- ❑ Serves students in grades 9-12
- ❑ Located at the old auditorium in Newton



Alternate Opportunities

Challenger Early College High School

- ❑ Students must complete an application and essay
 - ❑ Students graduate in 4-6 years with both a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree which will transfer to a 4 year college or university
 - ❑ Students will attend college classes their first year
 - ❑ All classes are at CVCC
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Alternate Opportunities

Summer Service Internships



Middle School Procedures

- The eighth grade year is especially important in cementing effective study skills for high school. Students will consistently be encouraged to pay attention, be prepared for class and produce their best work.
 - Tardies – Students tardy to school ten times per semester will receive an office referral.
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Middle School Procedures

- ❑ Each student will be assigned a locker. School locks will be provided.
 - ❑ Bookbags may be brought to school, but must be stored in the locker throughout the day. Bookbags are not allowed in the halls after homeroom or in classrooms.
 - ❑ School start and end times will be determined later in the summer. A time will be announced for early arrivals.
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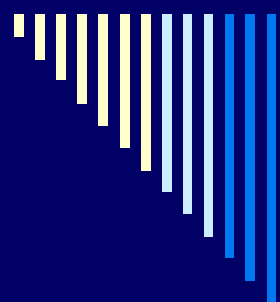
Middle School Procedures

- Each student will receive an agenda free of charge for organization and information. Replacement agendas will be available for \$5.00.
 - The Catawba County Schools Code of Conduct is in effect for middle school students. A copy of the code can be found in the student agendas.
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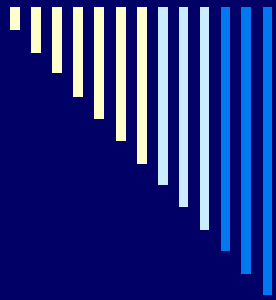
Parent / School Communication

- Progress reports are issued every three weeks; report cards every nine weeks.
 - Conferences may be scheduled during daily teacher planning times or after school.
 - Parent notes are required for absences, tardies, alternate transportation, etc.
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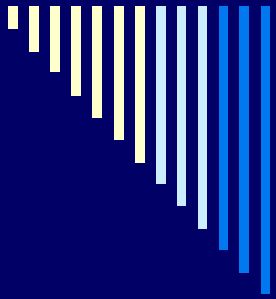
Parent / School Communication

- Parent phone calls, electronic newsletters, student agendas and parent conferences are useful means of school-to-home communication.
- Both the Maiden Middle and the Catawba County Schools websites are excellent sources of information.



Middle School Opportunities

- ❑ Athletics - Football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, golf, softball, baseball, cheerleading, volleyball, cross country
- ❑ Clubs – Junior Beta, Art Club, FCA, Student Council, International Club, Drama Club, Character Council, Cat’s Meow, Spanish Club, FTA
- ❑ Events – Battle of the Books, Theatrical Productions, Concerts, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, CVCC Math Competition, Math Counts, Math Fax, Geography Bee, ASU Math Competition, Service Projects, College Week



Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information.

We look forward to leading your child through the last year of middle school.
