

Merrill Mustangs

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many class periods are there?

There are seven class periods. All students take:

1. Literature and Language
2. Math
3. Science
4. Individuals and Society
5. World Language (Spanish)
6. Music Selection (Band, Orchestra or Chorus) every other day
PE: every other day, alternating with music
7. Wheel Classes: 1 semester of art
 - 9 weeks of Business Technology (computers)
 - 9 weeks of Family Consumer Science (facs)

2. What time does school start?

The main doors to the building are unlocked at 8am. Students then go to the gymnasium until 8:15. At 8:15 students are dismissed to go to the cafeteria for breakfast, or they can hang out in the gym until 8:20. At 8:20 students are dismissed to go to their locker to put away their things. Students are expected to be in their first period class and ready to begin by 8:30.

3. Can we use our cell phones at school?

Merrill's phone policy is to have phones turned off and put away unless a teacher allows. Phones can be used for school related activities. Phones can be used during lunch for games and music, but no social media or taking pictures of other students.

4. Is there a supply list?

Yes, there is a supply list, and you can check it out at merrill.dmschools.org
There is a link just for students and families of incoming 6th graders.

5. How long are passing periods?

Passing periods are 4 minutes long. Locker, drink and restroom.

6. Can I carry my back pack between class?

The halls are very busy during passing, and thus very congested. There just is not enough room for students and backpacks to travel through the hallways safely.

7. Is a PE uniform required for gym?

No, just be sure you wear comfortable clothes.

8. Will there be assigned seats in the lunchroom?

You may sit where ever you want. All 6th graders have the same lunch period, the 7th graders the same lunch period, and the 8th graders the same lunch period. You will have the same lunch number that you had in elementary school. You will have hot lunch and a cold lunch options. In addition, there will be several a la carte items available: pop tarts, chips, beef jerky, cereal, and drinks such as 'Switch'. You are always welcome to bring a cold lunch from home. Recess is offered 'weather permitting'. Recess typically does not last longer than 10 minutes.

9. Are after school activities available for 6th graders?

Intramurals: ultimate frisbee, basketball, broom ball

Clubs: Harry Potter, Everyone Can Change The World, TikTok, Sign Language, History Club, Yearbook Club, Coding, Art Club, Earth Club, Break Dancing, Recycling Club, Verse, Mustang TV, Strategy, Journalism, GSA, Meme, Girl's Voices, Bring Your Own Book (BOB)!

10. Will I have my own locker?

You will be assigned a locker and a locker mate, the first week of school. Each locker will have a locker combination, unique to your locker. There will be lots of opportunities to practice opening and closing your locker combination, and teachers will be available to assist you as well. It is recommended that you:

1. Do not share your locker or locker combination with others
2. Keep your locker organized and clean
3. Keep valuable items at home and not bring them to school

