

Welcome to RAIS Middle School Parent Orientation

5th to 6th Grade Transition

March 23, 2017



How is Middle School Different from Elementary School

- **Students work with a team of teachers who teach different subject areas (core academics and activity subjects).**
- **Students do not move from one classroom to another classroom.**
- **Students have book lockers (Students bring their own locks).**



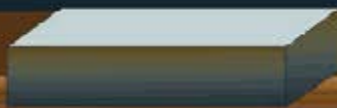
How is Middle School Different from Elementary School

- **Students have a greater amount of freedom.....AND....more is expected of them.**
- **Students are expected to be more responsible, independent, and submit assignments on the due date.**
- **Students spend more time in studying for tests, quizzes, homework and projects.**



Middle School Requirements

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Bible	Bible	Bible
Science	Science	Science
Math	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I
Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
Thai Language	Thai Language	Thai Language
Art	Art	Art
Music	Music	Music
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science
Chinese	Chinese	



External Assessments

- MAP
- Psychological Testing
 - Learning Skills Inventory



Summer Math & Science Bridging Program

- Every Summer School, Grade 6-8 students may benefit from our Math & Science Bridging program. It is an intensive study of Math and Science concepts to help students to prepare for the next higher grades curriculum.
- Parents may plan to register their children for the summer school.



Helping Your Child Succeed in Middle School

- **Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!!**
 - **Know your child's teachers, counselor, head, and contact them.**
 - **Be Proactive with Homework/Study Skills.**
 - **Use Engrade to communicate with teachers to help keep your child on track.**



How Does the School Help Your Child in the Transition

- The Guidance Counselor meets with all grade 6 students in the month of August.
- The Section Head organizes a student orientation program in the first week of school.
- Students are placed in sections which is a regular school procedure to enhance their learning.



How Does the School Help Your Child in the Transition

- Teachers plan for class orientation during the first week of school.
- Parents may schedule meetings with teachers/guidance counselor/section head to discuss concerns.



Adolescence

- Identify changes of your child – physical, emotional, etc.
- Addiction and the use of social media, games, and the desire to try new things, etc.
- Desire to try new things



PHYSICAL - PHYSIOLOGICAL

MENTAL – EMOTIONAL



CURIOSITY – desire to try new things: ADDICTION – SOCIAL MEDIA



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KEEP COMMUNICATION & CONNECTION STRONG



**We hope that your child will have a
smooth transition into the Middle
School.**

Thank you!

