



Norup International School

Welcome to Incoming 6th
grade parent night!!

March 2, 2023



Norup Administrative Staff

- Paul Yowchuang - Principal (12th year)
- Kaitlin Eickemeyer – Assistant Principal (2nd year)
- Tim Folmar – Middle School Counselor (5th year)
- Jaclyn Georgiou – Elementary Counselor (5th year)
- 27 of our teachers are in contact with MYP students.



Why Norup for middle school?

- We want your child/children to attend Norup if you are looking for a unique school with high expectations.
- We believe we have a lot to offer and we continue to expand our offerings.
- We continue to move in a very positive direction. State top-to-bottom ranking information:
 - In 2012 we were ranked in the 46th percentile by the Michigan Department of Education. By 2016 we were ranked in the 84th percentile.
 - 2018: Recognized as one of niche.com's top middle schools in Metro Detroit



Norup is unique

- K-8 – 672 students.
- Middle school population for 2022-23:
 - 6th grade => 105
 - 7th grade => 142
 - 8th grade => 133

Projected 6th grade for 23-24 => 115



Schedule

- Norup runs 7 class periods of 51 minutes from 8:15 AM – 3:20 PM. There is a 5 minute passing time between classes and a 43 minute recess/lunch.
- 6th graders all take the following:
 - 2 hours of Language and Literature
 - 1 hour of mathematics
 - 1 hour of Individuals and Societies (social studies)
 - 1 hour of Science
 - Rotation: 20 weeks gym, 10 weeks art, 10 weeks of Math 6+
 - 1 elective



Sample Schedule

Time Period

Semester 1

Semester 2

8:15 – 9:06

PE 6

Art 6/Math 6+

9:11 – 10:02

Choir 6

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10:07 – 10:58 AM

Ind. And Soc. 6

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10:58 - 11:41 AM

Lunch

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11:41 – 12:32

Lang. And Lit. 6

Lang. And Lit. 6

12:37 – 1:28

Lang. And Lit. 6

Lang. And Lit. 6

1:33 – 2:24

Science 6

Science 6

2:29 – 3:20

Math 6

Math 6



Language and Lit. programming

- 6th graders are placed in two periods of ELA back-to-back with the same teacher
- Emphasis on Reading and Writing in critical year
- 7th and 8th graders currently are in one period of ELA
- Writing – Lucy Calkins/Writers Workshop
- Reading – Reader's Workshop/Group Novels
- Extra Reading Support and Writing Support class available in 7th and 8th grade



Mathematics Programming

- Connected Math Program 3 is our main resource. It is geared toward Common Core Standards.
- 6th grade – Math 6 or Math 7
- 7th grade – Math 7 or Algebra 8
- 8th grade – Algebra 8 or Geometry

First track is grade level with “Algebra” in 8th grade being the goal. Second track is advanced. Both can lead to Calculus as a senior.



Mathematics (continued)

- Support classes for Math 6, 7, and 8 are available. These are taken in place of PE rotation or elective.
- Math 6+ and 7+ are extra 10 week courses to get all units in for math. CMP-3 has 7 to 8 large investigative units per year which takes longer than 1 period per day.



Mathematics (continued)

■ Advancement

- Some students already are taking 6th grade math as 5th graders. Those students will be placed in Math 7. Their math + class will be Math 6+ as advanced students have not had that material yet.
- For students/parents interested in advancement, there is a testing out process. Consult either the current 5th grade teacher or the current principal.



Individuals and Societies (Social Studies)

- 6th grade: World Geography and Current Events
- 7th grade: Europe, Africa, Asia – geography, sociology, anthropology
- 8th grade: US History Colonization – pre Civil War.



Science

- **Mi-Star**
 - 6th grade –Science 6 => Basic chemistry and biology with focus on systems, change, and relationships
 - 7th grade –Science 7 => Biology, Physical, and Earth sciences
 - 8th grade – Science 8 => Basic physics and earth sciences (natural hazards, climate change science)
- Mi-Star Units investigative and inquiry based – less on vocab and content, more on scientific skills
- Science 8+ replaces Math+ in 8th grade



Language Acquisition

- Spanish and French currently offered to 7th/8th grade. A few 6th graders elect to start this early
- Spanish and French can be taken for middle school exposure or for high school credit.
- Intro to Hebrew is a possibility we are seriously exploring for 2023-24
- There may be some changes to our offerings but by and large your children will have an opportunity to take language.



Gym/Health or Art /Math +

- Physical Education is offered for 20 weeks (1/2 year)
- The other half of the year for 6th grade is 10 weeks of Art 6 and 10 weeks of Math 6+
- The other half of the year for 7th grade is 10 weeks of Health 7 and 10 weeks of Math 7+.
- The other half of the year for 8th grade is 10 weeks of Health 8 and 10 weeks of Science 8+.



Elective opportunities

- Orchestra – 6th grade, combined 7th/8th
- Art – 6th grade, 7th/8th grade, Advanced 8th
- Band – Band 6, Band 7/8
- Choir – Choir 6, Choir 7/8
- Robotics and Engineering – 6th – 8th grade - 1/2 year
- Journalism – 7th/8th grade
- Speech - 1/2 year
- Coding I – 1/2 year, Coding II 1/2 year
- Business and Finance – 1/2 year - 7th/8th grade
- Advanced math up through Geometry on site, bussing from Berkley High School for higher level courses when needed
- Study Skills/Support – “Planning Period” - application/contract



IEP/504 students

- Two resource room teachers for ELA/Math/LRC
- Emotional Impairment Program (K-8)
- LRC's for IEP students. Non IEP students may take Study Skills/Support as their LRC option.
- Limited paraeducator push in support
- Teachers are experienced in implementing 504 accommodations



Supports

- Full time counselor and social worker
- Subject area support classes and study skills/support classes
- After school homework club three days a week with staffing
- Schoology - one place for assignments
- Partnership with Berkley High School NHS for tutors



Extra Curriculars and ½ days

- Clubs

- Yearbook Club
- Student Leadership
- GSA
- Drama Club – Middle School Production
- Norup Black Perspectives
- Norup Futures

- Half Days 2023-24

- Speed Days – all seven periods meet
- We also schedule special events on some half days
 - Summer of Soul showing



Travel experiences

- Domestic

- Washington DC trip in 8th grade
- 7th grade Earth Science trip to U.P.

International Travel – all sponsored by Norup staff

- February 2015 – England with AMS & BHS
- April 2015 – China with BHS
- February 2016 – Belize with AMS & BHS
- February 2017 – Scotland/Ireland with AMS/BHS
- April 2018 – Peru and Iceland – both trips with AMS & BHS
- April 2019 – France (Paris) and Greece
- April 2023 - Greece and Scotland/Ireland
- April 2024 - Rome



Sports

- 7th/8th grade boys football with AMS
- 6th/7th/8th grade girls basketball teams
- 6th/7th/8th grade boys and girls cross country combined with Anderson Middle School
- 6th/7th/8th grade boys and girls swimming combined with Anderson Middle School
- 7th/8th grade boys basketball teams
- 7th/8th grade girls volleyball teams
- 6th/7th/8th grade boys wrestling with AMS
- 6th/7th/8th grade boys & girls track and field with AMS
- 6th/7th/8th grade boys and girls tennis teams combined with Anderson
- 6th/7th/8th grade boys and girls golf combined with AMS
- 7th/8th grade girls softball and boys baseball
- *Newer MHSAA and COMSAC rule for 6th graders



Not everything is perfect for everyone in middle school

- Social issues with peers may occur
- Some students struggle academically for the first time
- Some struggle with 7 classes and transitions every 51 minutes.
- Some struggle with different teacher personalities
- Some struggle with being challenged enough
- Some struggle with workload
- Some struggle with really minor things that become major to them.
- There will be opportunities to “fail”

All of us need to coach students through the middle school years.



Minor things that are not so minor

- Students share lockers and maintain that locker for their three years here. Singles are available but are not close to most classes.
- Lunch/recess is currently 43 minutes per day - some freedom on what this looks like
- 6th graders line up at south Gardner door and doors will open at 8:00.
- Rules/expectations are done in detail that first week.

Scheduling for Next Year

- Paper Forms Available
- Google Form Available in QR code or on website on 3/6
- Can email choices to paul.yowchuang@berkleyschools.org or kaitlin.eickemeyer@berkleyschools.org - subject should be Elective Choices for



<https://forms.gle/j3p1KwHEoYSovLxN6>



Your turn

- Questions

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING NORUP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL. Please contact Paul Yowchuang or Kaitlin Eickemeyer to set up any individual tours.

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