

Rising 8th grade Parent Information Meeting



North Gwinnett Middle School

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Thursday, February 28, 2019

WELCOME



Dr. Doug Callahan, 7th grade Assistant Principal
Wanda Law, Principal

New Opportunities

- Departmental Model
- Open Lunch
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- 8th Grade Events
- Increased Responsibility
- New Freedoms



New Responsibilities

- **Balancing
the
Workload**
 - **Grades and
Promotion**
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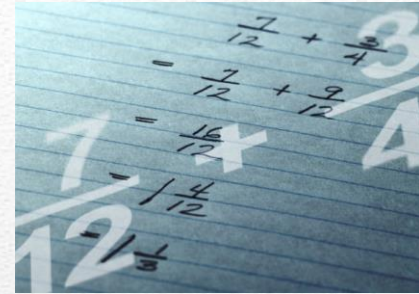
What is a Carnegie Credit?

- Unit of credit given for successful completion of a high school course
- “P” for “Pass” only- no numerical grade on transcript. Does not impact GPA.
 - Foreign Language
 - High School Math
 - High School Science
 - Connections



2019-2020 Math Courses

Grade 8



Eighth Grade Math Courses

- **Algebra 1** – *This is the expected course (Carnegie Course)*
 - **Accelerated Algebra 1** (*Carnegie Course*)
 - **Accelerated Geometry** (*Carnegie Course*)
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2019-2020 Science Course Offerings

- HS Physical Science for all students
 - AM Biology or Charge 2 North Team option
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New!! ??

CHARGE 2 NORTH TEAM

- Six Classes
 - Biology taught during the school day (no cost)
 - Foundations of Engineering
 - HS Accelerated Algebra & Algebra students
 - HS Physical Science
 - Integrated Language Arts & GA History Approach
 - Students would NOT be able to take Foreign Language or Music classes.
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Charge 2 North Team

- Team Approach
 - Biology
 - Foundations of Engineering
 - Accel Alg. or HS Algebra
 - HS Physical SC
 - LA & SS classes integrated
 - 4 Carnegie Credits at end of 8th grade
 - NEW approach- currently gauging level of interest
 - Team Schedule vs Dept.
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Traditional 8th grade

- Biology offered at 8AM (\$300)
- Department Model
- Full range of Connections classes including Fine Arts & Foreign Language
- All three levels of Math
- HS Physical Science for all
- Varying Carnegie Credits (1-4)

Morning Biology

- Class is not traditionally part of the 8th grade curriculum
 - Additional class to the school day. Begins at 8:00am
 - Parents must provide transportation
 - Curriculum is for both gifted and non-gifted students
 - Taught by High School Certified Teachers
 - Semester grades are based on High School criteria
 - *Tuition for yearlong course: \$300.*
 - *“P” for “Pass” listed on transcript*
 - *Available to those taking Fine Arts and/or Foreign Language*
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Connections Options

Carnegie Credit

- Foreign Language
 - Must be enrolled in 7th
- Foundations of Engineering
 - Charge North Team
- Marketing Principles
 - Must Apply

No Carnegie Credit

- Fine Arts Programs
- Theatre Arts
 - Year long option
 - Must apply



Extra Curricular Activities

- Eighth grade is an exciting time for our students. They have additional academic, athletic and social opportunities. We will continue to keep parents informed as we move closer to high school.
 - Basketball try outs in the Fall
 - Details for Cheerleading will available near the end of this year.
 - Must be grade eligible and meet 7th grade promotion criteria to do cheerleading / basketball.
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Questions?



Thank you for Coming....

