



# Dr. John Long Middle School


Home of the Longhorns!






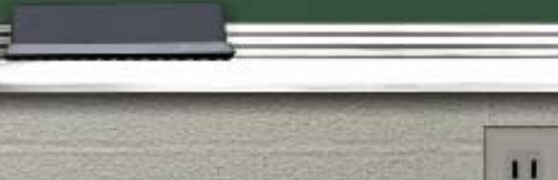


# Administration & School Counselors

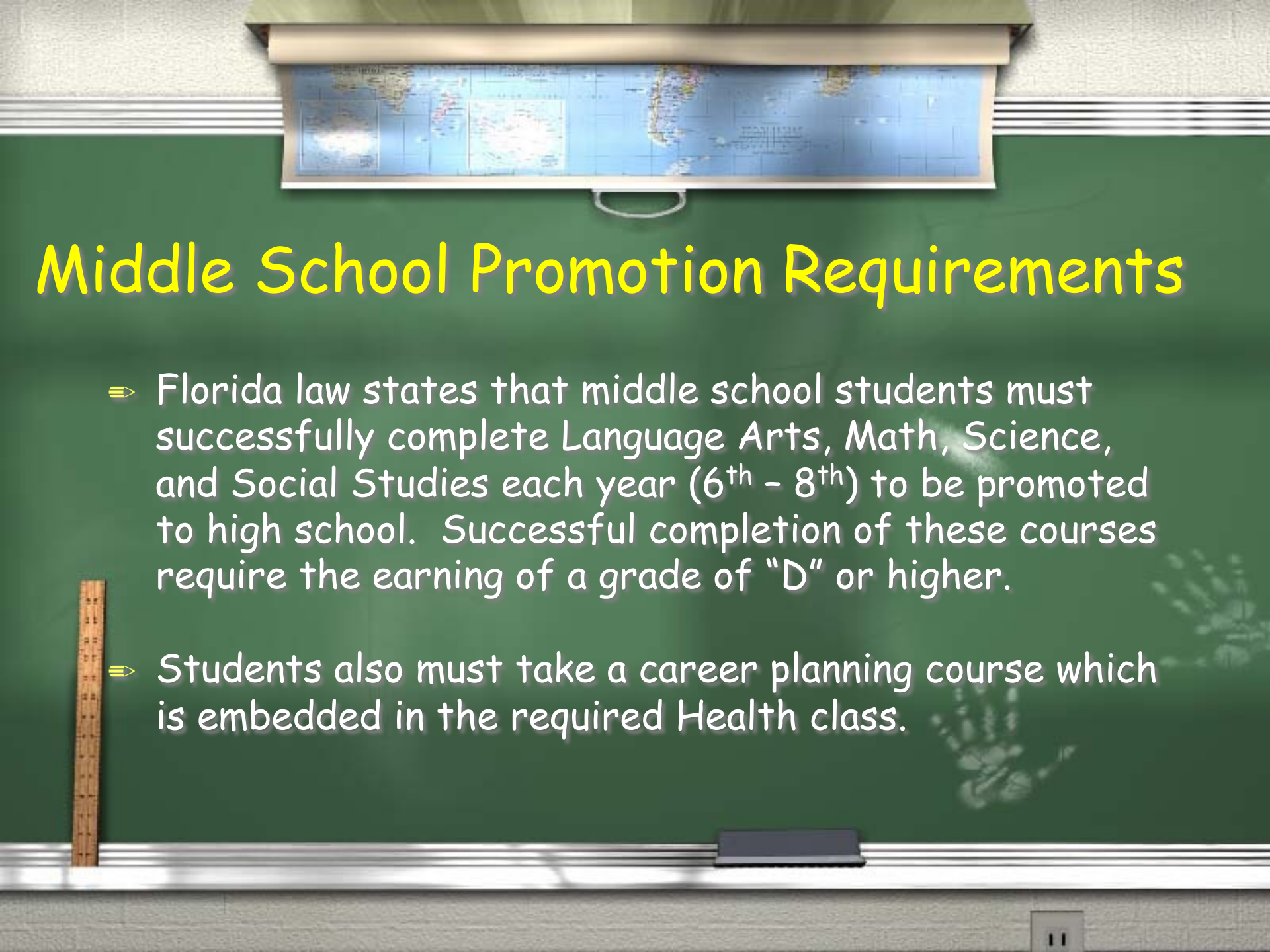
- ⇒ Principal : Christine Wolff
  - ⇒ Assistant Principals: Shalonda Brooks (6<sup>th</sup>), Victoria Hammond (7<sup>th</sup>), Jill Briscoe (8<sup>th</sup>)
  - ⇒ School Counselors: Cathy Quigley (6<sup>th</sup>), Annette Armstrong (7<sup>th</sup>), Nick Shaw (8<sup>th</sup>)
  - ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Teams: Wranglers, Mustangs, Silver Stars, Dreamcatchers, Lucky Horseshoes
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# Areas of Interest

- ⇒ Middle School Promotion Requirements
  - ⇒ Core Subject Area Information
  - ⇒ Elective Class Information
  - ⇒ Middle School Overview
  - ⇒ Social Media/Middle School Tips
  - ⇒ ESE - health room inside gym
  - ⇒ Dreamcatchers - cafeteria
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# Middle School Promotion Requirements

- ⇒ Florida law states that middle school students must successfully complete Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies each year (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) to be promoted to high school. Successful completion of these courses require the earning of a grade of "D" or higher.
- ⇒ Students also must take a career planning course which is embedded in the required Health class.



# What does a 6th Grade schedule look like?

*(6 periods each day)*

- ⇒ Language Arts
  - ⇒ Math
  - ⇒ Science
  - ⇒ US History
- ⇒ Semester Elective/Health
  - ⇒ Elective



# What are the 6<sup>th</sup> grade electives?

- ⇒ Year Classes - Chorus, Band, Orchestra
- ⇒ Semester Classes - Health (required) with PE/Art/Spanish/Music (chosen at random)
- ⇒ Some students will take Intensive Reading or Intensive Math based on FAST scores







# General Information

- ⇒ Changing classes - 4 minutes passing
- ⇒ No walking in lines
- ⇒ No lockers (except PE)
- ⇒ Courtyard time after lunch
- ⇒ Bells - start of school and dismissal

# Lunches


- ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> grade lunches are either 12:23-12:53 or 12:53-1:23 (subject to change if the district changes our start/dismissal time)
- ⇒ 30 minutes each - no assigned seats
- ⇒ Courtyard time after lunch







# Tools for Middle School Success

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- ⇒ myStudent (gradebook & attendance)
  - ⇒ myLearning (curriculum & assignments)
  - ⇒ Planner/Photo of board
  - ⇒ Organization - Clean out backpack once a week.
  - ⇒ Make time for homework and prepare the night before.
  - ⇒ Develop good study habits.
  - ⇒ Choose your friends wisely-friends who build you up!
  - ⇒ Get involved in JLMS activities.
  - ⇒ Set bedtime every school night!
  - ⇒ Phones are a MAJOR distraction at bedtime!!
  - ⇒ Breakfast is a great way to start the day!





# FUN


Clubs  
Pep Rallies  
Honor Roll Celebrations  
Dances  
Athletic Teams  
Sports Games  
Field Trips







# Sports

- ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to participate in middle school sports
  - ⇒ football, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer
  - ⇒ Every quarter has a new sports team, cheerleading lasts the entire school year
  - ⇒ Paperwork needs to be completed prior to try outs
  - ⇒ Paperwork is submitted on the school website
  - ⇒ Summer Camps will be posted in school website
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# Sports

Check JLMS website for tryout info








# PARENTS

An important thing to remember as you navigate the ups and downs of middle school years:




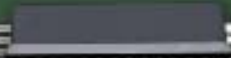

⇒ You are your child's anchor. Your influence, advice, values, and just being available to listen and provide a pat on the back are more important than ever. Communication is key!



# Electronic Devices/Social Media

⇒ BYOD - Bring Your Own Device -  
Instructional/Educational

⇒ [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

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- ⇒ MONITOR your child's electronic devices
- ⇒ Know the password
  - ⇒ Limit the screen time
  - ⇒ Set up parental controls
  - ⇒ Set up specific rules for your house
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# Electronic Devices/Social Media

- ⇒ Text Messages
  - ⇒ Social Media (Each of these have a private messaging aspect)
    - ⇒ Snap Chat
    - ⇒ Instagram
    - ⇒ TikTok
  - ⇒ Internet - INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT IS EVERYWHERE
  - ⇒ MONITOR your child's electronic devices
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# SIXTEEN APPS

## PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

Courtesy of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office/ School Resource Officer Unit

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### ASK.FM



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

### DISCORD



DISCORD is an app that allows users to talk to friends or strangers in real-time via voice, text, or video chat while playing video games. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, cyberbullying, and more.

### KIK



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

### SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

### BADOO



BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

### GRINDER



GRINDER is a dating app geared towards LGBTQ+ people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.

### LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

### TIKTOK



TIKTOK is a mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are very vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

### BUMBLE



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

### HOLLA



HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

### MEETME



MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

### WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemail, make calls, and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smartphones and computers.

### CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

### HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

### SKOUT



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.

### WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.



**IT'S JUST MIDDLE SCHOOL, WOODY!**



**THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR**





# LONGHORNS



**H**elping

**E**ach other

**R**each a Common

**D**estination

**JLMS**