

**Middle School
Gifted and Talented
Program
Honors Classes**

Middle School is an exciting time for both you and your student. It marks the end of the elementary experience, but the beginning of new opportunities and challenges.

In the Bay City Public Schools, each Middle School offers a section of core content classes within the Gifted and Talented Program.

Honors English

Honors Math

Honors Science

Honors Social Studies



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**HONORS CLASSES IN
MIDDLE SCHOOL
2008-2009
SIXTH GRADE**



Handy Middle School



Western Middle School

Sixth Grade Honors Class Offerings...

English Language Arts

Honors English Language Arts students will be reading, writing, and learning more grammatical concepts. Students will be reading and analyzing a variety of genres as contained in the 7th grade course text including but not limited to:

- International Folk Tales
- Legends/Myths
- Mysteries
- Poetry
- Dramas

The class will be engaged in different activities as they analyze the different text structures of the reading selections. Activities could include stimulating conversation connected with the reading selections, writing a summary, or comparing different texts within the same genre. This course will also incorporate class novels.

Students will continue to use the writing process as they write in the following styles:

- Narratives
- Comparative Essays
- Speeches
- Long form responses to the readings
- Short form responses to readings
- Writing letters
- Projects
- Book reports



Mathematics

Honors Mathematics is an accelerated course. Students will be learning mathematical concepts that our current 7th grade students are learning. The concepts students will be learning are similar to a traditional Pre-Algebra class.

- Understand derived quantities
- Solve problems involving rates, ratios, and proportions
- Recognize irrational numbers
- Compute with rational numbers
- Understand and apply directly proportional relationships and relate to linear relationships
- Understand and represent linear functions
- Understand and solve problems about inversely proportional relationships
- Apply basic properties of real numbers in algebraic contexts
- Combine algebraic expressions and solve equations
- Draw and construct geometric objects
- Understand the concept of similar polygons, and solve related problems
- Represent and interpret data
- Compute statistics about data sets



Science

Honors Science students will investigate units of study using the scientific process.

- **Science Process**-inquiry process, analysis, communication, reflection and social implications
- **Physical Science**-energy and changes in matter
- **Life Science**-organization of living things and ecosystems
- **Earth Science**-solid earth and earth in space/time

Science (continued)

They will be engaged in hands-on inquiry based activities through the use of science kits and other materials. They will also use small groups to aid in developing important skills such as communicating ideas, sharing responsibility, and develop socialization skills. **All Honors students will be required to participate in the March science fair.**



Social Studies

Honors Social Studies focuses on the study of the Western Hemisphere specifically the study of Canada and Latin America. During the study of Canada and Latin America (Mexico, Central America, Caribbean, and South America) students will compare and contrast:

- Histories
- Geographic characteristics
- Economies
- Cultures
- Governments

Students will also study and discuss current events in our country and around the world.

The students will discover social studies together through discussion and critical thinking activities. During the course of the year students will be expected to complete the following types of assignments:

- Assigned reading
- Answering questions
- Writing assignments
- Group projects
- Individual projects
- Current Events Journal

Students will be expected to apply their learning in and beyond the classroom through essay contests and competitions.

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