



March 11, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Current Fifth Grade Students:

We are pleased to begin the process of transitioning grade 5 students to middle school. As the rest of the school year unfolds we will have updated information about how we will get students ready for middle school and support their transition.

This year, we are asking each student's parent/guardian to complete a HRMS Grade 5 Transition Information Google Form. The information received will be shared with your child's guidance counselor and team of teachers so they may begin to get acquainted with your child.

The Google Form link (<https://forms.gle/Jvsbc11ZmQSEi4bg9>) will also be provided in an email from your elementary school principal. Please be sure to complete one form per Grade 5 student. We ask that parents/guardians complete the Google form **no later than Friday, March 26, 2021**.

There are three academic teams in grade six. Students are placed proportionally from each elementary school on all three teams. The teams are constructed heterogeneously with an equal number of ability levels on each team. Sixth grade students attend academic classes with the other students on their team. Students from all three sixth grade teams are mixed in their exploratory classes. **Please be reminded that we do not accept specific requests for teams. The decision as to which team your child will be placed on is decided by the Middle School Administration in collaboration with your child's elementary school.** Team assignments and newsletters will be sent out in late August, while grade-level supply lists will be available on the HRMS website in July.

All course offerings are subject to funding per the FY2022 Danvers Public Schools budget, which will be finalized in the spring.

Also, in order to ensure you receive the electronic communications from HRMS, please be sure to frequently check your Spam or Junk folder to ensure you do not miss any such messages, and consider adding those contacts to your address book to ensure they arrive in your Inbox.

We look forward to working with you to make your child's transition into our Middle School an enjoyable experience. Please feel free to call the school (978) 774-8590 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adam Federico

Adam Federico
Principal