



Bristol Township School District

Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School

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New Student Transition

When new students enter our buildings, they are given a tour of the building. We show them the cafeteria, the gymnasium, the art and music rooms and where their classroom is located. They are given a New Student Packet which contains information about upcoming events like the Family Engagement Night, a letter inviting them to the Title I Annual Meeting or the Title I county-wide Family Engagement Workshop, depending on the time of the year and other building events. The parents also receive a copy of the Student Handbook. Students are then given the universal screenings such as Dibels. Students are placed in the classrooms based on their age. The ESL teacher may be contacted if the student indicates he/she speaks another language in the home.

Transition from Elementary School to Middle School

In the late spring several different events happen within the district. The first event is a visitation day from department chairs from the middle schools visiting the elementary fifth grades. The second event is a field day held for all 5th graders. It is a time of athletic contests, for one thing, but it is really a time for all the fifth graders to come together to meet each other and celebrate their rite of passage of moving up to middle school. It is a fun day competition.

An orientation day is held in the late summer so that students and their parents can visit the schools, follow a possible schedule so that they get used to moving in the hallways and between classes. The principals are available, as well as many staff members. Counselors from the middle schools visit all of the elementary schools, talk about scheduling and how all of that works. The students are then assigned classes based on their individual results from PSSAs and the LinkIt Tests. The availability of different programs is explained to the students such as Tiger Techs and they are given an opportunity to sign up for these programs. We are implementing a day at the beginning of the school year that brings in the new 6th grade students, a day without the other grades being present. The teachers have planned programming that gives the 6th graders an orientation to middle school expectations, introduces them to the building and gives them an opportunity to move around the building as they follow an abbreviated schedule.

Parents are invited in to visit on Back to School Nights, as well, where they have an opportunity to meet the teachers. Expectations are explained to all. The students and families then follow their schedules to visit each classroom. Separate evenings are held for different grades so that families are able to visit classrooms for more than one student. They are also invited in again for Deployment Night where the one to one devices are deployed to the students. Rules are explained for proper usage of the devices. Consequences are also explained for violations of the district policies.

Parents from both middle schools are invited to join separate private online groups like a google classroom where parents can be in touch with teachers and the principal for announcements, concerns and issues that come up throughout the school year.

Middle to High School

A similar pattern is followed for transitioning from 8th grade to the high school. Counselors will visit both middle schools, discuss opportunities for scheduling classes. An evening event is also planned for interested parents. Students then have an opportunity to schedule a tour as well.

Orientation is held prior to the beginning of classes. Freshman participate in special activities and experience their schedule prior to everyone returning to school. Counselors and teachers are on hand to help students make a successful transition. Parents are encouraged to attend Back to School Night.