

# FMS

## Rising 6th Grade Town Hall Questions

Spring 2020

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# When will we get our student's schedule?

**Student schedules/PODs will be available on ASPEN later in the summer, typically sometime during the last week of July.**

Will students get an opportunity to see their  
POD/meet their teachers?

**Yes, 6th Grade Orientation is Thursday, August  
6 from 8:30 am - 12 pm.**

**There is a flyer with more specific information  
on our website under the “Rising 6th Grade  
Information”**

# When is the earliest a student can get to FMS?

**Our front doors open at 7:15 am for students to wait in bus hall.**

# Can a student ride a bike or walk to/from school?

**Yes, if a parent chooses, their child can walk or ride a bike to school. We installed new bike racks last year to help encourage different modes of arrival. FMS does not encourage nor endorse “down the hill” pickups.**

Is there recess in 6th Grade?

**Yes, 6th grade students have a daily recess time built into their schedule.**

# Are Apple Watches Allowed?

**Yes, wearable technology is allowed, however communication use falls under our cell phone policy and they can't be used from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. They will also be treated as a cell phone for testing situations.**

What plan has been made to address social distancing in the fall?

**Currently, discussions and planning is occurring at the District Level to make the safest plan possible for school in the fall. There are too many unknowns right now to predict and speculate on what policies will be. However, Knox County Schools has always shown a preference to err on student and staff safety.**

Will Knox County school be able to provide distance learning if school is canceled in the Fall?

**The District has presented a plan to the Knox County School Board to take the district to a 1:1 technology model. The 1:1 plan was approved and should allow the District to clear many of the hurdles that made distance learning not possible during the Spring of 2020.**

Can a student take year-round PE instead of a music experience?

**No, we are required to give all students in 6th grade an extended (year-round) musical experience.**

Are students required to take a year-round enrichment course as well as their related arts rotation or is it one or the other? Is digital art offered as a year-long enrichment class?

**All 6th grade students will take one extended (year-round) music class. Their remaining related arts will be filled with quarterly rotation of classes, which could contain an enrichment class or an intervention class if required.**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1st Related Arts	Band	Band	Band	Band
2nd Related Arts	PE	Art	Science Enrichment	Health

If our student chose band are they locked into that instrument or can they change?

**The band directors want students to enjoy their experience in band and are very flexible when it comes to instrument selection (within reason).**

How can I see my child's recommended classes, and how was that decided?

**Student's recommendations are able to be viewed in ASPEN. When schedules are generated, they will also appear in ASPEN. Your child's appropriate academic placement was based on the most recent standardized testing score available and teacher recommendation.**

Will band be hosting instrument pairing this summer?

**Yes, that is the current plan. They are working on getting a schedule and a plan that can work and be safe in regard to social distancing. Keep checking the website for more information.**

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**Any Other Questions?**