

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do we share lockers?

A: No. Everyone has their own lock and locker.

Q: When do we get lockers and locks?

A: 6th graders will not receive their locks and lockers on the first day of school. We will practice in the classroom how to open locks. Your teacher will tell you when you will receive your lock and locker.

Q: Can we bring our own lock?

A: No. The first lock you receive will be part of the school fees that are paid at the beginning of the year. After that, if you need another lock, they can be purchased through the school for \$5.00. These locks have keys that can open them if administration needs to help you get it open.

Q: Does East Middle still have teams (Launch/Legacy/Legend)?

A: No. We created an advisory class as a way to regularly connect to the same group of students and a trusted adult.

Q: What is the dress code?

A: You can read about our dress code on the parents page of the website and in the student handbook.

Q: When do we go to lunch?

A: At this time, lunch occurs during 4th period.

Q: What is Missile Miles?

A: Missile Miles is a time you get to go outside with your class and have a 10-15 minute break to walk or have some type of movement (basketball, football, soccer).

Q: Can we bring electronics to school?

A: Yes. However, when school starts all electronics must be placed in your locker and turned off. If you are caught with your phone on you, it will be taken up to the office and returned at the end of the day. After your first offense, a parent must pick up your phone from the office.

Q: What does a typical schedule look like?

A: Most students have the following classes, with advisory first and then no certain order.

- Advisory
- English Language Arts
- Science
- Math
- Social Studies
- Related Arts
 - Art
 - Music
 - Technology
 - P.E.
 - Band
 - Choir
 - Orchestra

Q: When are sport tryouts and what sports does East Middle have?

A: Information about East Middle School athletics is on the school's website. Announcements are also often made about when to try out and how to get involved. Sport information will also be sent home through the Missile eNews.

Q: What time can car riders be dropped off in the morning?

A: 7:45 AM

Q: What time does school start and end?

A: School starts at 8:40 AM and ends at 3:35 PM.

Q: Is breakfast and lunch free in middle school?

A: Yes!

Q: What does the school look like?

A: There are 4 main hallways - everyone is in their own hallway. In other words, there is a 6th grade, 7th grade, 8th grade, and related arts hall.

Q: When do we get our schedule?

A: Schedules are given out prior to the start of school, but we often give a new copy on the first day to help everyone feel ready to start. We will share more at events like the Back to School Bash and Moving Up Day.

Q: How long do our classes last?

A: Most classes are 45 minutes. Our English Language Arts classes are 2 - 45 minute classes and Math classes are 2 - 45 minute classes. But, be prepared for your teachers to adjust your schedules if you are working on a science lab or project. Part of personalized learning is giving you the time you need to learn.

Q: Does East Middle charge a flat supply fee at the beginning of the year? If so, what does it cover and how much is the fee?

A: The instructional fee at Shelby East is \$70 and works much the same way course fees work at the high schools. The purpose of the fee is to eliminate the need to ask parents multiple times, in multiple classes, over the course of the year for money and donations.

The estimated breakdown is:

\$5 for lock rental; \$5 for agenda purchase; \$10 per core course + related arts (5); \$10 for PRIDE Pursuit elective.

The fee provides content specific consumables, instructional website access, PRIDE Pursuit consumables, and other instructional supplements that enhance student learning. The fee is carefully managed & tracked to ensure it is exclusively used for purchases that enhance the student learning experience.

Here are some of last year's educational enhancements made possible by these funds:

- Robotics
- Project Lead the Way
- StemScopes online science
- Additional STEM lab supplies & tools for our science courses
- Books by diverse authors with diverse characters added to all classroom libraries
- Scholastic Magazines in our content classes
- We added Ukulele instruction in 19-2 and will add drumming/rhythm instruction in 20-21.

Q: What is not covered by the fee discussed above?

A: The fee does not cover athletics or field trips.

Q: What time do I get on the bus to go to school?

A: Students should look on Shelby County Public Schools Website, click on the bus icon, enter your address, and receive bus number and approximate time of pickup in the morning and bus pick up site. You can also contact the bus garage if you have any questions or concerns. We highly suggest you know your bus number and home address the **first day** of school.

Q: What does a typical day of a middle school student look like?

A: See the chart below.

Arrival	Students can go to the gym, library, or cafeteria for breakfast.
8:30 AM	Students are dismissed to their halls to put away their things and go to 1st period class.
8:40 AM	School begins. Teachers take attendance. There are morning announcements. First period is Advisory.
1st Period	Advisory
2nd & 3rd Period	Classes
4th Period	Class, lunch, and Missile Miles
5th, 6th, & 7th Period	Classes
During 7th Period	Afternoon announcements and dismissal. Order of dismissal is walkers first. Bus riders second. Car riders third.

Q: What else should I know before the first day of school?

A: If possible, you should know your lunch number. It is the last 6 digits of your Student ID number. If you don't know it, we can help you, but it is a lot easier if you do know it. Your Student ID is on your schedule.

Q: Am I allowed to walk home if I want?

A: Becoming a walker requires parent permission and principal approval. What is not allowed, is walking to Wright Elementary to avoid the afternoon car line. Per Wright Elementary Principal, Mr. Green, that practice increases undirected traffic in their parking lot in the afternoons, and that is unsafe.

Q: What if my friend wants to ride home with me on the bus?

A: You must bring a note to the front office first thing in the morning for it to be signed and approved.

Q: What are some great things that happen in middle school?

A: We have school dances, a book fair, reward days, and an awesome time called “Snack Attack” where you can buy items to support student activities. Students also have the opportunity to attend East Middle sporting events, plays, and concerts. Our student section is a lively bunch during games!

Q: What do we have in middle school that we might not have had in elementary?

A: At East Middle, we have PRIDE Pursuits. These are classes you choose. It is a great time to learn something new that you find interesting. Students taking band or choir will receive first choice of these classes since they do not take a related arts class. Band/choir students may want to take art, music or technology during this time. Sign ups for all students will take place after the school year begins

Q: Do I really need an Agenda Book?

A: Yes. Being organized in middle school is extremely important. We also expect you to use your Agenda Book as a hall pass, going to the restroom or anywhere in the building that you need to go on your own.

Q: Are there advanced placement or honors classes at East Middle?

A: No. Our teachers work very hard to tailor instruction to meet individual needs. Teachers may differentiate content, process, or product while using ongoing assessment and flexible grouping. Students receive Gifted and Talented services (TAG) through both collaboration and pull out services.

Q: Do you allow requests for particular teachers?

A: No. Personalizing learning and making sure students are able to learn at the right pace, place, path, and time means you are carefully paired by our administration with the teachers who can meet your needs. It is very likely that you will have the opportunity to work with ALL of the teachers in your grade level through class partnerships, projects, and flexible grouping.

Q: Can I sign up for band or choir?

A: Yes. You may contact our teachers directly to discuss your options.
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