

Preparing to Transition Your Student to Middle School

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PROGRAMS & SPECIALIZED SERVICES

General Education

- Students rotate from classes to class, have an elective, and PE
- Diploma Bound

RSP (Resource) - found on all junior high campuses

- Students take a study skills class
- Diploma Bound

Related Services are provided within all junior high programs, such as the following:

- Language and Speech services
- Occupational Therapy
- Health services

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

- Special Day Classes
- Programs focus on supporting students with specific needs
- Located only at some schools
- Either core curriculum or alternative curriculum

MATRICULATION PROCESS

- November: Newhall administrators begins to organize data about the number of students who we expect to transition to Hart.
- January: Newhall coordinates IEP meeting dates with Hart.
- February/March: Parents are notified of IEP meeting schedule.
- April: Matriculation IEP Meeting Amendments are held with Hart staff to develop transition plans for 6th graders.

Matriculation Meetings

- Held via ZOOM
- Is an amendment to the current IEP
- Will inform of placement/services offered for the student in junior high
- Parents will be provided with program information
- Will inform parents of ESY (Extended School Year)
 - ESY will be offered through Hart District since 6th graders age up in June
- Discusses the need for transportation if program is not at home school
- Meetings are approximately 30-45 minutes
- Students are invited and encouraged to attend
- THIS IS A TIME FOR PARENTS TO ASK QUESTIONS OF JUNIOR HIGH

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR 6th GRADER

- Make sure your child is completing homework each night.
- Have students write down nightly homework from school.
- Practice opening a number lock.
- Practice changing into PE clothes.
- Practice putting all school items in one location.
- Give your child opportunities to work on Google Classroom at home.
 - If your child is using Google Classroom at school, have him/her show you completed assignments
- Practice personal information.
 - Full-Name, Birthdate, Phone Number, Address, Parents' Names
 - And how to spell/write it (if able)
 - Name of Medication (if able)

Ways for PARENTS to PREPARE

- Get comfortable with technology.
 - Hart District uses Infinite Campus for grades and communication
- If your child has a cell phone, set up find my phone.
- Register your child in Santa Clarita's Special Needs Registry.
 - This will provide you with a picture ID card that should be placed in your child's backpack
- Place an Identification card with important information in your child's backpack.
 - Name, birthdate, phone numbers, address, parents' names, medication taking
- If your child is going to use public transportation, get a TAP CARD.
 - Tap Cards can be registered in case they get lost
- Attend 7th grade orientation, welcome, and Back to School Night for Junior High, and ASK QUESTIONS.

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- If you wish for child to attend a different school from your home school you need to fill out transfer forms with Hart.
- Hart will offer 6th grade orientations, welcomes, and Open House - Parents are encouraged to attend.

Questions will be Answered