Don’t sit on the sidelines!

Check out these activities and find out which ones your school offers. Then get involved. Don’t spend your life watching other people have all the fun!

**Sports**
7th & 8th – Basketball, cheerleading, football, volleyball (You may also be able to play on junior varsity golf, softball or track teams. *The High School League guidelines do not allow 6th graders to take part in school-sponsored sports.*)

**Clubs**
Beta Club, Circus Troupe, Junior Honor Society, Newspaper, Peer Mediators, Soccer Club, Spirit Club, STARS (Students tutoring elementary students), Steppers, Student Council, Triple A Club, Yearbook

**Recognition**
Celebration of Excellence, Character Award, Citizenship Award, Duke TIP, Governor’s Award of Excellence, Junior Scholars, Perfect Attendance, Top Student in each subject for each team, Weekly Recognition for academics, citizenship and improvement

**Academic Contests**
Academic Challenge Team, DAR Writing Contest, Geography Bee, History Day, Lt. Governor’s Writing Contest, Santee Cooper Writing Contest, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, My Favorite Teacher Art & Essay Contest

**Activities & Programs**
After-School Tutoring, BEST Business Partners, Communities-In-Schools, English as a Second Language, HATS (homework tutorial), Exemplary Writing, FAST, School dances, School-wide service learning, ST-ARTS (summer enrichment program at Winthrop University)

Smack dab in the MIDDLE! A GREAT place to be!

**What will classes be like?**

- **Each team** of teachers may adjust the time in core courses to give you more lab time or more time to work on projects. You might even use the time to work on activities that relate to two or more courses, something teachers call interdisciplinary studies.

**What does exploratory mean?**

- **Flexible scheduling??**

**School Within-A School**
Each grade is organized into its own “school” to make sure you don’t get “lost” in the shuffle. You’ll spend most of your day with students in your grade and with teachers familiar with the expectations for your grade.

**Do I get a LOCKER??**

- **LOCKER?? Yes! To help you get ready for high school!!**

- **ICE CREAM?? Available every day at lunch**

- **COMPUTERS?? In every classroom**

- **GOOD BOOKS?? Our libraries are filled with great books**

- **Beta Club, Circus Troupe, Junior Honor Society, Newspaper, Peer Mediators, Soccer Club, Spirit Club, STARS (Students tutoring elementary students), Steppers, Student Council, Triple A Club, Yearbook**

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- **School Within-A School**

- **What will classes be like?**

- **What does exploratory mean?**

- **Am I REALLY on a Team?**

- **Flexible grouping??**

- **Do I get a LOCKER??**
You may be grouped with other learners who have the same goals and needs for learning. Your group may change as your needs change.

**6th grade**

**Core courses mean what??**

- Everybody takes language arts, math, science & social studies – these are your core courses

**Year-long courses??**

- If you qualify, you can take
  - Prehonors Math
  - Prehonors Language Arts

- You can earn a certificate in
  - Science and/or Social Studies

- In each subject, you must complete activities for a portfolio

**Explore courses??**

- Depending on your school’s offerings, you can choose from
  - art, band, drama, music, physical ed., health, gifted/talented class, reading strategies, computer, home arts

**7th grade**

**Core courses mean what??**

- Everybody takes language arts, math, science & social studies – these are your core courses

**Year-long courses??**

- If you qualify, you can take
  - Prehonors Math (PreAlgebra)
  - Prehonors Language Arts

- You can earn a certificate in
  - Science and/or Social Studies

- In each subject, you must complete activities for a portfolio

**Explore courses??**

- Depending on your school’s offerings, you can choose from
  - art, band, drama, music, physical ed., health, gifted/talented class, reading strategies, computer, home arts

**8th grade**

**Core courses mean what??**

- Everybody takes language arts, math, science & social studies – these are your core courses

**Year-long courses??**

- If you qualify, you can take
  - Honors Algebra 1
  - Intro to Honors English

- You can earn a certificate in
  - Science and/or Social Studies

- In each subject, you must complete activities for a portfolio

**Explore courses??**

- Depending on your school’s offerings, you can choose from
  - art, band, drama, music, physical ed., health, gifted/talented class, reading strategies, computer, home arts, keyboarding for 1/2 high school credit

**What does exploratory mean?**

Exploratory courses are just what they sound like they are – the chance for you to explore areas you’re interested in and discover your talents in these areas. These courses may last nine weeks, a semester or all year, depending on the course and how your school schedules them.

**What will classes be like?**

Most classes are 45-90 minutes long, and you usually change classes every period.

**Am I REALLY on a Team?**

Yes, you and a group of your fellow students will work with the same teachers (from two to six of them) all year to help you get the most out of school.

- They’ll teach core courses. be there if you need someone to talk to and help you figure out strategies for improving study skills or getting along with peers.

- During parent-teacher conferences, they’ll all meet with you and your parents to make sure everybody’s working together to help you.

- As part of the team concept, all middle schools have a dress code – it takes the worry out of deciding what to wear and helps you stay focused on school – not what you, or someone else, is wearing.