

Frequently Asked Questions

BTW/HPMS 6th Grade Parent Survey

1. Does the new HPMS have enough space to accommodate the 6th grade?
Yes, the building core was designed to house 1200 students. We currently have 751 7th and 8th graders in the building.
2. Will 6th grade be separated from 7th and 8th grade?
Yes, the building was designed with one academic wing to house 6th grade for all core classes. This wing has 3 science labs and enough classrooms for all 6th grade Math, Social Studies and English class rooms. 6th graders would also have a dedicated lunch and PE/Pre-Athletics. Because the “6th grade academic house” is on the opposite side of the building from the Humanities House and the STEM House, there would be limited direct interaction with other grade levels during the academic day.
3. Can the new school handle the traffic of an additional grade level?
Yes, the new middle school site was designed to handle traffic for 1200 students. There would need to be adjustments to the drop off and pick up routines to accommodate the additional students. The morning drop-off for 6th grade would be at the gym entrance (not the front door) and loop around the back of the building as designed. Afternoon pick up could have a similar pattern (if necessary). The daily bell schedules for Hal Peterson may be adjusted to create more separation of the traffic patterns between HPMS, Tivy HS and Daniels Elementary.