River Bend Middle School

Rising 6th Grade Students & Families
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Dave Shaffer, Principal
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- 21st year in public education
- 8th year as the Principal of River Bend Middle School
- Virginia Middle School Association's Region IV Director
- Virginia Schools to Watch State Director
- Virginia Middle School Educator of the Year
- Husband & father of three children
Juliet Kenny, Assistant Principal

Nick Fisher, Assistant Principal

Melissa Dober, 6th Grade Dean

Christy Wadley, 7th Grade Dean

Jennifer Kassander, 8th Grade Dean
River Bend School Counselors

Kate Dober
Maria Powers
Katharine Smorodin
Sherri Robinson

Sodaf Khan
School Social Worker

Danayer Mann
School Psychologist

Keith Robinson
Student Assistance Specialist
Gifted & Talented Teacher (Spectrum), In-School Restriction (ISR), Librarians, School-Based Instructional Facilitator (SBIF), Nurse, Parent Liaison, Reading Specialist, School Resource Officer (SRO)
MISSION of LCPS:

Empowering ALL students to make meaningful contributions to the world.
Melissa Dober, Grade Level Dean

Amy Raye, House Administrative Assistant

Maria Powers, School Counselor
✔ Fully Accredited
✔ National School to Watch
✔ Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP)
✔ VMEA Blue Ribbon Award
✔ Purple Star School
Mathematics:
1. Math 6
2. Foundations of Algebra
The image below shows typical course progressions for students entering 6th grade who choose Math 6 or Foundations of Algebra. This chart includes the new mathematics pathways included in the proposed VDOE 2023 Mathematics Standards.

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* The content from Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 will be embedded throughout Essential Concepts I, II, and III.
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment, VDOE Growth Assessment, SOL Score

Classroom Performance & Teacher Recommendation

Other Factors:
• Desire for increased complexity, cognitive demand, and rigor
• Strong number sense
• Abstract thinker
• Requires minimal support
• Adjust to pacing demands
• Parent Recommendation
Pre-Algebra / Algebra 1
Honors LA, History, & Science

Curriculum
VDOE & SOL
This We Believe
Bloom’s Taxonomy
Differentiation
Personalized Learning
HONORS VS ACADEMIC

At River Bend, we believe in tailoring learning experiences to meet the individual needs, strengths, and interests of all students. As students transition into middle school, we encourage 6th graders to take honors in language arts, history, and science; mathematics offers two different courses (Math 6 and Foundations of Algebra). Beginning in 7th grade, students take either honors or academic based on their performance and achievement.

THE REALITY

- No eligibility criteria in LCPS
- No impact on a child’s GPA
- Identical curricula
- Identical SOL tests
- The majority of students are labeled and tracked before entering middle school
- Inconsistency with teacher recommendations at multiple feeder schools
- Disproportional placement in regards to race and ethnicity
- Disproportional grade distribution

THE BENEFITS

- Consistent and appropriate recommendations are made beginning in 7th grade
- Aligned with a personalized learning instructional model
- Aligned with AMLE philosophy (This We Believe)
- Aligned with Schools to Watch core elements
- Supports a growth mindset
- Decrease in class size
- Decrease in classroom discipline
- Increase in standardized test scores
- Increase in student ownership
Day

A

H Language Arts

Day

B

H Language Arts
English / Language Arts
United States History to 1865
Art (semester course)
Introduction to Computer Applications
(Semester Course)
1. Band (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion)
2. Chorus
3. Music Lab (Guitar)
4. Strings/Orchestra (Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass)
6th Grade Band
6th Grade Strings / Orchestra
Music Lab
(Guitar 6)
6th Grade Chorus
Resource or Spectrum
• 8:30 Doors open

• 8:30-8:40 6th Graders to the Main Gym

• 8:40-8:50 Locker Bay

• 8:50 School begins

• 3:38 School Ends
10:40 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
Moving to Middle School
River Bend Middle School

WHAT'S TRENDING

- Weekly News
- Raven World Student Newspaper
- Important LCPS Safety Reminders
- School Improvement Plan Executive Summary
- Become a Substitute
- School Counseling & UMHS
- Mental Health & Community Resources for Families
- Join the PTA (Online Membership)

Rising 6th Graders
- Overview (ES-MS)
- Rising 6th Orientation & Instrument Test Drive Nights
- Music Selections
- Band Video
- Chorus Video
- Music Lab/Guitar Video
- Strings Video
- Music Survey for Rising 6th Graders
- Math Course Selection Process

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

Today is an A Day

A/B Day Calendar

Bell Schedule

School Hours
8:18 AM - 3:18 PM

LCPS Student Calendar

Tweets by @RBMS_Official

https://www.lcps.org/rbms
Music Selection Videos
www.lcps.org/rbms

Instrument Test Drive
(February 8, 10, 15 at 6:00 p.m.)

Music Selection Survey
www.lcps.org/rbms
*Identify for instrument choice
Deadline for all schedule changes is April 1, 2022

Contact Maria.Powers@lcps.org
River Bend Middle (RBM) 101

- Monday, August 8 – Tuesday, August 9, 2022
- Cost = $60 prior to May 1st

Who: All rising 6th graders

What: A two-day summer camp to prepare for middle school

Where: River Bend Middle School in Sterling, VA

Cost: $60
(Price increases to $75 starting May 1st)

Fee includes a Class of 2029 t-shirt!
Spaces are limited to sign up now!
Transportation and lunch are NOT provided.

August 8th - 9th, 2022
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Registration Opens on February 15th
Registration link: bit.ly/RBM101register

What To Expect:
- Learn how to open your locker
- Get a tour of the school
- Follow the middle school schedule
- Meet some teachers, the dean, counselor, and other school leaders
- Get a taste for each subject – Math, Science, History, English, PE, Art, Computer Applications, Music
- Make new friends!

For more information or questions about RBM 101, please contact:
Juliet Kenny, Assistant Principal, juliet.kenny@lcps.org

For questions about payment or financial assistance, please contact:
Stephanie Wanjun, Financial Technician, stephanie.wanjun@lcps.org
Back-to-School Night
August 24th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Tips to get connected from Principal Shaffer
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LCPS App – follow River Bend MS
#6 CELLPHONES
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