



Guidance Newsletter

Bailey Middle School

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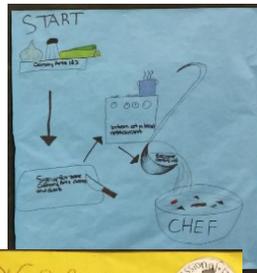
What Classes Should I Choose?



Choosing classes for next year can be exciting but also stressful. Here are a few things to consider as you make your decisions:

- What are your goals? Do you want to prepare for a future career, develop a social or other skill, try new things to find a passion, or be involved in a group or program?

- Middle school is the time to try new things. Cooking, guitar, gardening, playing an instrument, acting, singing, building a robot, computer programming, making videos, art, and more – we have classes that introduce you to a variety of interest areas.
- Don't choose a class just because your friend is in it. Your friend may end up in a different period or end up changing their choices. Also by taking a different class you will make new friends.
- Check with the elective teachers during the course showcase night about what they teach and make sure it is something you like.



Things to Remember:

Bailey Course Showcase is Feb. 12th at 6:30pm @ Bailey.

Choice Sheets are due to your science teacher on Feb. 20th.

*The school will do their best to give you your top choices, but this isn't always possible due to some classes only being offered one period or conflicting with another class, or a limited number of spaces in a class.

Moving to High School – Start Preparing Now

My mom raised 7 children who all went to Bailey and Bowie. I asked her the other day what she would recommend to parents to prepare their children for high school. Here's what she said...

1. The pros of taking high school credit classes in middle school are that your child can get some of those credits out of the way so as to take more advanced classes in high school.

The cons are that if a child is not super responsible in studying, they may make a low grade that will lower their high school grade point average (GPA) and affect their college applications.

2. In high school now days students have to pick a field of study (endorsement). Look into these options early (you can visit the high school websites and research there).

Have your child take a variety of classes in middle school to explore what they really like to do.

3. Volunteer at the school. This will help you better understand how the school works, how to help your child best self-advocate and what opportunities are available.