

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition to Norman Jr. High

At the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, Kaufman ISD 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will move to the Norman Jr. High campus. To prepare for this transition, we have prepared a list of frequently asked questions. We will continue to add to this list throughout the year. If you have a question that is not addressed below, please send an email to your child's principal so that it can be added. Be sure to check back for updated information!



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question	Response
When will sixth grade students move from Nash Intermediate to Norman Jr. High?	Norman Jr. High will include grades 6-8 beginning in August 2018. Three elementary campuses (Monday, Phillips, Nash) will each house grades 1-5. Kaufman HS, Gary Campbell HS, and Helen Edwards ECC will not be affected.
Why is Kaufman ISD moving 6 <sup>th</sup> grade?	To meet the growing and changing needs of our community
What other area schools combine 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students?	Terrell ISD, Canton ISD, Rains ISD, Athens ISD, Quinlan ISD, Mineola ISD follow the 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> model. Scurry-Rosser ISD combines grades 4-8. Forney ISD and Crandall ISD do not combine 6 <sup>th</sup> with higher grade levels.
Will there be a parent orientation to support the transition?	Yes. Nash, Phillips, and Monday campuses will host parent information sessions and Norman Jr. High will host a parent orientation for incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> graders. Students will have the opportunity to tour the campus when they pick up their schedules before the beginning of school in August 2018.
How will current (17-18) 5 <sup>th</sup> graders register for 6 <sup>th</sup> grade?	Jr. High counselor and administrators will work with incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> graders during the spring of 2018. The dates for registration have

	not been set, but will be communicated to parents and students when available.
What advanced courses will be offered?	Math, English
What electives will be offered for 6 <sup>th</sup> graders?	Band, Art, Theater Arts, Pre-Athletics
What teachers will be working with 6 <sup>th</sup> graders?	Certified 6 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be working with the students in addition to certified elective teachers.
Will sixth graders have the same courses with 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders?	Sixth grade students may be blended with 7 <sup>th</sup> graders in classes such as choir and theater arts. 6 <sup>th</sup> grade band and pre-athletics will be separated from the JH band and athletic program.
Will 6 <sup>th</sup> graders have their own area of the school or will they mix with 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders?	Yes. For the 18-19 school year 6 <sup>th</sup> grade classes will be clustered together for ease in moving from class to class. Future facility organization will be determined by the most effective use of the building.
Will 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students participate in athletics, choir, band, etc.?	Students will be able to participate in choir (6-7-8 grades), Band (6 <sup>th</sup> grade) and Pre-Athletics (6 <sup>th</sup> grade).
Will 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students be on the same bell schedule as 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade?	Yes, the bell schedule will be the same for all Norman JH.
Will sixth grade students have lunch with 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade?	For 2017-18, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students will have their own lunch period. There is a future possibility that sixth grade students will have lunch at the same time as 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students but they will be seated at different tables and monitored.