

Transitioning to Long Beach Middle School



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Introductions

- Ms. Marcell, School Counselor
- Ms. Darkeh, School Counselor
- Mr. Bajit, School Counselor
- Ms. Theresa Taplin, Vice Principal

5th to 6th Grade...A Time of Transition

- Your child is entering a new stage in life.
- We will be part of your child's journey through Middle School.
- Our goal is to develop a strong Home-School partnership.



School Counselor

School Counselors help:

- facilitate your child's transition to the Middle School.
- answer questions you may have.
- you work closely with your child's teachers.
- link students and parents to resources in the school.

School Counselor

School Counselors help:

- students build the competencies needed to be successful in middle school, high school and beyond.
- assist students in exploring interests and setting goals for the future.
- advocate for your child.

How is Middle School different?

- Different Classes
- More Teachers/Teams
- New Rules
- Busier Schedule
- More Classmates /Bigger School
- Sports, Clubs, Activities
- Expectations

Keys to Success

For the student:

- Attendance
- Be on-time
- Be prepared
- Be involved
- Attend extra help

Keys to Success

For the Parent/Guardian:

- **Work together** with your school counselor, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel.
- **Be pro-active:**
 - **Communicate** with teachers.
 - **Meet** with your child's team of teachers.
 - **Check** school web site for homework, events, parent conferences.
 - **Monitor** your child's progress through Parent Portal.
 - **Join** the PTA, sign up to receive important email blasts.

Keys to Success

For the Students and Parent/Guardian

- **Develop** a home routine:
 - Set a **specific time** to do homework, study, read, prepare, and practice.
 - **Designated a place** to work and organize materials .
 - **Develop** time management skills to juggle academics, clubs, activities, home responsibilities, and free time.
 - Use **agenda book** to track homework and assignments.



**Working together insures success
for all of our students.**



Thanks for joining us tonight.