

Commit to King Showcase

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Q&A

School Info

Q: How many students attend King Middle School?

A: There are approximately 850 students.

Q: What is the student/teacher ratio? Is the ratio different for Math and English? What percentage of kids are in advanced type classes?

A: Classes range from 25:1 to 30:1. Class sizes will vary in all subjects as we provide special education and remedial services to students. Acceleration comes in various forms such as the World Language classes, and Accelerated Math.

Q: What are the school hours for next year?

A: Right now they haven't changed. Hours are 9:15 am -4:15 pm.

Q: What is the percentage of staff vaccinated?

A: 94% of our staff is vaccinated.

Q: What are the elementary schools that feed into King?

A: Toomer, Burgess, Parkside, Benteen, BMOA, and Dunbar.

Q: Ms. Shea is an interim principal, correct? When will there be a permanent principal in place?

A: They plan to start interviewing for a permanent person during 2nd semester.

Q: How would you respond to Milestone testing data at King? How does it or how does it NOT reflect what kind of academic progress/rigor is actually happening in the building?

A: There is no current Milestone data [due to Covid the last Milestone tests administered were in 2019], so we are currently using MAP data to monitor student growth.

Q: My kids are curious about school uniforms – what is the uniform?

A: Uniforms are required Monday through Thursday. The uniform is khaki or black bottoms with burgundy, gold or black collared shirts. The dress code is: no ripped pants, no leggings/jeggings, no spaghetti strap tops, no crop tops, and shorts/skirts must be at least finger-tip length.

IB Program

Q: What is IB looking like for King- is King an IB school or in process of being IB?

A: We are an IB school. The process was completed in 2019.

World Languages

Q: How much Chinese do students get in 6th grade? Is the Mandarin class a continuation of what the children are exposed to in 4th and 5th grade?

A: In 6th grade all students get 1/2 a year (one semester) of each world language offered – Spanish and Mandarin.

Q: What if they didn't have Mandarin in elementary school?

A: Many students who come from a Spanish background at Burgess love Chinese and select it moving forward. The teachers work hard to make it a fun experience.

Daily Schedule

Q: What is the daily schedule?

A: Students take ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Science, World Language, and ONE connections class every day. They have two connections classes each semester, and the connections rotate on an A/B day schedule, like this:

Week 1: M/W/F – core classes + A connection, T/Th – core classes + B connection

Week 2: M/W/F – core classes + B connection, T/Th – core classes + A connection

Specials/Connections/Sports

Q: What are the specials for Music and Arts? Do we have multiple options in each?

A: Band, orchestra, visual arts, PE, theatre, swimming, health, business, broadcasting/communications, chorus, general music, dance, etc. Most specials are one semester long but band, orchestra, and chorus can be year round for students.

Q: Do students get to choose their connections?

A: We ask students to identify their top 4 connections and we attempt to give them at least one if not both of their top choices.

Q: How many specials does a student have per week?

A: Students have a connections class every day. Each semester each student takes 2 Connection classes.

Q: Are there are any Health/Sex Ed Education classes?

A: Sex Ed is in health class.

Q: Are sports part of connections or are they separate?

A: Sports are separate from connections and PE. They happen after school is over, usually between 4:30 pm and 6 pm.

Q: Do they have before-school activities?

A: They do not. The building opens right before school.

Q: Are there are any opportunities for students to be involved in leadership type activities?

A: Debate and National Beta Club are two examples.

Discipline

Q: What is the general approach to discipline in school and responses to student behavior? For instance, Toomer has a restorative justice practice – does King have that?

A: We do employ restorative justice practices.