



THE D105 DIFFERENCE



WELCOME TO GURRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th Grade
Parent Orientation

D105 Mission

Empowering students to make a difference in our world by assisting them to be self-directed, passionate, lifelong learners.



What makes Middle School Special?

- Transition between Elementary to High School
- Different teachers for different content
- Classes challenge students' thinking and promote problem-solving, critical thinking, and analysis skills.
- Develop social-emotional and executive function skills
- Increase independence and responsibility
- Explore interest
 - Exploratory classes
 - Extracurricular activities



Become LT Ready!



Essential Attributes (AMLE)

Responsive

School-related decisions are based on the unique characteristics and identities of young adolescents.

Challenging

Promoting high standards and learning growth for all in the school community.

Empowering

Creating spaces where students own their learning and positively impact their environment.

Equitable

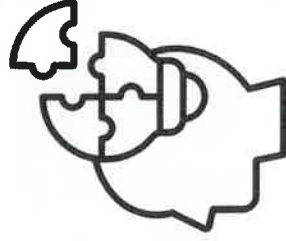
Providing every student equitable learning opportunities and environments.

Engaging

Building a relevant, engaging, and motivating learning environment for all students.

Four Values for Success

- The right to mutual respect.
- The right to teach, the right to learn.
- The right to individual dignity and privacy.
- A right to a safe and secure environment.



PBIS



PBIS at Gurrie

- 1 School-Wide Expectations Kickoff
- 2 PBIS Reward Program Tiger Strips
- 3 Schoolwide Celebrations
- 4 Creating a positive and supportive school climate



Typical Day At Gurrie

- Students enter the building at 8:07 am
- Classes begin promptly at 8:15 am
- Five - 75 minutes periods
 - Gold days periods 1-5
 - Blue days periods 6-10
 - English and Math every day
 - All other classes are every other day

Sample Student Schedule

7 th Grade Schedule	
Gold Day	Blue Day
1 Science Kerr	6 PE Ray
2 ELA Ingwersen	7 ELA Ingwersen
3 Spanish Rupert 7 Lunch	8 Social Science Sullivan 7 Lunch
4 Math O'Tool	9 Math O'Tool
5 Flex A Flex B	10 Exploratory



Year-long Classes

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Science
- Physical Education
- World Language
- PE



9 Week Quarter Exploratory Classes



What is Flex?

- Gold days 5th period - Flex A and Flex B
- Time to get what you need
 - Academic Supports
 - Enrichment
 - Focus Groups - Social Emotional Learning
 - Leadership Opportunities
 - Principal Advisory Committee
 - 7th & 8th Leadership Team



Advisory - Home Base



- Every Wednesday
- Two advisors
 - First points of contact
 - Answer questions
 - Help you with any challenges
- Learn how to be a successful middle school student at Gurrie
- Team building, goal setting, school activities

Student Planner



- 1 Stay Organized
- 2 Homework done on time
- 3 Prepare for test and quizzes
- 4 Complete Projects
- 5 Everyone will receive their own
- 6 An expectation to use your planner

Professional Learning Community



Academic Supports

- Tiger Support Time (TST)
 - Assigned by teacher
 - Must attend
- Academic Center for Educational Success (ACES)
 - Homework
 - Self-assigned
- Flex Period
 - Teacher requested or
 - Self-Assigned

Library Learning Center

Students have opportunity to:

- seek and produce information
- become excellent digital citizens
- develop or enhance a love of reading

Students visit LLC:

- with classes
- during Flex Periods for Independent Reading
- as needed for books or technology support

LLC Hours: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM



Get Involved!

Clubs/Activities

Activity Council
 Band (Jazz & Concert)
 Orchestra
 Choir
 Art Club
 EMM (Every Monday Matters)
 Musical
 Sound & Stage Crew
 Dare to Dream
 Code
 IMSA Fusion
 Math Team
 Speech Team
 Battle of the Books
 Role Playing Game Club
 Unity Club
 Investment Club
 Go Club
 Project Linus

Sports

Fall

Boys' Softball
 Girls' Basketball
 Cross Country (no-cut)

Winter

Boys' Basketball
 Girls' Volleyball
 Wrestling (no-cut)
 Cheerleading

Spring

Boys' Volleyball
 Girls' Softball
 Soccer (No-cut CoEd)



Activity/ Late Bus

Monday - Friday Leaves at 4:05

- Clubs
- Extra help
- ACES/Tiger Support

Special Services & Supports

Special Education

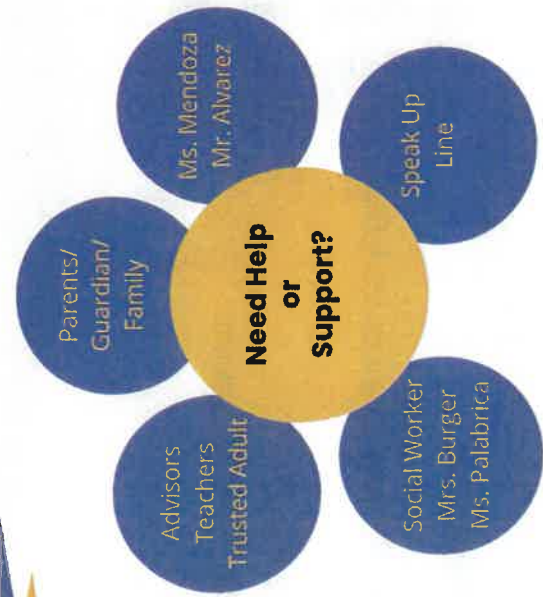
English Language Learner

Social Workers

School Nurse

West 40 Advocates





Presidents 2023-2024

- Kate Gilmartin
- Terri Wisniewski

Volunteer opportunities/committee work

www.d105.net/gurrie



We want to partner with you

- 1 Monthly Tiger/Parent Square
- 2 District and Gurrie Website
- 3 Phone, Email, Meetings
- 4 Teacher-Conferences
- 5 Progress reports

Communication is key

No concern is too small

Important Dates

Registration - End of May

Schedule Pickup

Tuesday, August 20th

- 10 am - 12 pm and 4 pm - 6 pm

- 7th graders only

Wednesday, August 21

- 4 pm - 6 pm

- 7th and 8th Graders

First Day of Middle School!

Monday, August 27

