

Welcome Seventh-Graders!

Welcome, Gamma Students, to the 2024-2025 School Year!

We are delighted that you are in the Gamma community and look forward to the many rewarding experiences that we will share during the school year. We know that this will be an exciting, educational, and **AWESOME** year!

Enclosed in this packet/document, you will find several items that require careful review. A list of materials has been included so that you may gather the items necessary to begin your classes at M.E.M.S. If possible, try to have these items **before** the first day of school so that you will be ready to delve in immediately when you arrive.

Gamma Community's expectations and rules are also included along with a student information sheet. Please read and sign with your parents/guardians. **This form must be returned to your homeroom teacher on the first day of school.**

We are looking forward to meeting you. Enjoy the remainder of your summer vacation. We will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Your Gamma Community Teachers

Mrs. Choi-Lee
(Mathematics)

MrS. DiGiSo
(Language Arts)

MS. Roche
(Science)

MS. McNamara
(Math, Science)

Mrs. Romano
(Mathematics)

Mr. Quigley
(Language Arts)

Mr. Schreck
(Social Studies)

Mrs. Porta
(Language Arts, Social Studies)

P.S. Don't forget your summer reading and math assignments!
Be sure to check the district website for details.



Gamma's Expectations

Homework:

Homework is an important tool on many levels. It is a communication between student and teacher that conveys the level of understanding of lessons taught in the classroom.

- Homework provides students with a framework for organization and structure.
- It reinforces what has been covered in class, or introduces what will follow.
- Another aspect of homework is that it provides the connection between home and school.

We ask that students strive to complete their daily homework. We ask that parents support homework completion. While homework is posted on teachers' individual Google Classroom sites, each teacher's homework board in class is the primary source of homework info. You may want to purchase an agenda/planner or use a digital agenda/planner to keep track of your assignments every day!

General Rules and Policies:

- ★ **Respect:** Students are expected to be respectful toward teachers and peers. This extends to all building personnel such as lunch aides, secretaries, all teachers in the building, custodians, etc. Treat others as you wish to be treated. Speak politely and make eye contact when you are speaking with another person. Students will respect the property of peers, teachers, and the school at all times.
- ★ **Academic Honesty:** Students are expected to maintain academic honesty and complete their own work at all times. If it is recognized that a student has either copied work or cheated, he or she will be given a **zero** for that assignment. In addition, he or she will be given detention and a call will be made home.
- ★ **Schedule:** Students must adhere to their class and locker schedules - when/if lockers are distributed. It is imperative that students get to classes on time. Students will also be given specific times when they are allowed to go to their lockers. Locker visits between classes are not permitted without a teacher's knowledge and consent.
- ★ **Chromebooks:** These are excellent tools that we will be using on a daily basis to supplement instruction. Students must follow the Acceptable Use Policy set by the district as well as individual teacher's classroom policies. Chromebooks should be **FULLY CHARGED** every night before returning to school the next day. Chromebooks are to be used in class with teacher permission **ONLY**. A Gamma Chromebook contract will be distributed following our welcome assembly.

Gamma Community Rules

All Gamma Students **WILL**:

- Respect EVERYONE: teachers, staff, peers, and SELF.
- Adhere to all SCHOOL rules (outlined in your handbook).
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Maintain academic honesty (plagiarism, sharing work, not being truthful).
- NOT CHEW GUM.
- Utilize the correct/assigned stair and hallways

Gamma FAQ

Q: What happens if the rules are not followed?

A: Depending upon the infraction, students may receive a warning, a parent phone call, or may be referred to administration for further consequences.

Q: What happens if I am absent?

A: It is our community policy that it is the students' responsibility to get all missed work from all teachers. Students may do so by meeting with the teachers, checking the teachers' Google Classroom, or asking a reliable classmate. If absent work is not made up in a timely fashion, it will be considered incomplete and result in a zero. The school's policy is the number of days missed should match the number of days to make up the work!

Q: What do I need for class every day?

A:

- ✓ Pen and pencil & personal pencil sharpener
- ✓ Correct notebook/binders/journal
- ✓ Correct textbook(s)
- ✓ Homework assignment pad
- ✓ Calculators
- ✓ Completed assignments
- ✓ Independent reading book
- ✓ **Wired Headphones**
- ✓ Charged Chromebook in its proper case

Q: What do the letters (A-F) mean on the schedule?

A: MEMS operates on a modified block schedule. The days A-F each stand for a day in our six-day rotation of classes. Every day your child will attend each of the core subjects (math, language arts, and science/social studies) for a block of time. All seventh graders will attend physical education on days A, C, and E. If you are confused, don't worry. Staff members will be on hand to answer any questions. In addition, each school day begins with an announcement regarding what letter day it is.

Gamma Supply List

Needed for **ALL** Classes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box of #2 Pencils • Personal pencil sharpener • Plastic Pocket Folders (at least one per class) • Blue or Black Ink Pens • Colored Pencils/ Crayons/ Markers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pack of Loose-Leaf Paper • Protractor and Ruler • Pencil Case (suggested) • Highlighters (multiple colors) • Headphones/Earbuds (keep in chromebook case- not wireless) |
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By Subject:

| Math | ELA | Science | SS |
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| Mrs. Choi-Lee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2-subject notebook - plastic folder - TI-34 Multiview Calculator (Math 7 only) - TI-84 Graphing Calculator (optional for Algebra 1) Mrs. Romano <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plastic Folder - 5 Subject Notebook - TI-34 Multiview Calculator Ms. McNamara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plastic Folder - 2 subject notebook - TI-34 Multiview Calculator - 1 Dry Erase Marker | Mrs. DiGiso <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 composition notebooks - Plastic Folder Mr. Quigley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plastic Folder Ms. Porta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plastic Folder - 1 composition notebook - 1 inch binder - 4 dividers | Ms. Roche <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One-Inch Binder - 5 Dividers | Mr. Schreck (everything is on Google Drive) |

****Please be aware that additional materials MAY be requested/required as needed throughout the year****

Student Information Sheet

GAMMA Student Information Sheet - Please PRINT Neatly. Please bring this sheet on the first day of school!

Student Information:

Student Name _____
Homeroom # _____ Bus # In: _____ Bus # Out: _____
Home Address: _____
Date of Birth _____ Age entering: _____ Home Phone # _____
Sixth grade Homeroom Teacher: _____ How many years in district? _____
Medical Concerns _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Mother/Female Guardian's Full Name: _____
Relationship to Student _____ Work phone number _____
Days/Hours at this number (please circle): M T W TH F Hours to contact: _____
E-mail address: _____ Home phone number: _____
Best phone number to reach you: _____

Father/Male Guardian's Full Name: _____
Relationship to Student _____ Work phone number _____
Days/Hours at this number (please circle): M T W TH F Hours to contact: _____
E-mail address: _____ Home phone number: _____
Best phone number to reach you: _____

Sibling(s):

Name(s) _____ Age: _____ In district? (yes / no)
Name(s) _____ Age: _____ In district? (yes / no)
Name(s) _____ Age: _____ In district? (yes / no)

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read and discussed Gamma Expectations with my family. We clearly understand the rules, expectations, and materials needed.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Signature

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