

# **Welcome, Future Tigers!**

[Fletcher Incoming Families FAQ](#)



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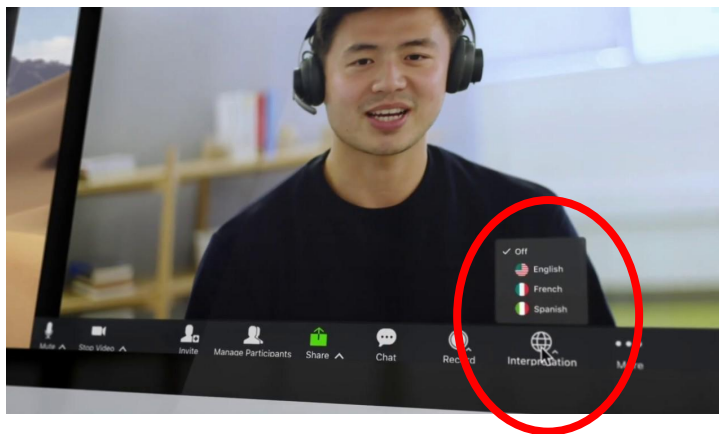
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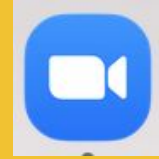
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- **Attendees are muted.**
- **Use first name/last name as your Zoom name**
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# YOUR 6TH GRADE TEAM



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Instructional Leader



# Tonight's format

[FAQ](#)

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- We will address pre-submitted questions, which have been sorted into categories/topics
  - Time allotted to hear from our PTA about how to get involved and staying connected
  - If time allows we will take additional questions at the end of our session

# School Return in the Fall

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- Will incoming 6th graders be full-time in-person or hybrid? We are following health and safety protocols and are making plans for a full return to campus and a normal schedule if/when allowed.
- When and how will parents find out what teachers our 6th graders are assigned to? Schedules for classes are usually posted the weekend prior to the start of the school year. For 6th grade, they will be notified of their PE, Music, and Wheel teachers. Core teachers are determined at the end of Tiger Camp
- Will there be live instruction with teachers in the classrooms or asynchronous zoom? We are planning for fulltime in-person return and will make any adjustments based on guideline changes.

# Current 20-21 Bell Schedule

(Bell schedule ***WILL*** change for 21-22 school year)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL STUDENTS will continue at home (Distance Learning) with the current bell Schedule	<b>Period 1</b> 9:00 – 10:15a Distance Learning	<b>Period 5</b> 9:40 – 10:55a Distance Learning	<b>Period 1</b> 9:00 – 10:15a Distance Learning	<b>Period 5</b> 9:40 – 10:55a Distance Learning
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	Lunch <b>Check in</b> 11:40 – 12:20p	Lunch <b>Check in</b> 11:40 – 12:20p	Lunch <b>Check in</b> 11:40 – 12:20p	Lunch <b>Check in</b> 11:40 – 12:20p
	<b>Period 3</b> 12:20 – 1:40p In-Person	<b>Period 6</b> 12:20 – 1:40p In-Person	<b>Period 3</b> 12:20 – 1:40p In-Person	<b>Period 6</b> 12:20 – 1:40p In-Person
	<b>Period 4</b> 1:50 – 3:05 In-Person	<b>Period 7</b> 1:50 – 3:05 In-Person	<b>Period 4</b> 1:50 – 3:05 In-Person	<b>Period 7</b> 1:50 – 3:05 In-Person
	<b>Office Hours</b> 3:10 – 3:40p “Zoom in room”	<b>Office Hours</b> 3:10 – 3:40p “Zoom in room”	<b>Office Hours</b> 3:10 – 3:40p “Zoom in room”	

# Student experience

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- Will kids from the same elementary school be paired up together? Can we make requests? We do not take requests for teachers and/or classes. Our 6th grade core classes are created at the end of Tiger Camp.
- How many teachers do 6th graders have? Will counselors loop with students? This would depend on the team that the student is placed in. Some teams have 2 core teachers, while some teams have 3 core teachers.
- What does Tiger Camp look like? Tiger Camp where students will get a campus tour, participate in team-building activities, practice with locker combinations, get to know teachers, and become familiar with 6th-grade classrooms. This takes place during the first few days of school.



# Student classes/schedule

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- How many classes do 6th graders have? All students 6-8 have 7 classes. 6th grade students have 4 core classes (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Wheel, PE/Music (alter days), and Flex). PE and Music are during the same period on alternate days 4 days a week.
- Is world language instruction only part of wheel (5 weeks only)? Or is there a way to study a language all year? Students can take a 2-year language course beginning in 7th grade. They will take the first section in 7th grade and finish the second section in the 8th grade.

# Math classes/placement

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- Can you please explain the placement math tests, syllabus and exam dates? [Validation Tests will happen in the Spring.](#)
  - [Wednesday, May 5 \(4:30-6:30\) and Saturday, May 8 \(1-4\)–both dates are required.](#)
- Can you please give information on the math test that 6th graders take before school starts? And also please explain if math 7A will be removed. [Please see the flowchart below and link on FAQ](#)
- Do you have a program for middle school math competitions like MATHCOUNTS and MOEMS? If so, how can I get my child involved?

# Math content & pace

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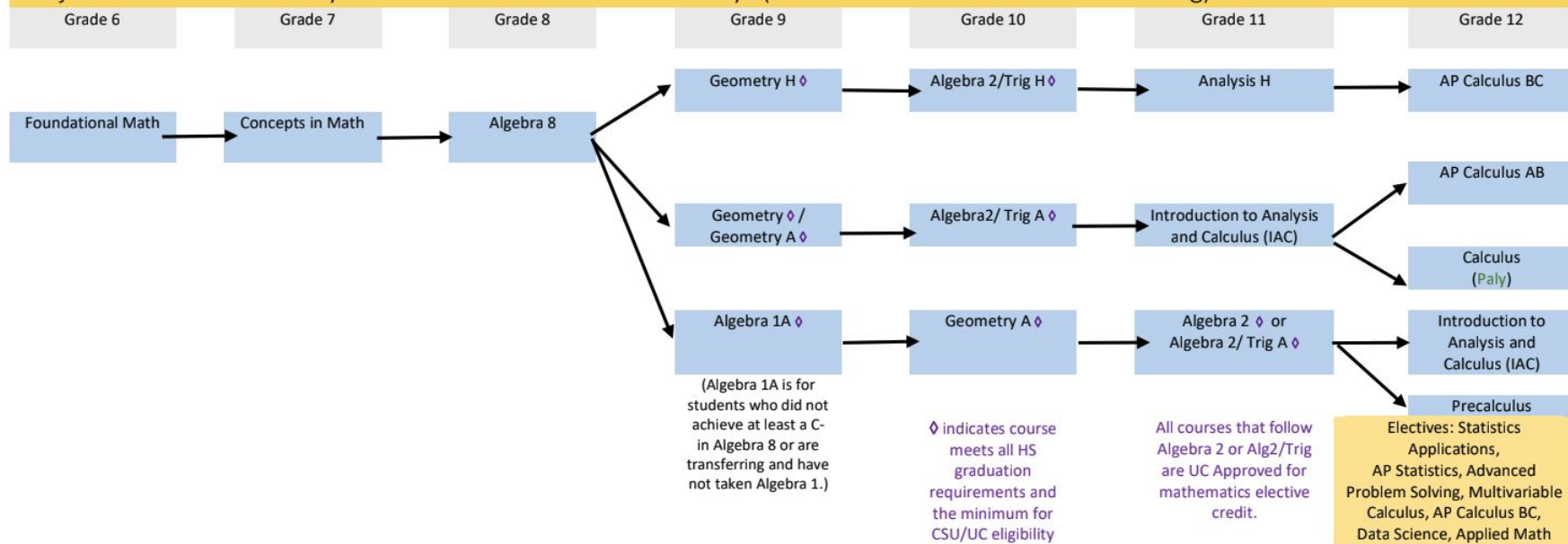
- **Foundational Math** is the 6th grade math course.
  - Interested students have the opportunity to register for a set of placement tests to demonstrate and validate mastery of the Foundational Math course content. Sign up deadline is April 2, 5pm.
  - Students who pass will be enrolled in the 7th grade course, Concepts in Math.
- **Acceleration Option:** Passing the Validation Tests will allow students to take Algebra their 7th grade year, followed by Geometry their 8th grade year. Validation Tests will happen this Spring.
  - Wednesday, May 5 (4:30-6:30) and Saturday, May 8 (1-4)—both dates are required.
  - Topics are listed in the [Middle School Math FAQs](#).

*\***Please note** - There is only one opportunity to skip a math course: Foundational Math (Grade 6) **or** Concepts in Math (Grade 7). Students cannot skip Algebra.*

# PAUSD Math Pathway, March 2021

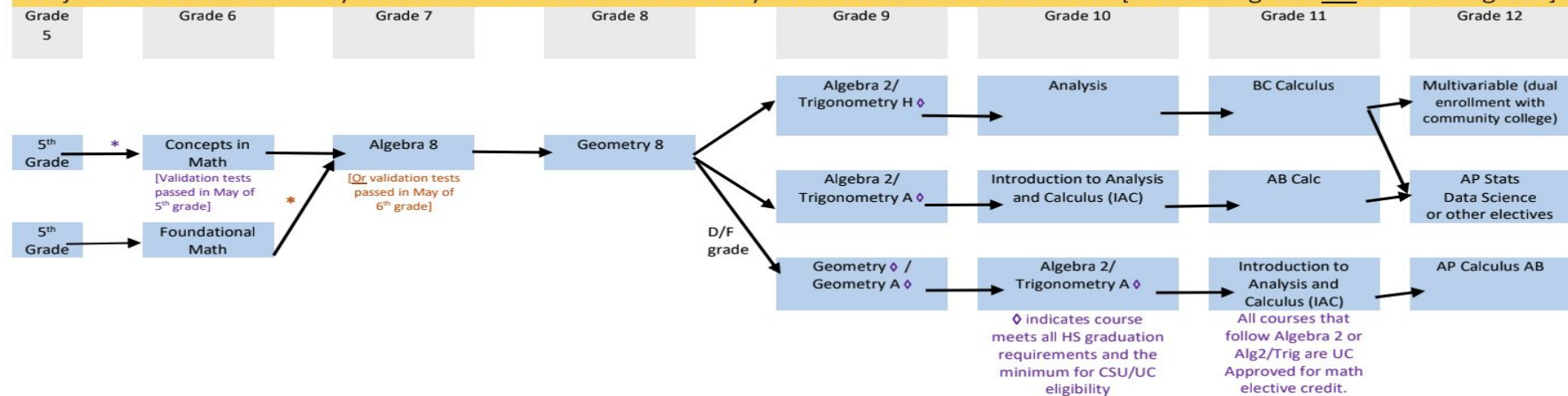


Projected PAUSD Secondary Math Flow Chart: *Possible* Pathways (for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders in '20-21 and following)



# PAUSD Math Pathway, March 2021

Projected PAUSD Secondary Math Flow Chart: Flexible Pathways with Validation Assessment\* [end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade OR end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade]



# Flex Period

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- Can you talk more about the Flex period and what kids do? This is an additional class and period where students are able to check in with their core teachers, receive additional support in Math and ELA/Reading, and support in EL and Academic Strategies.

# IEP/504

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- IEP and 504 Transition Meetings are being held this spring Please keep an eye and ear open for these meetings. If you have not received information about an upcoming meeting, please reach out to your child's **current** case manager.

# Devices at school

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- What's the cell phone policy in school? Cell phones are not allowed to be visible or on during school hours. They must remain off and in student lockers during the day. After school, students may walk back home by themselves and need a cell phone. They may turn them on at the end of the school day.
- Do students need their own laptop for school? This is not required. Right now we have 1:1 student district devices for all students.
- Should students bring their own computer from home? We strongly encourage the use of district devices in order to help troubleshoot any potential issues.



# Middle School Athletics

The Middle School Athletic Sports Program is run through the [City of Palo Alto Recreation Department](#). Parents register online. Usual offerings are:

Fall (Aug-Oct)	Winter (Sept-Mar)	Spring (Feb-Jun)
Girl's Volleyball Flag Football Cross Country	6th Grade Basketball 7th Grade Basketball 8th Grade Basketball	Tennis Track & Field Wrestling Boy's Volleyball Ultimate Frisbee

# City of Palo Alto Middle School Athletics - [link](#)

cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/recreation/msa.asp

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## Middle School Athletics

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The Middle School Athletics Program is run by the City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department with the support of the Palo Alto Unified School District. Our mission is to provide a safe and positive after-school environment where students can take pride in representing their school in league play. Only 6th-8th grade students at JLS, Fletcher or Greene Middle Schools are eligible to participate.

### Program Logistics

All schools participate in the Art David Athletic League, which includes a school in Half Moon Bay. Game schedules and carpooling information will be provided at Parent Night. Transportation is not provided! Practice and game schedules information is located on the registration form and

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# Student Clubs

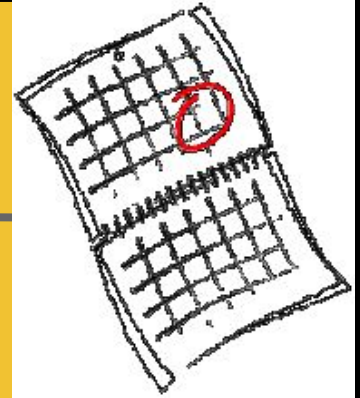
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- What are the different clubs that are in the middle school and how does the child join in the clubs of interest?

[Fletcher Clubs Information 2020-2021](#) We create clubs each year based on the student interest. If the students have an idea for a club, they simply find a teacher that will host them at lunch. Kids do not need to commit to a club for an entire year, they commit for their interest. Students can be a member of more than one club.

# Upcoming Events

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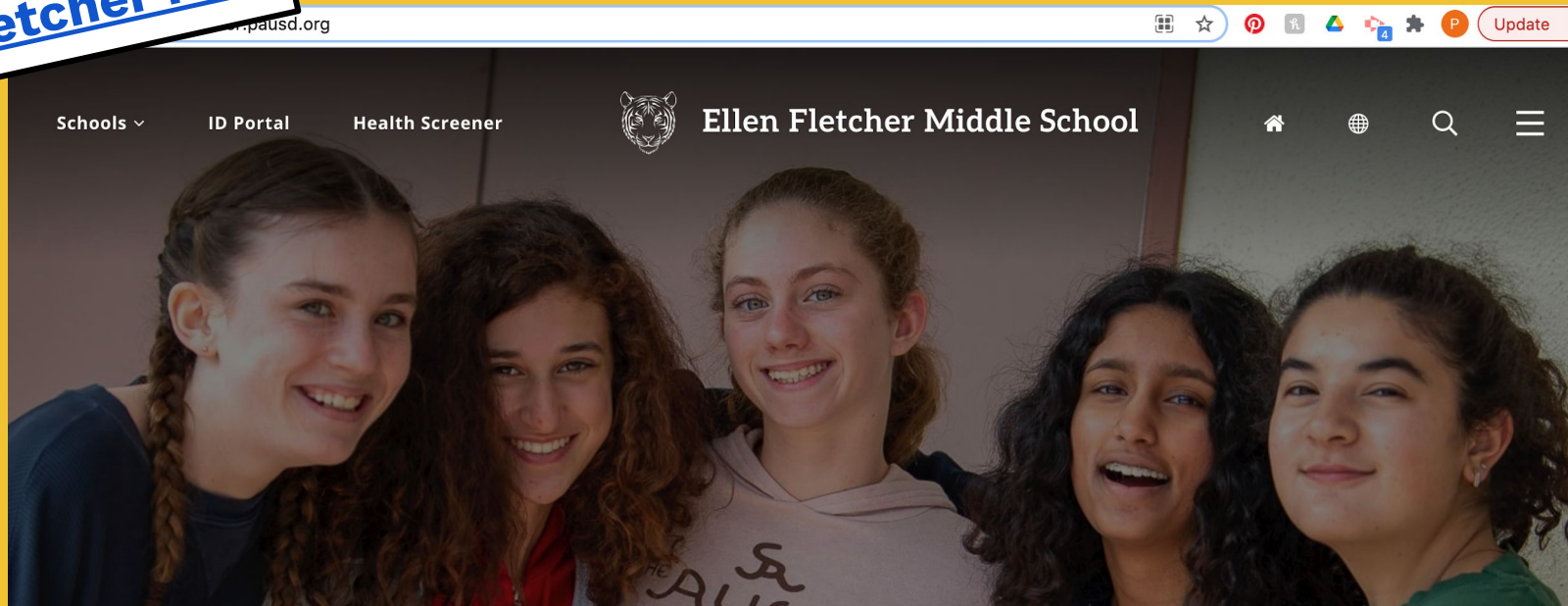


- Parent/Student Info Forms
  - due online by **Fri, Mar 26**
- Virtual Campus Visitation/Tour
  - Video release **Week of May 25th**

**Stay tuned by visiting our website**

# fletcher.pausd.org

**Fletcher FAQ**



# **Thank you and Goodnight!**

