

Welcome to
Tequesta Trace Middle School

Cougar Craze 2025

Everything you need to know
about becoming a future Cougar!

Meet Your School Leaders



Mr. Rivera, Principal



Ms. Henry
G6 Assistant Principal



Ms. Nissen
G7 Assistant Principal



Ms. Watson
G8 Assistant Principal

Everything *TTMs*!

 'A' School

 Security Team

 Highly Qualified Staff

 Cambridge & Dual
Academic Programs

 BCPS District Champions

 Athletics & Clubs



25-26 Dates To Remember

6th Grade Orientation

Thursday, July 31, 2025

1st Day of School

Monday, August 11, 2025

Open House

Thursday, August 21, 2025



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TTMS STUDENT

How 6th Grade Scheduling Works

Elective & content area course code directory available on our website. Content area progression is also available in the directory.

Incoming 6th grade students may only choose from 6th grade electives ONLY.

Student placement is based on FAST PM 3 test scores. Parents do not have input in academic recommendations.

How 6th Grade Scheduling Works



Please do not call the school regarding academic placement until schedules post on Focus in August 2025.

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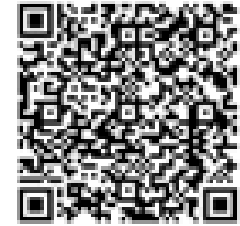


TTMS 25-26 6th Grade Course Card

Adhere to directions outlined on
elective course cards, ensure it is
completed, and signed by YOU, the
parent.



TEQUESTA TRACE MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH GRADE COURSE CARD 2025 - 2026



Sixth grade students take Language Arts, Math, Science, and World History. Students will be placed in the highest, most rigorous courses available based on their previous FSA scores/P.A.S.T. PM 3 scores and their teacher recommendations. Unless P.A.S.T. scores necessitate a Reading class, students will be scheduled for 4 elective classes. Students need to choose 6 elective classes in order of preference: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th choice. **Students need to select 1st place for a literacy course. See box below.** Please consider your choices carefully. Every effort will be made to grant students their choices, however, a student's request for a specific elective is not guaranteed. Please scan the QR code for course descriptions. Course descriptions can also be found on our website at <https://www.browardschools.com/tequestatrace.com>.

ELECTIVE CHOICES (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

* Approval Required TEACHER INITIALS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13020000 | BEGINNING BAND/BAND 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700000C | CHESS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700000S | START UP TECHNOLOGY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700020C | ENTREPRENEURSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 04000000 | THEATRE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700000B | MARINE SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700010A | CHORUS * <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700000Q | LATINOS IN ACTION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 82005200 | TECHNOLOGY MASTERS: SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17000003 | FILM 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700010Y | SPEECH AND DEBATE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17000006 | INTRO TO PEER COUNSELING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15080000 | PHYSICAL EDUCATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07090000 | SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS-INTRO
(Mandatory for Dual Language) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700000N | NOVEL STUDIES IN SPANISH
(Mandatory for Dual Language) |

**Students with Dual Language program must select 1st/2nd choice as Novel Studies in Spanish and Intro to Spanish for Spanish Speakers*

LITERACY COURSES

All 6th grade students must participate in one (1) literacy-based elective except for students in the Dual Language Program, have a reading placement AND/OR in the ELL program:

☐ 1700000D NOVEL TALK

***Required Reading (Level 1 and 2 students)**

☐ 1000010A Reading

-Any class that has a course code starting with "1700000" will appear as "Research" on the new system FOCUS

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

If this form is not signed and returned, Tequesta Trace Middle School will select the student's elective courses.

How 6th Grade Scheduling Works



TTMS Scheduling Team will meet with feeder elementary teachers and review scheduling documents for student distribution from 2/18-2/20

Tequesta Scheduling Team will then be at **Country Isles on 2/26, Eagle Point on 2/27 and Indian Trace on 2/28** to meet with students and review/collect registration documentation and signed/completed Elective Course Cards; final deadline for Registration documentation and Elective Course Cards are dates provided above (contact Tequesta Trace ONLY for extenuating circumstances).

How 6th Grade Scheduling Works



If Tequesta DOES NOT receive a returned course card on the above-mentioned dates, elective courses WILL be selected by a member of the Scheduling Team, NO EXCEPTIONS!

There will be NO Elective Schedule Changes granted throughout the school year, so please select confidently.



If your child attends a charter/private school, please pick up a course card in Cougar's Den (front office) by 2/21/25. Your student MUST be registered to attend TTMS.

Schoolwide Literacy Initiatives

Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge

Begins at the end of May

More information will be on our website

More information will be sent to the elementary schools to share



The Science of Reading

The 3 major components of literacy are:

Word Recognition

Vocabulary

Background Knowledge

The Science of Reading

Word Recognition

The ability to read the words on the page accurately.

Help your child

- Break bigger words into parts.
- Help them sound out each part and blend them together.

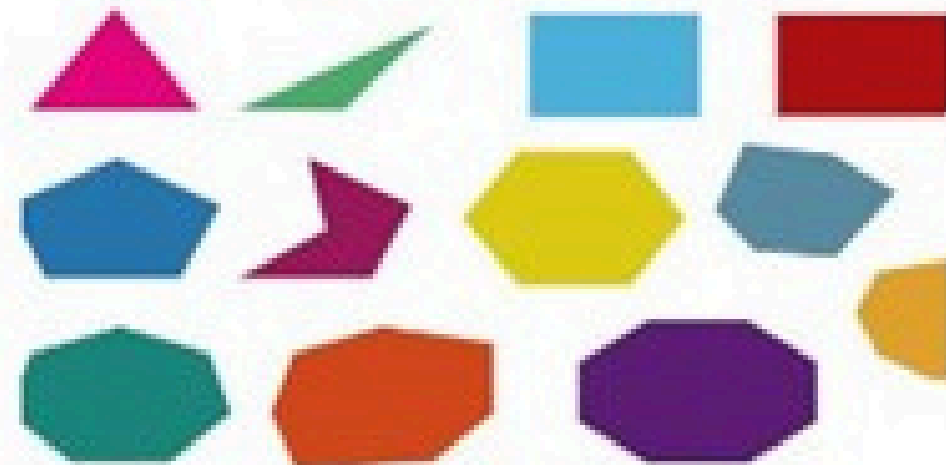
If your child struggles with sounding out words

- Use tools like print to speech for textbook assistance
- Immersive Reader



Polygon

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The Science of Reading

Vocabulary

Understanding the meanings of words that are read.

Help your child

- Talking to your child about a variety of topics builds vocabulary.
 - TV and movies
 - Family trips
 - Books, of course!
- Reading with, to, and by your child.
- Understanding of multiple meanings, connotation, and denotation.

If your child struggles with vocabulary

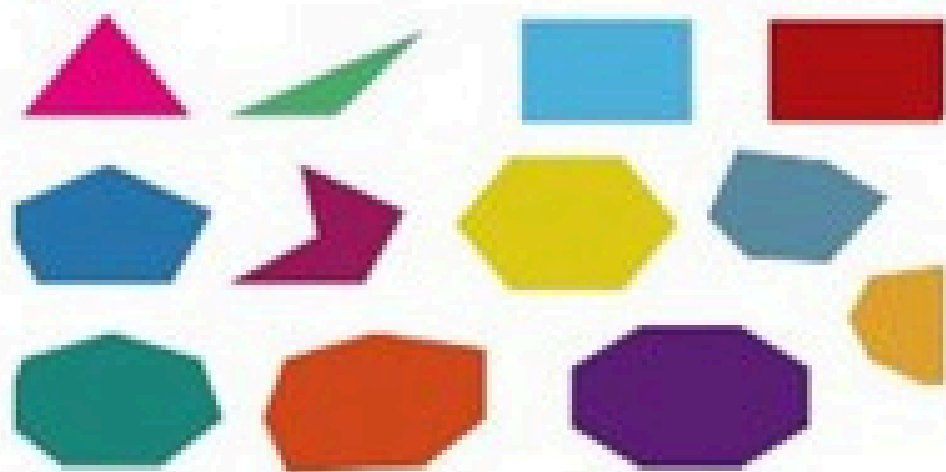
- Use parts of words (morphology)
- Brainstorm other words with similar meanings. Like, exclaimed, mentioned, and suggested for “said.”

Polygon

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Many

Angles



The Science of Reading

Background Knowledge

The knowledge students bring to the classroom about a topic of study.



Help your child

- Talking to your child about a variety of topics builds vocabulary **and background knowledge**.
- Reading with, to, and by your child builds vocabulary **and background knowledge**.

If your child struggles with background knowledge on a topic

- Encourage your child to look up additional information, images, and videos about the topic.
- Share your experiences about the topic with your child.

FOCUS

You must create a parent portal.

Back to school/online registration forms
MUST be completed as early as possible.

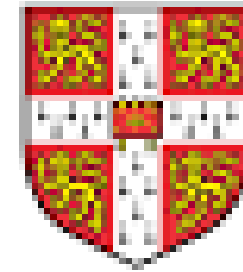
Check the portal regularly for:

- grades
- test history
- attendance
- communication from teachers



Tequesta's Cambridge Program

- Differentiated Instruction
- Flexibility in instruction
- In-depth study
- High degree of complexity
- Advanced content
- Variety of content
- Acceleration of instruction
- Global Perspectives infused into content
- Cross-curricular instruction
- Taught by Cambridge trained teachers who are also Gifted endorsed



CAMBRIDGE
International Education

Cambridge International School

Tequesta's Cambridge Program

- Level 4 or 5 on 5th grade FAST PM 3 Reading & Math Scores will determine student placement.
- If you are currently part of the Gifted Program, you are automatically in Cambridge.
- You can participate in Dual Language & Cambridge at the same time.
- TTMS Cambridge is not a prerequisite for high school Cambridge.
- Classes & eligibility are determined based on availability of content teachers to suit the needs of the program.

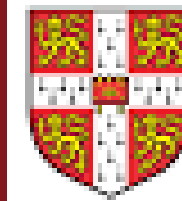
Tequesta's Cambridge Program Progression 6-8



ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

6, 7, 8

*Preparing for AICE General Paper in 9th Grade



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SOCIAL STUDIES

World History (6), Civics (7), U.S. History (8)

*Preparing for AICE European History or AP Human Geography



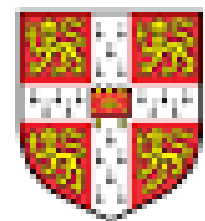
SCIENCE

6th - GEARS 1, 7th - GEARS 2 , 8th - Pre-AICE Biology

*Preparing for AICE Chemistry in 9th Grade



Cambridge Contact Information



CAMBRIDGE

International Education

Cambridge International School

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Tequesta's Dual Language Program Details

- Current 5th graders in Dual Language will automatically be placed in our TTMS Dual Language.
- Classes are determined based on availability of content teachers to suit the needs of the program.
- Can participate in the Dual Language & Cambridge Program at the same time.

Tequesta's Dual Language Program Progression

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Spanish for Spanish Speakers (Non- High School Credit)	Spanish Speakers I (High School Credit)	Spanish Speakers II (High School Credit)
Dual Language Novel Studies I (Non- High School Credit)	Dual Language Novel Studies II (Non- High School Credit)	Latinos in Action II (High School Credit)

PTA & SAC/SAF



We are always looking for PTA volunteers! Register using the QR code!

SAC/SAF is the School Advisory Council. The team meets monthly. All parents are invited.

Please reach out to Ms. Melyssa Silva
melyssa.silva@browardschools.com for more SAC/SAF information.

School Counseling Team

- Focus: Academic, Social, Personal, College & Career Needs
- Each school counselor also has their own Canvas pages that students will have access to once the 25-26 school year begins!

Contact Information:

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ESE/504/Gifted Information

Please contact Ms. Winter with questions.

ESE Specialist

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