

# Questions about 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Kimbrough

We are excited to welcome 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Kimbrough next year. We are planning for this exciting change, and know there are many questions. While we don't have everything finalized for this transition just yet, we reached out to our feeder elementary schools to help us find out what the 5<sup>th</sup> graders wanted to know. Here are some of their questions, and the answers we have at this point.

## **1. Will we have basketball or other sports opportunities?**

6<sup>th</sup> grade will be involved in a pre-athletics program but due to UIL rules, cannot be on official 'KMS' teams until 7<sup>th</sup> grade. This applies for the following sports:

Tennis – girls/boys

Volleyball- girls

Basketball – girls/boys

Track – girls/boys

Football – boys

Cross Country – girls/boys

## **2. What is the layout? Is the gym larger? What does the library look like?**

Well, the layout is still being created. You may have noticed construction going on when you drive down Galloway! These new additions will likely house our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, but until it is completed, we won't know for sure how the layout will work. We do our best to keep the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders separated and will do the same for 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Kimbrough gym is larger than the gyms at most MISD elementary school. We love to use it for our Kimbrough athletic events, pep-rallies and other special events on occasion.

Here are some pictures of the library – and we can't wait for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders to start visiting!





**3. Can we have a field trip to KMS before we start?**

Yes! We are planning for that later this spring.

**4. Are there lockers and can we use them? What type of lock? What happens if we forget our combination? Can we decorate them?**

This is a tricky question. Yes, we currently have lockers in some of the hallways and they have combination locks built into them. However, we have found that the majority of our students do not use a locker – so we are looking at moving away from them. Or, possibly having a limited number specifically for those who request them. Obviously, we are still working through this...so stay tuned. If you do have a locker assigned, you may decorate the inside as long as decorations are not permanent. If you forget your combination, you can get it from your Advisory (homeroom) teacher.

**5. Are coaches hard on us? We believe our coaches are tough but fair.**

6. **Is there a Spanish elective or other languages?** Spanish is the only foreign language class at Kimbrough, but it's only an option for 8<sup>th</sup> graders currently because it is a high school credit.
7. **If you're too smart for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will they skip you to 7<sup>th</sup>?** We love smart students!! But it's not likely that you would know EVERYTHING taught in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, so plan on staying in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. You should have teachers that will still challenge you!
8. **What do gym clothes look like? How long are the shorts? What color?**  
We are still figuring out staffing and how we will get all 3 grades in our 1 gym. Rest assured, if you need gym clothes we will send information home in plenty of time for you to get the right 'uniform'. Currently our PE students wear knee length athletic shorts.
9. **Are you going to sell Kimbrough hoodies?**  
Absolutely! Again, we will send information to your schools. It will likely be an online sale where you order and pay online. Stay tuned!
10. **Is there time to talk with friends? (Here in 6<sup>th</sup> we still have recess)**  
Enjoy recess while you can! At middle school, we do not have recess.
11. **Does each grade have their own hallway?**  
\*\*see question #2 above
12. **If you are good at math, can you take 7<sup>th</sup> grade math? What GT/AP classes are offered in 6<sup>th</sup>?**  
This is still to be determined. If you are in GT math, it is usually one level higher than your current grade. So IF we offer 6<sup>th</sup> grade GT math, it will basically be 7<sup>th</sup> grade math.

**13. What clubs are offered after school?**

Currently Kimbrough offers the following but we hope to add more!

-STEM Club

-Art Club

-Destination Imagination

-Battle of the Books

-Fellowship of Christian Athletes

(you do NOT have to be an athlete to attend meetings)

-Student Council (does have an application process)

-National Junior Honor Society (does have a grade requirement to be invited to join)

We hope to add:

-Robotics Club

-Coding Club

-Chess Club

And hopefully a few others!

**14. Are there class pets?** not currently

**15. Are the portables bigger?** With our new construction – we don't have ANY portables! EVERYONE is inside the building!!!

**16. Are there vending machines? Do you sell candy and soda? Are the prices higher?** We do have vending machines that are in the gym foyer, however they are only turned on after school. Prices vary depending on the item you wish to purchase.

**17. Is men's tennis available?** \*see question #1 above

**18. Is there a track team and do you have to tryout?**\*see question #1 above

**19. How nice are the librarian and teachers?** We like to think we have a very friendly staff at Kimbrough.

**20. How many periods do we have in a day and how long are they?** Our current schedule allows students 7 periods daily and they average about 50 minutes.

**21. What electives are available?** For 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Art, Theatre, Band, Choir, Orchestra and PE.

- 22. Do I walk unescorted to wherever I need to go?** YES! Can you believe it??
- 23. Do we have to walk in a line?** NO! You just have to WALK and not run in the hallways.
- 24. Will we be able to sign up for band?** YES and we are excited for you to have that opportunity. However, this is one of those things that is in the works and we will get you more information as we get details finalized.
- 25. Can we use our phones if we are done with work and/or can we listen to music while working?** No
- 26. Who chooses our classes?** You will be given a chance to decide which electives you are most interested in taking and we try to honor those preferences as we create schedules.
- 27. How are classrooms arranged? (rows, desks, tables)** All of the above depending on the day and the activity.

We were surprised there weren't any questions about standard dress! Please make sure you are familiar with the district guidelines for what is acceptable at middle school – it is different from what most are used to at elementary school!