



Transitioning from 5th to 6th



WELCOME

to 6 th Grade !





Organization

Challenge

Supplies kept in class.

Very little goes from school to home (and back).

Lots of community supplies (crayons, colored pencils, glue, etc).

Teacher method of organization (not student choice).

KAP/GT

Student keeps supplies in backpack.

Student choice: e.g. 1 Binder w/tabs vs Folders for each class.

Keep class notes/quizzes/tests (in chronological order). Transfer to folder at home after each unit.

Purge/organize weekly!



Prioritizing

Challenge

Open ended projects.

Fluid units allow for lots of time adjustments.

Teacher breaks projects into smaller tasks.

Many projects are worked on all day, sometimes for multiple days.

KAP/GT

Major/Minor/Other

Due date vs How much weight does it have on grade?

Backward planning for Major/Minor grades and projects (chunk into smaller pieces each night).

Time limits!!!



Conversation/ Collaboration

Challenge

Whole group discussions.

Turn and share.

Fluid timelines—some discussions could last 1 hour or more.

Lots of time to think and share.

Teacher-led conflict resolution in groups.

KAP/GT

Time Limits!

Share clear and concise thoughts.

Stay on topic—no time for diving down rabbit holes.

Compromise in a group—it doesn't always have to be your way/idea.

GRADED work! Get it done!



Independence

Challenge

District-designed Units of study

Largely paced as a whole class/group.

Teacher goes over projects—whole picture—and breaks it down for the students.

KAP/GT

Students in charge of their learning.

Take advantage of opportunities provided by teachers (clubs, compacting, class challenges, etc).

Don't understand the whole picture? Just get started on the first task and modify as you go.



Struggle

Challenge

Many units cover objectives/topics taught in JH and HS

Problem of the day.

Many students feel “regular” classes are easy. Pacing is too slow for them.

KAP/GT

Academically Accelerated curriculum

As available, larger GT groupings (or pure GT) in the core classes.

All work counts toward a grade.

Not always going to get 100% or even an A.

That’s okay!