

Transitioning Our Students To Middle School

Abbotts Hill School Counseling Department

Our Middle School

- Abbotts Hill Elementary students all attend Taylor Road Middle School
- Address for Taylor Road Middle School:
5150 Taylor Road
Johns Creek, GA 30022
- School website:
<http://www.fultonschools.org/taylorroadms>

About TRMS

Taylor Road Middle School was established in 1991. We are located directly behind Chattahoochee High School off of Taylor Road in Johns Creek, Georgia.



School General Info

Learning Community: Northeast Learning Community

Feeder Schools:

- Abbotts Hill ES
- Findley Oaks ES
- Lake Windward ES
- Ocee ES
- State Bridge Crossing ES

Our students attend Chattahoochee HS for 9th grade.

School Data

GRADES

6th - 8th Grades

SCHOOL HOURS

8:50 AM - 4:05 PM

COLORS

Forest Green & Grey

MASCOT

Tiger

ENROLLMENT

1260 students



Taylor Road Middle School Video



Welcome to Taylor Road MS

<https://youtu.be/LExAvLkXtqk>

Questions Your Student May Have

Logistical Concerns

- How long will each of my classes last?
- Will I get a recess?
- What if I forget my locker combination?
- What if I forget where my classes are?

Social Concerns

- Will I be able to make new friends in my classes?
- When will I get to see my friends from elementary school?
- What clubs can I join?

Academic Concerns

- Will my teachers be able to help me if I don't understand something in class?
- How much homework will we get in each class?
- Will I get reminders when assignments are do?

Addressing Logistical Concerns

- Make sure to watch the video from Taylor Road Middle School for a virtual tour of the school.
- Keep a school map at home and help your student become familiar with where their classes will be on the map.
- Link to school map: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/7938>
- Buy a lock and start practicing opening and closing it.



Addressing Social Concerns

- Encourage your student to try a new club or sport to make new friends.
- Students may worry about fitting in and being liked. Encourage them to talk with their school counselor to help with this!
- Provide opportunities for your student to be independent when appropriate.
- Reassure your student that it is normal to have these worries and encourage them to ask for help from the school counselor to chat about their feelings.



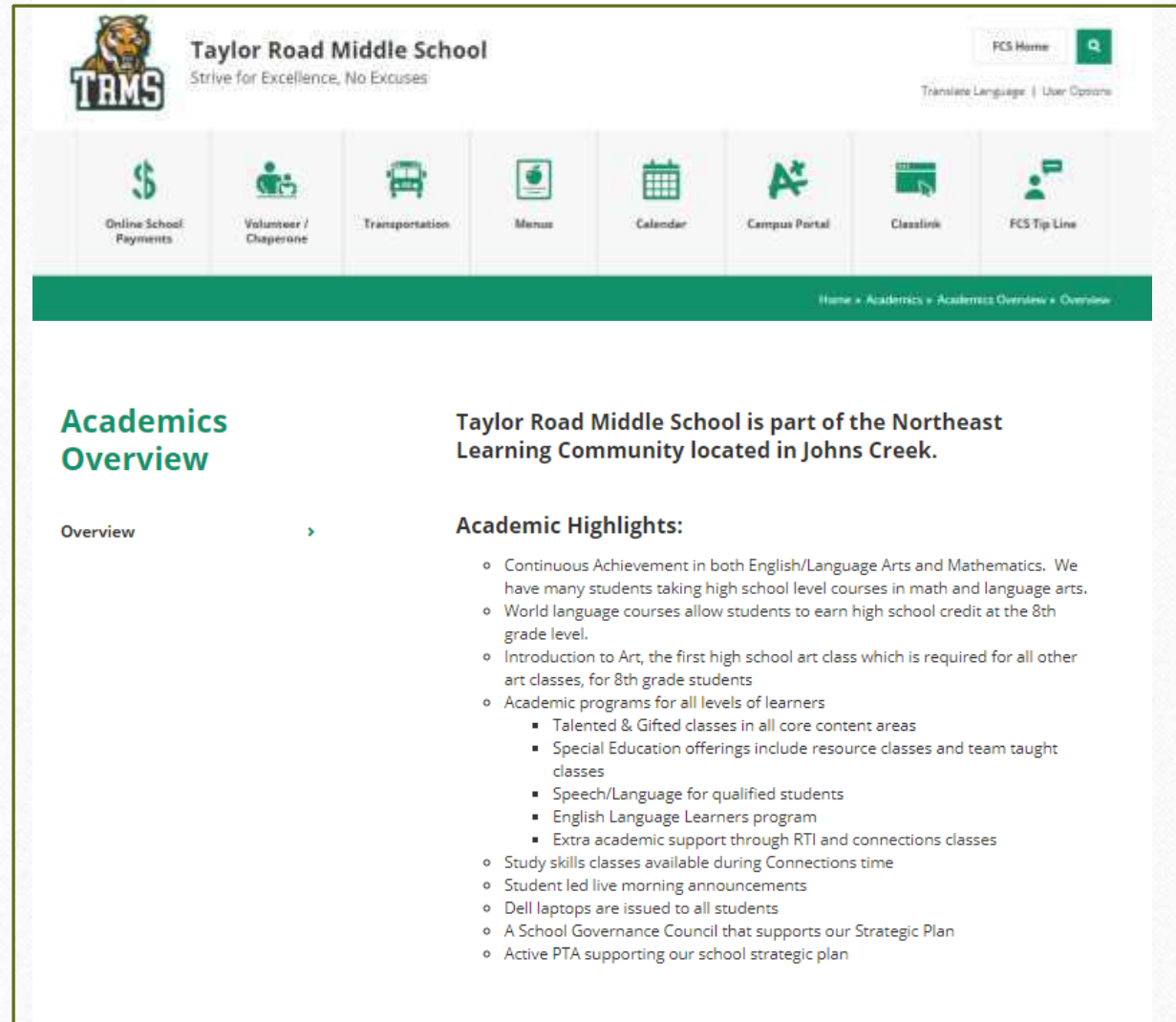
Taylor Road Middle School Student Clubs & Organizations

CLUB/ORG	SPONSOR(S)	MEETING DAYS	MEETING TIMES	MEETING LOCATION	START DATE
Academic Bowl	Ms. Holloway & Ms. Palermo	Thursdays	7:45AM to 8:30AM	Teams	October 19
Art Club	Ms. Murphy, Ms. Echols & Mr. Reeves	First Wednesday of Every Month	5:15 PM to 5:45PM	Teams	November 4
Debate	Ms. Lockwood	Mondays	4:15PM to 5:30PM	Teams	October 19
Math Counts (Invitation only)	Ms. Watola	Tuesdays	See Sponsor for days/times	Room 624 & Teams	Oct 13 through March 25
FCA	Ms. Lawrence	Fridays	8:00 – 8:30 AM	Basketball Court	October 30 (8 th Grade only) November 6 (6 th & 7 th grades)
No Place for Hate	Ms. Sabula, Ms. Massey & Mr. Johnson	Second Wednesday	8:00AM to 8:30 AM	Teams	November 11



Addressing Academic Concerns

- Your student should start using a planner or an agenda to help them write down homework assignments and due dates.
- Make sure your student sets aside time for homework each day.
- Empower your student to feel comfortable talking with their teachers on their own for help.
- Help your student become familiar with the school counselor to talk about which classes they need to take and when.



The screenshot shows the Taylor Road Middle School website. At the top left is the TRMS logo with a tiger head and the text 'Taylor Road Middle School' and 'Strive for Excellence, No Excuses'. To the right is a search bar labeled 'FCS Home' and a search icon. Below the logo is a navigation bar with icons for 'Online School Payments', 'Volunteer / Chaperone', 'Transportation', 'Menus', 'Calendar', 'Campus Portal', 'Classlink', and 'FCS Tip Line'. A green breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Academics > Academics Overview > Overview'. The main heading is 'Academics Overview'. Below it is a sub-heading 'Overview' with a right-pointing arrow. To the right is the text 'Taylor Road Middle School is part of the Northeast Learning Community located in Johns Creek.' Below that is the section 'Academic Highlights:' followed by a bulleted list of school programs and services.

Taylor Road Middle School
Strive for Excellence, No Excuses

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Academics Overview

Overview >

Taylor Road Middle School is part of the Northeast Learning Community located in Johns Creek.

Academic Highlights:

- Continuous Achievement in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. We have many students taking high school level courses in math and language arts.
- World language courses allow students to earn high school credit at the 8th grade level.
- Introduction to Art, the first high school art class which is required for all other art classes, for 8th grade students
- Academic programs for all levels of learners
 - Talented & Gifted classes in all core content areas
 - Special Education offerings include resource classes and team taught classes
 - Speech/Language for qualified students
 - English Language Learners program
 - Extra academic support through RTI and connections classes
- Study skills classes available during Connections time
- Student led live morning announcements
- Dell laptops are issued to all students
- A School Governance Council that supports our Strategic Plan
- Active PTA supporting our school strategic plan

What changes can I expect as my student enters Middle School?

Social & Emotional

Academic

Developmental

Social & Emotional Changes

- Students may want to spend more time with their friends than with families.
- Students may want more privacy.
- Students may have more mood swings – it's normal!
- Students may become more critical of themselves surrounding their appearance, their grades, and competing with their friends.

Academic Changes

- Students may struggle more to manage their time and homework due dates.
- Students may have a hard time balancing their homework and free time.
- Students may be nervous to talk with their new teachers if they need help with an assignment or project.

Developmental Changes

- Students may experience changes in height, weight, or voice changes.
- Students will begin to experience things like increased body odor and other signs of puberty – and they may have questions!
- At this point, students will also begin to see increases in their logical reasoning and using concrete examples.

Reminders and Tips for Parents

- Social/Emotional:
 - Find new ways to encourage your students to tell you about their days, assignments, teachers, and friends.
 - Make sure that you show and tell your student that you care about them!
- Academics:
 - Let your students talk to their teachers themselves.
 - Allow your students to keep up with the homework assignments themselves.
 - Focus on your student's growth or progress and not always their grades. Ex: are they reading at a more advanced level? Are they completing more math problems on their own?

Remember We Are Always Here to Help!

- Abbotts Hill School Counselor:
 - Tiffany Poke
 - poket@fultonschools.org
- For questions specific to Taylor Road Middle School:
 - 6th grade School Counselor
 - Fred Johnson
 - johnsonf2@fultonschools.org

Additional Resources & References

- https://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Partnerships/Documents/Parent%20Engagement/Building-Cap/Middle%20School%20Matters_Familyy_ENG%208.5x11.pdf
- <https://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Partnerships/Pages/School-Transition.aspx>
- <https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/207>
- <https://www.goodtherapy.org/blog/tips-for-parents-on-a-successful-transition-to-middle-school-0902155>