

Moving from Grade 6 to the  
Middle School



A guide for parents

### What are stanines?

- Academic groupings
- Warwick middle schools have 3 academic groups: above average (9), average (5-8), below average (1-4).
- Stanines CAN change once the year starts

### How are stanines decided?

• Current elementary teachers make a recommendation in January. This recommendation is revisited once we collect data:

- DRP score
- Hanna Orleans math test
- NECAP scores
- Further teacher observation in class

A final stanine will be set in May, 2009 by your child's teacher.

### What are DRP'S?

A diagnostic instrument that assesses how well your child reads.

A score below 44 would tell us to enroll the child in literacy class.



A score of "80" is what we desire for Honors classes.

### How do DRP's Affect My Child's Schedule?

39 or less = Tier 3 Literacy

44-39 = Tier 2 literacy

Above 45 = Enrichment classes or world language classes

80+ = Consideration for Honors classes

### How do NECAP's Affect My Child's Schedule?

Best case: scores of 659 and above would be considered for Honors classes

658-638 Average

637-600 Below average

There is "wobble room" with teacher recommendation



## Electives

**Every child gets a Technology exploratory class:** Woodworking, family consumer science, robotics, CAD, or visual arts as staffing allows.

**Every child takes 3 days of Health and Physical Ed.**



## Electives, continued....

**World Languages: 5+ stanine, +638**  
**NECAP :** Spanish, French, or Italian

**Enrichment:** A half year of English and a half year of math enrichment for children not needing Literacy.

**These classes meet everyday (x6)**



## Electives, at last



**Music:** Band, Chorus, General Music or Orchestra

**Skills Class:** Remediation, study time, make-up work, community service, stock market game.

**Resource:** As dictated by an IEP

**These classes meet 3 times/ cycle.**

## A sample schedule

Math	Math
English	English
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Literacy	Spanish
Technology	Technology
Skills / Resource/ Music AND Phys. Ed	Phys Ed and Music