

WE ARE WAYNE



CHAPEL HILL 7TH & 8TH GRADE CENTER

WE SPECIALIZE IN MAKING 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL!

It's been said there is no cure for adolescence. Seventh and eighth grade students experience rapid changes in their bodies, their emotions, interests and abilities. They are also becoming more independent. Parents feel this pull, too. Do I still treat my student as a small child (because they act that way some days)? Or do I "loosen the reins" and let them succeed or fail on their own? We understand that. The teachers and staff at Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center choose to work with this age group. We enjoy it!



CONNECTED TO THEIR TEAM – AND THEIR TEACHERS

It's a big change when sixth grade students leave elementary school for the "bigger pond" of Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center. We make the transition more comfortable by breaking the student body down into small-school-sized units of about 180 students. It adds stability during an unstable time in their growing up years.

Each team has its own hallway of classrooms for everything except electives. Your student has the same team of teachers both years he or she is with us. The teachers are totally committed to students' success from the beginning of seventh grade to their last day of eighth. School is more personal, and kids don't get lost in the shuffle.

WE SERVE STUDENTS OF ALL ABILITIES AND NEEDS

We are focused not just on kids who need academic help, we help **all** students grow.

- Students who successfully complete honors classes can earn high school credits. Our teachers of high ability students are either certified in high ability instruction or working toward that certification.
- Wayne Township Schools and Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center are known for the quality of their special education services. If your student has special needs, he or she is in the right place.
- We offer English as a second language instruction for students who do not speak English as their primary language.
- We also have a full-time registered nurse on staff.



DELICIOUSLY DIVERSE — Diversity is something we celebrate every day.



OUR STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED IN LEARNING

Our one-on-one technology, where every child is issued a notebook computer, engages students, but our instruction is part of it, too. Arrange to visit us. From early morning to late afternoon, you'll see well behaved kids happily engaged in learning.

Your 7th or 8th grade student will be: **safe, secure, valued, challenged, and encouraged to grow.**

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE IS A TIME TO EXPLORE

Our challenging academics, arts and music classes, sports and clubs (as shown to the right) give students a chance to explore what interests them.

Almost half of Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center students are involved in some form of athletics. Another half are involved in music.

GOING FROM SCATTERED TO ORGANIZED

One ongoing goal is for our students to take more responsibility for their learning. We teach them to keep track of all of their assignments and deadlines – either in a success binder or in their notebook computer. We constantly stress the importance of staying on top of academic responsibilities, so students don't fall behind.

Your student will thrive here.

Band
Choir
Orchestra
World
language
instruction
14 sports
Numerous
clubs and
academic
teams





MEKENZIE FAITH

“It’s really fun. I make new friends every day. I’m in swimming and track.”

Mekenzie is hard of hearing. The staff works with her on any special needs and keeps batteries on site if her hearing aids need them.

Team: Grizzlies

Career goal: Day care provider. (“I love kids.”)



EMILIO DIAZ

“Football has pushed me to be the best I can be. My coaches make me do my best. I also play trumpet in band and am able to participate in the jazz band because I have great grades.

“Mr. Bustos (Wayne Twp. Teacher of the Year for 2013-2014) expects us to do the right thing. He pushes us to read books, and is a great role model.”

Team: Grizzlies
Emilio has earned the extra privilege of being a Grizzly on the Go

Career goal: President of the United States



JANAI STUBBLEFIELD

“We do a lot of projects on our Chromebooks. Mrs. Brumback sets goals for us and expects us to reach those goals. I love the challenge. You have to work hard. I love the books we get to read in class.

“Mrs. Jarrett had us take a qualifying test for the *You Be the Chemist* competition. I passed that test and went to the local competition at Dow Agrosiences and the state competition where I got a medal and a certificate.”

Team: Cardinals

Career goal: Doctor

FORMULAS FOR SUCCESS

We divide the student body into small-school-sized units of about 180 students.



JESSICA DUNCAN

“Before I came to Chapel Hill, I was really shy. In Grizzlies, you can be what you want to be.

“Choir is my favorite class. There are so many different people, but we all do this great thing together. If you don’t have friends, come to choir and you’ll have friends.”

Team: Grizzlies

Career goal: Singer



NICK BROWN

“I like Chapel Hill because if you join a sport you just feel like a family, even if you’re not the best player. Everybody’s together as one team. It feels really good. They encourage you to do your best.

“When I was wrestling, I didn’t win much, but I still had fun. It wasn’t about winning to me. It was about having fun.”

Team: Greyhounds

Was allowed to take a “selfie” with Mayor Ballard when serving as a student host for the Mayor’s Night Out for the west side.

Career goal: Radio disc jockey (“I do like to talk.”)



“Make sure your student finds a small group they can be part of. You don’t get lost if you find a place to get connected.”

— John Holsapple, parent

Your student will have the same team of teachers both years.



WE ARE PART OF THE WAYNE TOWNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Chapel Hill is one of two 7th & 8th Grade Centers in the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township. Both Chapel Hill and Lynhurst 7th & 8th Grade Centers group students in teams and loop the same group of teachers with students for both years they are with us. The academic, music, arts, athletic and activity offerings are nearly identical, yet each 7th & 8th Grade Center has its own personality and flavor.



When Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center students complete 8th Grade, they move on to the Ben Davis Ninth Grade Center and then to Ben Davis High School or Ben Davis University High School for grades 10-12.

We all wear purple. We are Wayne.

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