

Santan Junior High School
6th Grade Presentation Question and Answer

General Questions

1. Please describe what the departmental model is and school within a school.
A school within a school model places the teachers on Teams of four, one Math, one ELA, one Science, and one Social Studies.. These four teachers have approximately 120 students that belong to their team. This allows for junior high students to smoothly transition from elementary to high school by placing them in a smaller community of 120 students within a school of over 1000. This was the structure at SJHS prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope to return to this next year if conditions permit.
2. Do you have college prep at your school?
Yes, our honors courses provide an advanced curriculum for students in both Math and Language Arts.
3. Can you please provide the links for the presentation?
The links are posted in the presentation on our website which can be accessed through the site shortcuts on the right-hand side of the home page.
Will you send out the slideshow? Are we going to publish the PowerPoint? When you say the videos will be on your website, do you mean Santan home page? *Yes, to all.*
[Link for PowerPoint and Live Presentation](#)
4. Are you allowed to have your phone in class?
Phones are allowed in classes at teacher discretion when used as a tool to access the curriculum.
5. What is your policy on bullying?
Bullying is taken very seriously at Santan Junior High. We have a program we call 3R (Recognize, Refuse, Report), this is presented to classes by counselors at the beginning of the year. We follow CUSD policy and procedures when addressing a reported incident of bullying. Our goal is to have all students feel welcome, safe, and supported during their time with us.
6. What are the security measures taken at the school? Are doors locked during the day and are all visitors checked in?
Yes, the exterior doors are locked during the day. We have one point of entry for visitors which is through the administration office on the west side of campus. All visitors must present ID and check-in prior to entering the campus.

7. How are we going to know where to go on our first day?
Students will be able to tour the campus during our "Storm'n Days" event in July.
8. If we already submitted an open enrollment form, when can we expect to hear back and be able to sign-up/register for classes?
9. Are masks mandatory?
Yes, at this time masks are mandatory for all individuals on campus.
10. What do you recommend for an incoming 7th grader who is feeling quite a bit of anxiety regarding the change in schools?
I recommend attending our Stormn' Days event to become familiar with the campus and meet our teachers. It is not uncommon for a student to be nervous when transitioning from elementary to junior high school.
11. Can we go over dress code policies?
Our dress code policy is posted on our website and is also available in the student handbook. <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/105860>
12. Will there be a crossing guard at Cooper Road?
No, we do not have a crossing guard at Cooper Road.
13. Where can we sign up on Infinite Campus?
Instructions for access to the Infinite Campus parent portal are posted on our website. <https://www.cusd80.com/Domain/5058>
14. Will there be lockers?
Lockers are provided for physical education and athletics only.
15. When should we know that we were accepted for Open Enrollment? Do they fill out electives forms before being approved?
Open enrollment applications are approved at the district level, families are typically notified mid to late February. Electives are chosen following approval.
16. How do we get more information on the Gifted Academy?
Information on the Santan Gifted Academy can be found on our school website.
<https://www.cusd80.com/domain/3847>
17. Are phones necessary for students to have in class?

Phones are not necessary, we can provide technology to students if needed for an assignment in class.

18. To be in person, does that mean that students have to be in person for the 4th quarter of 6th grade?

No, students can transition from virtual to in-person following 6th grade.

19. If my child has an IEP, when will we receive information regarding resources/schedules of time pulled out of class?

This information will be provided by the student's assigned case manager prior to the start of school.

20. Can you bring phones in your backpack or are phones banned?

Yes, phones are permitted on campus.

21. Would it benefit students to bring personal devices to classes?

Personal devices, such as a computer or laptop, are not beneficial for students to bring as they cannot access the school internet and needed resources.

22. Are 7th graders eligible for advanced math?

Yes, 7th graders are eligible for placement in advanced math based on test scores, teacher recommendation, and the prior math placement in elementary school.

Curriculum and Registration Questions

1. Is the art elective art history of it or learning how to do art?

This class will cover all aspects of Art- the history and how to produce creative projects.

2. Is band an option for elective or just orchestra?

Both are options and we have multiple levels for students who want to play, but are entering the program at different playing levels. We accept players at all levels.

3. Most elementary schools have not had drama club this year due to the pandemic, how is Santan handling this with 6'apart, masks, etc.?

We are utilizing the mitigation strategies recommended by the district, but still allowing the students to engage in fun activities in class.

4. How do you select the students if they all select PE? By alphabet, random, or how do you choose who gets an elective if there are more students than spots?

We are still building our master schedule and we create enough sections for the students that request each class.

5. Yearbook does not require an application?

No

6. How will the yellow registration forms be distributed to students attending COA? For COA students, do we print the registration form and drop it by or mail it?

We have these forms available on our Santan Junior High website, if you do not receive one. You can scan it to our counselor, Melissa Edwards Edwards.melissa@cusd80.com or you can drop it off in our main office.

7. For the kids coming from COA they had us fill out a Google form with their electives after we did the part on Infinite campus? Is this right? Do we need to fill out a yellow form?

You do not need to fill out a yellow form. This information will be sent to SJHS.

8. If they're in gifted COA should it be showing the 4 core classes in Infinite campus or do they show as regular?

We are working on getting the 4 core classes corrected in Infinite Campus at this time. Please do not worry if you do not see the correct class (ex. Gifted, honors, etc.) as we are still collecting this information from district and the elementary schools.

9. How many electives do you students get? What is the difference between semester and year-long electives? How do they work?

You could select 2 year-long electives, one year-long and 2 semester electives, or 4 semester electives. A semester class is shorter (only 2 quarters long) and not as in depth as a year-long class.

10. Where do you register the student, in person or online?

You will register your student on both the yellow form to hand in to your teacher and in Infinite Campus.

11. Do 7th and 8th graders get mixed in classes?

All of our electives are co-ed and mixed grade levels.

12. What is needed to register if SJHS is our boundary school? Is it automatic or are their actions parents need to do?

If you live in SJHS boundaries, you just need to fill out the yellow registration form and the electives in Infinite Campus.

13. How do we enroll in honors classes?

To be in honors classes, you would need to be currently taking honors classes, have teacher recommendations, or have received highly proficient scores on AzMerit. We look at several different tools before making this decision.

14. Do the gifted program students interact with the other student population?

Absolutely! We are one big campus and want everyone to feel like they are part of the SJHS community.

15. How will students be placed in honors classes? It used to be based on standardized testing. How is it determined?

To be in honors classes, you would need to be currently taking honors classes, have teacher recommendations, or have received highly proficient scores on AzMerit. We look at several different tools before making this decision.

16. When do we test for Gifted or Honors? What is the difference between the two?

There is no testing for Gifted or Honors. To be in honors classes, you would need to be currently taking honors classes, have teacher recommendations, or have received highly proficient scores on AzMerit. We look at several different tools before making this decision. For Gifted Placement, we would contact district to see if you were previously qualified in CATS with testing in elementary school.

17. Did I hear correctly that PE is an elective? Can you expand on that a little (I'm surprised it is not part of the regular curriculum)?

PE is a requirement in HS, but it is an elective in junior high. You do not need to take it at this level.

18. How is Galileo scored now since we had some issues with virtual online?

This is just one tool that we would look at to measure scores. If this was not valid or available, we would not use it.

19. Do we turn in student council applications into KAMI? If we are open enrolled for Santan do we have the same deadline for Student Council applications?

You definitely could submit the application through KAMI, but you could also print it off and hand it in your teacher. You could also email them to Edwards.melissa@cusd80.com and she would get them to Mrs. G. Please be sure to have your teachers fill out the recommendation forms and get them to your teachers.

20. Will you be visiting EPA? How do we get registration information and return it?

We are not visiting EPA, but there are registration forms in the office with the counselor. Please fill it out and have the counselor return it to Melissa Edwards at SJHS through inter office mail or you can drop it off in the main office at Santan.

21. When will be able to register via Infinite Campus?
It is open and you can do this now.
22. Do kids need to have separate clothing for PE and weight lifting?
You can purchase a PE uniform at Stormin' Days or once school starts and use that uniform for both PE and Weight Training.
23. How many uniforms are required for PE?
You just need one uniform- green shorts and a white or gray t-shirt.
24. For students online, will PE uniforms be mailed or do they have to be picked up?
You can purchase a PE uniform at Stormin' Days or once school starts.
25. Is there a requirement for students to take PE in junior high?
There is no requirement to take PE in junior high.
26. Is there a difference between semester and year-long PE?
Semester long PE is only 2 quarters long and year-long is 4 quarters long. The only difference is how long you take the class and the number of units you participate in throughout the year.
27. Are you still visiting schools because my school hasn't been visited yet?
We are still visiting schools until January 28th and then going back out for the second visit until February 9th.
28. How do you register for concurrent?
You need to contact Melissa Edwards and she will work with you on this.
Edwards.melissa@cusd80.com
29. If we registered for classes on Infinite campus do we still need to turn in a yellow registration form?
All students need to hand in a yellow form AND register on Infinite Campus.

Athletic and Club Questions

1. What date do physicals need to occur after for eligibility?
Students who want to participate in the 21-22 school year for athletics need to have a physical any time AFTER March 1, 2021. There are forms located on our athletic page. Please scroll towards the end of the home page. <https://www.cusd80.com/sjhsathletics>
2. Are we doing after school sports this upcoming year?

Sports are still scheduled to run for the upcoming school year. Some coaches do practice in the mornings, but all competitions are held in the afternoons.

3. Are their tryouts for sports? How will we be notified?

Yes, tryouts occur the first or second week of every quarter. We do have three coed non-cut sports (Cross-Country, Wrestling, Track & Field) that will begin when tryouts begin to see if students are interested in the sport

1st Quarter

**Baseball
Flag Football
Girls Volleyball
Cheer**

2nd Quarter

**Boys Basketball
Softball
Cross Country
Cheer**

3rd Quarter

**Girls Basketball
Boys Soccer
Wrestling
Cheer**

4th Quarter

**Girls Soccer
Boys Volleyball
Track & Field**

All athletic communication will go out through parent emails. It is important that you have your information updated through Infinite Campus. We will also put important information each quarter on the athletic home page.

4. Is there a pass or fail tryout for cheer?

There really isn't a pass/fail grade, but cheer is like any other cut sport where some students trying out may not make the team.

5. If I want to start a club, how do I do it?

Once you are on campus, you can come and see me (Ms. Scaringelli) for club paperwork. You will then need to find an adult on this campus to be your sponsor.

6. For athletes, is there only one season for football and is there tackle? If you play flag football do you go against other schools?

Season 1 is flag football. Tackle football does not start until 9th grade in CUSD. We are part of the East Valley Conference (EVC). The EVC consists of 12 junior high schools in the Chandler, Higley and Queen Creek Unified School Districts.

7. Do clubs count as electives?

No, they do not. This can be a before or after school event.

8. Do you have a boys' tennis team?

We have a coed tennis club that competes against other junior highs. The EVC is in the process of looking to make it another sport.

9. Do you have a soccer program?

We have a boys' and girls' soccer team. Boys play 3rd quarter and girls play 4th quarter.

10. Is there a club golf?

Not yet, but there has been interest in the past.

11. Is there a club for pickle ball?

Not yet.

12. Can a parent help coach/sponsor a club with a teacher as a volunteer?

Parents can help coach/sponsor. There is a process/paperwork that has to be done in order to be cleared by the district.

13. What is the minimum GPA for sport eligibility?

Athletic eligibility is ran weekly by the athletic department. Coaches are notified if any of their athletes have a D or F. If a student has a failing grade they will need to sit out for one competition and bring their grade to a passing one of a D or better. Some coaches do require a C or better to be able to play. They will go over their expectations at the team meeting.

14. Will there be a Santan dance team?

Santan has always had a dance club. Due to COVID, the coach postponed the club to next year. Hopefully we can get back on dance floor for the 21-22 school year.

15. Do you have a place to go with all of the athletics' information?

<https://www.cusd80.com/sjhsathletics>

[Athletic Checklist](#)

[Register my Athlete](#)

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