

Most people and their friends will stop and talk to each other in the hallways. You have about four minutes to get from one class to another. It seems like a short amount of time, but in reality it is more than enough time. Some classes that you have may be on the opposite side of the school. Don't worry - you will get to class. The bell schedule is set up so that you can go from one class to another efficiently and on time. Another thing that can be confusing to many seventh graders is the staircases. There are up, down and double staircases. The most challenging point about the staircases is remembering which staircase goes which way. If there is a staircase that is closer to your class but it's the opposite way that you have to go, then don't go up it. You can get injured because people do push people that go the other way by accident.

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In middle school, students have more privileges than in elementary school. One privilege is independence in the hallway. Although it seems like free time with friends, it is important to get to class. There are only four minutes to get to class and if you arrive to class late you will be marked tardy. Also you should only try to go to your locker when you are passing by or are in the area. Plan ahead and bring books for not only your next class but for periods ahead. The hallway is a place to be used for getting to class, not to socialize.

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A well-known pet peeve by some middle school students is people stopping in the middle of the hallway to talk to their friends. This is commonly preformed by seventh graders. Do *not* be one of them! Walking slowly is not appreciated either! If you ask any eighth grader about this specific subject they would normally say, "It is so annoying when they do that!" A lot of people have to go across the whole other side of the building. You do not want to make them late for class because they will not be happy when they are marked late for class and possibly get detention. Teachers do not believe students when they try to explain the fact that they have been slowed down by other people who walk slowly and stop in the middle of the hallway. If you really need to tell your friend something, wait until you are out of everybody's way and then say, "I need to talk to you later when I get the chance." If you do it this way, it is quick, easy, and to the point. If there is anything at all that you need to know about middle school, this would be the number one thing.

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The hallways are the most annoying part of the middle school day. Once the bell rings, all the kids become freed from their classrooms and flood the hallway, all at the same time. It becomes so crowded that it's hard to walk. You have to be really patient and resist the urge to push all the slow people. You're going to see groups of people crowding around the lockers as you walk by. The good part is that you have a lot of time to get to classes. If you plan your time and your trips to your locker, you'll be almost never late.

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It may seem like walking in the hallway is the easiest, most basic thing. But in fact, it can be difficult to navigate your way around the school in packed, crowded hallways. Unlike schools and hallways on TV where there are seven people in the hallways and an hour between classes, there are hundreds of kids and only four minutes to get to class. The best way not to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of kids is to stay on the right side of the hallway. If you are walking with friends, it is difficult to walk next to each other because the hallway is not that big and you may get stuck behind. Make sure not to get stuck in the middle of the hallway because you will get pushed around from both directions by students rushing by. After fourth period is the time when you are supposed to go to your locker, so going between other periods may be more difficult than usual. But if you really have to visit your locker to pick up books for your next class, make sure to make it quick and not to waste time. Keep your items close and you will have no problem. This may sound overwhelming, and to others it may seem extremely easy, but these are just basics, and by the end of your first week here at MAMS, you will be a pro when it comes to getting to your classes.

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When you're in middle school one new thing you are doing is walking to your next class on your own. One thing you should know about is that you can't be late to any of these classes. If you are then you will get into trouble and you could also get detention. Another result from being late all the time is that it can come up on your progress report as tardy and could possibly end up affecting your final grade. Don't talk to your friends in the hallway and you won't have to stay after class to talk to your teacher about your lateness.

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In middle school you will have a lot more homework, teachers, classrooms and walking to do. When you're walking in the halls, be careful! There are many kids walking. Don't walk too slowly because it will get really annoying. Your schedule? Memorize it. It's not that hard, and you don't have to know the room number; just remember where it is.

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Another helpful concept that you should grasp when entering middle school is knowing how to act in the hallway. Being that there are a lot of kids in the school, this means that there are a lot of kids walking in the hallway between classes at the same time. When walking in the hall, all kids around you are determined to get to their next class (well, at least they should be). A key thing to know is walk at a good pace and watch where you're going. Also, try not to trip or drop anything. People may not see you and you could unfortunately get hurt, as well as your belongings getting damaged. So remember, watch where you're going, and don't be clumsy!