

## Qualters Middle School

240 East Street  
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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent:

Although we are at the start of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, it is not too early to begin thinking about your child's transition to the high school. Our goal at QMS is to offer the necessary guidance and support to both students and parents so that together you are able to make an informed decision about which high school would be the best fit for your child's learning style and their future goals.

Mansfield students have the option to attend one of three free public high schools:

- Mansfield High School
- Southeastern Vocational Technical High School in Easton, Massachusetts
- Bristol County Agricultural High School in Dighton, Massachusetts

Southeastern Vocational and Bristol Agricultural require students to go through an application process similar to students who are applying to a private high school. The best source to gather information for any of these schools is to visit each school's website to answer your questions about their application process.

Private school applicants should likewise carefully research each school's website and understand the application process and pay strict adherence to application deadlines. Private schools usually have a parental piece that must be submitted prior to the middle school's transcript deadline. All applications for Southeastern, Bristol Agricultural, and private high schools are processed through the QMS Guidance office.

Beginning in late October and continuing throughout the school year all students and parents will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities to ensure that all students have a positive transition experience. The following is planned:

### Fall/Winter

- October 27<sup>th</sup> – All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will attend a presentation about high school transition. Representatives from Mansfield High School and Southeastern will present opportunities available to students.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend the Mansfield High School Opportunities Night at 6:30pm in the High School Auditorium.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – The deadline for all Southeastern Vocational, Bristol Agricultural High School, and private school applications to be submitted to the QMS guidance office. This gives us time to adhere to deadlines and process and mail the applications prior to the winter break.

### Spring 2018

- QMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers make High School course recommendations.
- Discussions with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to talk about Mansfield High School and registration process.
- MHS Program of Studies, Course Recommendations, and online registration material will be distributed.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents will be invited to the Mansfield High School on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to attend a meeting to learn more about course offerings and the online registration process.
- In May, Course Request confirmation sheets will be mailed home to students.
- June 2018 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students tour Mansfield High School and participate in a Q&A.

We are proud of all of our students at QMS and look forward to sharing the excitement of their future. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

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