

George Washington Academy
Guidelines for Entering Eighth Grade

Students entering the eighth grade at George Washington Academy should have mastered the following academic, social, and behavioral milestones before entering school.

Language Arts:

- Students are expected to be able to write in cursive for all assignments.
- Students are expected to be able to write a complete, grammatically correct sentence with correct punctuation.
- Students are expected to understand and be able to write five different types of five paragraph essays: Narrative, Narrative-Informative, Informative, Persuasive, Argumentative.
- Students need a basic understanding of quality literature, and are expected to have a firm understanding of the elements of literature.
- Students are expected to read at or above grade level with comprehension.

Math:

- Students are expected to know all multiplication and division facts, fractions, decimals and percents.
- Students should have basic understanding of:
 - fundamental algebra (how to solve for “x” using inverse operations);
 - the coordinate plane, including plotting of ordered pairs (points) and slope;
 - perimeter, area and volume
 - organizing and displaying data using different types of graphs

Behaviorally:

- Students are expected to show respect to all students, teachers, adult supervisors and each other.
- Students are expected to know and adhere to all GWA policies; particularly the uniform, attendance, integrity, personal responsibility and anti-bullying policies.
- Students are to observe all rules and expectations of the arts teachers, showing

respect for the teacher, for fellow students, and for the creative process.

Homework:

- Math: expect approximately ½ to 1 hr. per evening
- Vocabulary: Aligned and included with Social Studies, Literature, Science and Math homework
- Reading: 30+ minutes per evening
- Science: Google classroom, UTIPS, other online resources (will vary); STEM project in March
- Writing: Weekly assignments on the Utah Compose website.
- Art and music classes have their own academic requirements. Students will need to keep track of make- up work, project due dates etc. for these classes. Use of a planner is highly recommended.