

George Washington Academy **Guidelines for Entering Seventh Grade**

Students entering the seventh 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 different types of five paragraph essays: Descriptive, Narrative, 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 a 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 to 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 hour per evening.
- Reading: 30+ minutes per evening

- Science, Social Studies, Language Arts: it will vary from night to night, but rarely exceed 15-30 minutes
- 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.