



Glenfield Middle School

Frequently Asked Questions

April 2022

Quick Facts

- **Principal:** Ms. Erika Pierce
- **Vice Principal:** Mr. Vincent Pelli
- **Magnet Theme:** Visual & Performing Arts School
- **Population:** Approximately 650 students (~200 per grade; ~100 per house)
- **Structure:** Two (2) Houses per grade (one open, one closed)
- **Start time:** 7:50am; Delayed Openings start at 9:50am
- **Dismissal time:** 2:10pm; Early Dismissal is at 12:40pm

Why Glenfield?

125 years of history, 600 seat auditorium, planetarium, gym with climbing wall, 3 visual arts rooms, dance studio, culinary arts kitchen, 3D printing studio, 3 tech labs, library/media center, play production, dance, orchestra & jazz band, robotics, Science Olympiad

Current Daily Schedule:

7:00 – 7:40am: <i>Period Zero</i>	11:24 - 11:44am: Period 6A
7:54 – 8:34am: Period 1	11:44 – 12:04pm: Period 6B
8:36 – 9:16am: Period 2	12:06 – 12:26pm: Period 7A
9:18 – 9:58am: Period 3	12:26 - 12:46pm: Period 7B
10:00 – 10:40am: Period 4	12:48 – 1:28pm: Period 8
10:42 – 11:02am: Period 5a	1:30 – 2:10pm: Period 9
11:02 – 11:22am: Period 5b	2:10 – 2:50pm: <i>Period 10</i>

What is a “House”?

A House is a small learning environment that has approximately 100 students. This system takes a large school and makes it small. Each House has their own core teacher team - English/Language Arts (ELA), Math, Social Studies and Science teachers. Students are given the opportunity to mix with students from other houses during their electives and World Language courses. Each grade at Glenfield has an “open” house and a “closed” house.

Open House:	Large open room with 4 quadrants for core subjects
Closed House:	Traditional classrooms, 1 room for each subject

For the upcoming 2022-2023 School Year (*tentative*):

House Meech:	Open House
House Titus:	Closed House

Glenfield House System benefits:

- Teachers and students get to know each other very well over the three years.
- The House teachers know where their students are in June and are able to pick up where they left off in September.
- The Glenfield House system helps to create a smooth transition to Montclair High School.

Can I request my House?

Yes, there will be an online signup form sent to parents for house requests. **Completing the form does not guarantee that you will receive the House you are requesting, as the Houses must be balanced by several factors.** Families who request a School Placement Transfer (a desire not to attend their feeder school) should wait until they have received confirmation of their school placement before they make any House requests.

What is Glenfield's daily schedule of classes?

Each day, Glenfield has 4 core subjects (ELA, Math, SS, Science), Physical Education (PE)/Dance, Lunch/Advisory and 2 electives for 40 minutes each. This 2021-22 school year, Glenfield established an alternating double block (80 minutes) for ELA and Math. The alternating double blocks and the electives operate on a rotating A/B Day schedule. The students adapt quickly to their new schedules, even if they have never followed an A/B rotation before.

- **World Language** is still considered to be a CORE class. It was moved to the elective portion of the master schedule to allow for students to move between academic support courses, electives and our new World Language and Cultures course. In the past, many of our students taking academic support classes were unable to participate in world language and electives classes because of where those courses were positioned in the master schedule.
- **Students will still have the ability to take Spanish, French and Mandarin every day for all three years at Glenfield.** According to the state, middle school students are required to have EXPOSURE to a world language by the end of 8th grade. Unlike high school, world language is not a graduation requirement for middle school students. Glenfield has created a new marking period course called World Language and Cultures to ensure that ALL students have exposure to a World Language by the time that they leave middle school. The course is designed to meet the needs of students who may be undecided about a language choice, or uninterested in taking a full year language course
- **Students now have 40 minutes of PE or Dance five days a week with one marking period devoted to Health.** Specialized PE classes such as Adventure Ed, Team Sports and Fitness Center will now be included under the umbrella of Physical Education. Students that sign up for "PE" instead of a full year of Dance will take a combination of PE (Regular PE, Adventure Ed, Team Sports and Fitness Center), Dance and Health.

Are there math levels at Glenfield?

The math curriculum follows one of three paths:

- Path One: Math 6 – Algebra 7A – Algebra 8B
- Path Two: Math 6 – Algebra 7A Accelerated – Algebra 8B Accelerated
- Path Three: Algebra 6A Accelerated – Algebra 7B Accelerated – GeometryHH

Note: Algebra I is taught at the high school level over two years (hence Algebra A and Algebra B). Geometry HH is taught at the high school level in one year. In special circumstances, a student may take Geometry as an 8th grade elective while also taking Algebra B.

What types of Electives are available?

In addition to their core classes, every Glenfield student will have the opportunity to choose up to 10 elective classes in a school year. Our elective offerings include: 3D Printing, Medieval Times, CSI, Mythology, Thrill Rides, Gone Google'n, CI Dance, Dance, CI Acting, CI Art, Digital Citizenship,

Creative Writing, Science Olympiad/Robotics, Sewing & Costumes, Jewelry Making, Collages, Musical Production, Play Production, Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and much more!! Course catalogs are posted on the Glenfield Middle School website for parent reference.

What are the STEAM Electives?

The STEAM teachers guide several team-taught electives to bring hands-on, application-based learning to students. Science Olympiad, Robotics, 3D Printing, Medieval Times, CSI, Mythology, Survive, Thrill Rides, Glenfield Music Production and Maker Space are just a few.

Is Glenfield appropriate even if my child does not take dance, music or art?

Yes! Glenfield has a **Culture of Excellence** that emphasizes more than the performing arts. We have many students who are not focused on dance, music, art, or theater. Students can use the elective blocks to take whatever enrichment academic courses interest them.

I've heard about Jazz Band with Mr. Ward. What time is this taught?

Jazz Band and Orchestra are offered during Tenth period from 2:10pm-2:40pm. After 10th period, students may proceed to any of the other after school programs that go until 4pm. A 3pm and 4pm late bus will be offered to ALL students participating in Tenth period and after school programs.

Can you tell me more about Orchestra?

Students are required to audition with Mr. Ward. He currently has over 90 students who meet each day. Students participating in the orchestra are not permitted to participate in the musical.

Does Musical Production meet every day?

Yes, play or musical production meets every day during one of the periods (this year is Period 6). Students are required to audition, usually at the end of the school year (June) for the upcoming school year. If selected, they meet in the auditorium each day with Mr. Lupfer, Ms. Fuentes, and Mrs. McMahon.

My son or daughter likes to act, sing, and dance. Can they do all of these things at once?

We have students who do all three! The schedule is created to maximize as many opportunities as possible.

When are CI Elective Placements/Auditions?

Glenfield teachers will hold Auditions in the Spring on dates announced at all elementary schools.

What are the communication channels at Glenfield?

You will know what your child is doing, and they will know what is expected of them each day through the **Daily or Weekly House Email Blast**. The email, sent by House Leaders, outlines daily homework assignments and important information. Ms. Pierce also sends a **weekly Principal's bulletin** with highlights from the week and news of events to come.

My child has an IEP or 504, what type of support will they receive at Glenfield?

Every House in every grade has special education teachers to provide in-class support for the core subjects (Math/ELA/SS/Sc). In addition, there are pull-out resource classes for Math and ELA (Read 180/Literary Lab, Multisensory Reading, Reading & Writing) and a Study Skills class for students with IEPs. Glenfield has 2 self-contained classrooms – Grades 6/7 and Grades 7/8 – that offer all core classes and allow for participation in electives in an inclusive environment with all students. For specific special education program information, please consult with your child's case manager.

PROGRAMS AT GLENFIELD

After School Programs with late bus provided at no cost to students

A 3pm and 4pm late bus will be offered to ALL students participating in Tenth period and after school programs. Students participating in after school activities will leave their Ninth period class and proceed directly to their after school activity at 2:10 until 4pm.

GMS Extra

This program provides an opportunity for students that are recommended by their parents or teachers to receive an additional hour and half of homework support. GMS Extra meets two days a week (Wed and Thurs).

GMS Scholars enrichment classes

This program provides students the opportunity to participate in STEAM-based enrichment activities taught by an Art, Science and Social Studies teacher. Classes currently include Art, Cooking and Team Sports.

National Junior Honor Society - Advisor Ms. O'Sullivan

At the beginning of 7th grade, all students who have attained a high academic record will be invited to apply to the Junior National Honor Society. Once nominated, students must maintain high academic performance and complete 25 hours of community service. The NJHS advisor is Ms. O'Sullivan.

Science Olympiad and Robotics: Advisors Ms. Malloy and Ms. Tami

Zero period is an OPTIONAL period for students that would like to take Science Olympiad or Robotics. It is not a required period. Zero period will take place from 7:00 to 7:40 am. No early bus will be offered at this time. The Science Olympiad and Robotics clubs will meet once a week after school from 2:10pm to 4pm. The Science Olympiad team is led by Ms. Maloy. The Robotics Team is led by Ms. Tami.

Student Council: Advisor Mr. Portas

Student Council is a Social Action/Student Government organization.

Peer Leadership Program: Advisor Jerry Citro

Student Leaders take a role in overseeing school initiatives such as School Tours and School beautification projects (planting bulbs, painting rocks) and in brainstorming ideas for the school.

Restorative Justice: Advisor, Syreeta Carrington

An elective where students learn the tenets of Restorative Justice and work to implement them into the school culture.

Model UN/Model Congress: Run by House Social Studies Teachers

District-wide debate competitions among all three middle schools where students discuss events impacting both the nation and the world.

Sister to Sister

This after school mentoring program is led by Mrs. Barnes.

Gay Straight Alliance

This after school social action group is led by Mr. Titus.

KEY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Tech Learning Center: Visit our tech room – filled with Computers and a Television Studio for the green screen movie magic! LOWER LEVEL – ROOM 127

Media Center/Library: Our Media Center is a multi-purpose room designed to host classes, large group presentations and more! Students have the option of visiting the library during DEAR classes. FIRST LEVEL

Dining Al Fresco: Please be sure to walk through the cafeteria and glance through the window. You will see picnic tables that the students use to enjoy lunch in the Fall and Spring. When students are not at recess in Glenfield Park, they participate in their Advisory for 20 minutes, which allows for additional academic assistance or reading time.

Ms. Maloy Furer's Reptile Planet: Located on the 2nd floor, Ms. Maloy Furer also runs Science Olympiad in Room 329.

Home Economics: The FOOD Network comes to life! Located on the ground floor where Mrs. Stebbins teaches Discovery Cooking and Sewing, Exploring Foods and Clothing, Sewing Options and Costumes. LOWER LEVEL - ROOM 113

World Language: Glenfield offers Spanish, French and Mandarin. Almost all World Language classrooms are located on the SECOND LEVEL, south side of the building.

Fitness Center and Adventure Ed.: These classes are part of the Physical Education requirement but can also be taken as an elective. Mr. Freedman teaches Fitness Center with workout equipment, Wii Fitness and XBox. The Adventure Education climbing wall is in small part of the large gym. Please find Mr. Papa to discuss this course. LOWER LEVEL – ROOM 114 and GYMNASIUM

Graphic Arts Studio: This computer lab is hidden in the heart of the art wing. It is now also the home of one of three 3D printers on site. Ask one of the art teachers to discuss the various ways that students use computers during art class. LOWER LEVEL – IN BETWEEN 103 & 105

Read 180 & The Literacy Center: A great learning space that provides students with extra reading support. LOWER LEVEL – ROOM 116 and 232B

Instrumental Music Room located at the far end of the building off of the long narrow hallway by the auditorium. Mr. Ward's domain: ROOM 203

Art Classrooms (3): LOWER LEVEL

Dance Studio: LOWER LEVEL, ROOM 126

Auditorium: FIRST LEVEL

Planetarium: Peek into this long time Glenfield Tradition. The planetarium has been completely updated and digitized!

