

Sixth Grade Placement Exploration in AISD Meeting #3

March 4, 2026

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Young Junior High School

Welcome

Review of Previous Work (5 min)

Student Panel Q & A (30 min)

Kirsten Lundin, Principal Young Junior High School

Curriculum & Instruction, Advanced Academics, Social & Emotional Learning Presentation Followed by Q&A Discussion (30 mins)

Jamie MacDougall, Director of Curriculum & Instruction (3-6)

Danielle Reynolds, Director of Curriculum & Instruction (7-12)

Karen Zeske, Director of Advanced Academics

Telisa Brown, Director of Guidance & Counseling

Reflection & Discussion (20 min)

Considerations Update

What is needed for next time? (5 min)

Important Dates

Date	Meeting	Location
Jan 15	Meeting #1	@ Central
Feb 12	Meeting #2	@ Gunn
March 4	Meeting #3	@ Young
April 15	Meeting #4	@ Workman
May 13	Meeting #5	TBD
May 28	Meeting #6	TBD
June 4	Board Recommendation/Update	



Arlington
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT PRIORITIES

ACADEMIC GROWTH



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CULTURE



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SAFETY & DISCIPLINE



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MARKETING & ENGAGEMENT



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TALENT & RESOURCES



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Student Panel Questions:

1. Tell us about the transition from 6th grade to 7th grade. What was the difference between 6th grade and 7th grade? (*Probes: Independence in the hallways, homework, switching teachers, safety*)
2. What is the best part of 7th grade? What is the most challenging part of 7th grade?
3. When you have had challenges in 7th grade, who did you go to for help? How were you able to work through the problems?
4. School Spirit is important. Did you feel like you were a part of the school community? What things made you feel that way? (*Probes: counseling, teachers support, admin support, school culture opportunities, parent involvement*)
5. If you could make any changes to your 7th grade experience to make it better, what would the changes be?

ARLINGTON ISD 2025-2026 PRIORITIES

VALUES AND BELIEFS



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EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

We believe we should strive, on a daily basis, to create exceptional learning experiences for our students.

INCLUSIVE CULTURE

We value our diversity and believe that our students and staff deserve an inclusive culture where they feel valued, supported, and challenged to grow.

THRIVING STAFF

We believe that a thriving staff continuously learns and strives for excellence in order to positively impact our students.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

We believe that strong partnerships with families and the community provide a foundation for student success.

MAXIMIZED RESOURCES

We believe that district talent and financial resources must be maximized to promote student learning while also maintaining effective fiscal management.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

We believe that our learning environments must be safe, productive spaces that are well designed and maintained.