WELCOME TO
GRAPEVINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

#OurHouseGMS #ElevateGMS
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Our Campus Programs
Unifying Everyone...

GMS House System
Why a House System?

× Build a **family atmosphere** within GMS that values honesty, dependability, integrity, boldness, bravery, and wisdom.

× Create a **positive environment** that rewards good behavior and still holds students accountable.

× Create opportunities for instructional staff to **mentor** a small group of students.
## Our Houses

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**Students who are in Integritas** are honest and firm in their moral principles. They do what is right—even when people aren’t looking. Those in this house hold each other accountable and work to make others stronger.

1. **uncountable noun**
2. **If you have integrity, you are honest and firm in your moral principles.**

**Students who are in Honestus** are incredibly honest and trustworthy. They are friendly and want the best for others. Honestus is caring and positive—but always tell the truth. They follow the rules and are role models to others.

1. **adjective**
2. **If you describe someone as honest, you mean that they always tell the truth, and do not try to deceive people or break the law.**

**Students who are in Audax** are bold and brave. They are willing to take risks and do great things. They enjoy thinking outside of the box and problem solving. They have big ideas and aren’t afraid to act on them!

1. **adjective**
2. **Someone who is bold is not afraid to do things that involve risk or danger.**

**Students who are in Fortem** are the bravest of all the houses. They are strong and unafraid to do what is right or to stand up for themselves and others. Those in this house are warriors & are never fearful to be different.

1. **adjective**
2. **Someone who is brave is willing to do things that are dangerous, and does not show fear in difficult or dangerous situations.**

**Students who are in Fidum** are incredibly dependable—you can always count on them! They are willing to help others, do what they say they will, and are consistent in their actions. Those in Fidum are often known as mature and sensible.

1. **adjective**
2. **If you say that someone or something is dependable, you approve of them because you feel that you can be sure that they will always act consistently or sensibly, or do what you need them to do.**

**Students who are in Sapientiae** are very wise. They draw from past experiences to make decisions. They consider various perspectives and the effects of their actions before doing something. They are cautious—but often make correct choices!

1. **uncountable noun**
2. **Wisdom is the ability to use your experience and knowledge in order to make sensible decisions or judgments.**
The Housing System

- Includes all students (6th, 7th, 8th)
- There are roughly 760 students in our housing system
- There are 6 Houses with about 127 students per house
- Students remain in their house from 6th grade through 8th grade which allows them to create a comradery with their fellow housemates and staff members.
- House names were determined by the Discipline Committee
  - June - Discipline Committee Meeting
  - June - August: Planning
  - August - Implementation
- We have created a shared database to see which students are in each house
Students can earn house points by:

- **Pony Way**
  - Respectful
  - Responsible
  - Problem Solver

- **Exemplifying a GMS core belief (5 pts)**
  - Honesty
  - Bravery
  - Integrity
  - Wisdom
  - Dependable
  - Bold

- **Anything else that administrators deem appropriate**
  - Administration determines this point value

Love the giving spirit at GMS! Definitely AMPING IT UP by making it into a house competition! #OurHouseGMS #GMSAmpsUp
House Points

Turning in house points:

- We use Class Dojo to keep track of points
- Teachers can add points anytime using the app.
  - Download app on phone or iPad
- The points get reset every 9 weeks and placed into a points bank for the whole year.

House points are displayed on the TVs throughout the building and they are updated on Friday of each week. The winning house each 9-weeks will have their flag flown on the campus flag pole for one quarter and their crest prominently displayed around campus.
Integritas
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Fortem

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Sapientiae
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Fidum
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Audax
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Honestus

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● Students are sorted intentionally to ensure each House mirrors the makeup of the entire campus.
  ○ STEM, AVID, Dual, etc.
  ○ Extracurriculars
  ○ Other Demographics

● Teachers are sorted randomly but with efforts to ensure each House has representation from different contents, clubs, & extracurricular sponsors.
  ○ Teacher House Assignments
  ○ Student House Assignments
  ○ Mentor Groups
**Sorting**

**Home Visits**

- Teachers visit the homes of incoming 6th graders to deliver a goody bag that contains information about GMS, a goody bag, a House Lanyard, and information about their house showing the house they’ve been sorted into.
- Next year (2020-2021) we’ll be able to start sorting students with our sorting wheel designed and created by our Art and Engineering students!

*Houses will each get a t-shirt (not on the first day of school)*

*Students will stay in the same house for the remainder of their time at GMS*

*When new students enroll, they will be placed with a House & Mentor based on numbers (keeping each House & Mentor Group the same size)*
Our transformation team is made up of staff members who volunteered to help lead. Each house will have 1 member from the Transformation Team. The team includes, our principal, assistant principals, Learning Liaison, and staff members from various content and grade levels. **These are Runners and campus leaders.**

Roles:

- Updating House Points
- Organizing House Days
- Creating Banners & Shirts
- Leading House Council
House Rallies

- House rallies are rally days when all students compete for house points in friendly competitions. These days are similar to pep rallies, except they involve house competitions and students sit by houses instead of by grade.
- Students and staff are encouraged to wear their house shirts and any other fun spirit accessories to show house spirit!
- Students love seeing the teachers do funny things and participating in fun competitions!
- The Transformation Team plans these rallies
CHANTS AND HAND SIGNALS

× Used to help unify the houses and give students a common gesture to use at house rallies and mentor meetings!
What: House meetings are held to give opportunities for house members to come together for Mentor Chats, team building, and to go over special house news.

When: 3x-4x a grading period

How: A class period will be closed off and students/staff members will meet in their Houses (similar to the first day of school House Meeting). A plan is given out to staff members for the House Meeting agenda.

Sample Mentor Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 3rd
1st Period 8:10-8:40 (attendance)
MENTOR MEETING 8:45-9:15 (Students bring belongings with them)
2nd Period 9:20-9:50 (attendance)
3rd Period 9:55-10:35
Regular schedule the rest of the day
Chelsea Lanier @clanier_edu · May 3
Our last Mentor Meeting of the year! Cupcakes and Dragons, oh my!
#OurHouseGMS #fortem #gmsampsup

Jamie Nutt @JamieNutt · May 3
How else could you celebrate #fidum than with its first letter!! @GrapevineMiddie
#OurHouseGMS

Andrew McClelland @coachmacgms · Feb 22
Mentor group working on their design challenge! They did a great job! We had one stack hold 10 phones! @gmsstem

Coach Hall @CoachHallVBT · May 3
Let’s go #Integritas! We swear this says GMS 😄 #OurHouseGMS
9-Week House Winners

9 Week Celebrations House Winners (2:55 - 3:25 PM):
The winner of each 9-weeks gets their name on the house cup trophy and gets to enjoy a house party!

- Ice Cream Social
- Shows + Popcorn
- Cookie Party

*ALL celebrations have team building and in-house competitions!
What’s New...

- **The WHEEL** (idea from RCA) – Our Engineering class + Art class are working together to create this for our campus

- **The SORTING** – Lanyards with badges

- **HOME VISITS** – Teachers do home visits with members of their house on the 1st day of in-service. They deliver goodie bags and welcome the upcoming 6th graders to GMS and to their House

- **The SCHEDULE** – Implement an alternate ‘House Schedule’ for days where House events occur

- **AND MORE...**

- **The SLIDE** – Before 2020-2021 school year
Questions?