

Carpenter Expansion FAQs

K-8 Experience

- 1. What time will school start and end when 6th grade is offered for the 2019-2020?**
 - a. This has yet to be determined and will be a part of the Carpenter Advisory Committee work as they shape a recommendation for the expansion. In the case of our current AAPS K-8 schools, they operate on a middle school aligned schedule.
- 2. Will elementary students be separated from middle school students within the school in some way?**
 - a. Typically, middle school classrooms are in a designated area/wing.
- 3. Will Carpenter be a K-8 with traditional programming or will it have a focus like STEAM and IB?**
 - a. The expansion plans will support the values of the Carpenter community and we will explore options that will complement our already strong Carpenter experience.

Middle School Experience

- 1. Will middle school students have a learning experience designed for supporting adolescents?**
 - a. Yes. Research supports the academic and social emotional benefits of adolescent students learning in K-8 environments where relationships are well established and long-term connections with teachers, students and friends. Also important are ensuring that leadership and pro-social skills are supported in an authentic and appropriate way for middle school aged children.
- 2. Will students have a choice between Carpenter Middle school and Scarlett Middle School?**
 - a. Yes. Students will be able to choose to attend either Carpenter or Scarlett Middle School. Transportation will be provided to either choice.
- 3. Will there be similar clubs and activities as the comprehensive middle schools?**
 - a. Yes. Clubs and activities will be in place to serve the needs and desires of our student body.
- 4. Will students be able to play AAPS athletics?**
 - a. Yes. Just like other AAPS K-8 schools, Carpenter will have its own team when there is enough interest to support it. If not, students may join the team at the boundary middle school.

- 5. Where will Carpenter middle school students go to high school?**
 - a. If middle school students elect to remain at Carpenter for the K-8 experience, they will matriculate to Huron as the boundary map denotes. The district always offers the option to apply for In-District transfer to other high schools, or middle schools if so desired.
- 6. Will all fundamental academics be offered to middle schoolers at Carpenter?**
 - a. Yes. The program will be fundamentally rich in all of the core areas and will provide opportunities for students to meet all expectations of State Standards.
- 7. Will world languages, band and orchestra be part of the middle school experience?**
 - a. Yes.
- 8. Are there going to be lockers?**
 - a. This has yet to be determined and will be a part of the Carpenter Advisory Committee work as they shape a recommendation for the expansion.
- 9. Will the six graders and future classes have one teacher or multiple?**
 - a. As in our current AAPS K-8 schools, teachers at the middle level are certified by content area and students move to classes taught by multiple teachers.

Facility Enhancements

- 1. Will traffic issues and parking be addressed in the facility enhancement process?**
 - a. Yes. This enhancement process allows us to address long-standing traffic and parking issues.
- 2. Will there be a traffic study?**
 - a. Yes. A traffic study will take place in the coming school year.
- 3. What are the plans for the facility enhancements?**
 - a. As we work through the planning process with the Carpenter community and the Carpenter Expansion Advisory Committee, the needs and desires for the K-8 facility will guide the facility planning both short and long term.
- 4. Will the lunch room and gym be expanded?**
 - a. These areas will need to be addressed to serve a growing population.
- 5. Will there be any additional lighting added around the school and additional safety measures in place considering the older kids will want to walk home from school?**
 - a. These are important safety issues that will be addressed in the Carpenter Advisory Committee and with district facilities personnel to ensure the safety of our students and staff.