

What is the class size for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders? Between 25-28. We occasionally have a larger class. This year's band group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders is 30 students because they all have to be in the same section.

What is the Danielson Instructional model? Charlotte Danielson developed a model of teaching that outlines all of the components for the most effective teaching of children. This model is used in Racine as a guide for best practice teaching. Google "Charlotte Danielson Framework" to see the Domains and components.

How many 6<sup>th</sup> grade seats do you anticipate having available? 75

Can I have my child call teachers by "Mr./Mrs./Ms." along with their first name? Yes, we have some students who do that.

How many spots are in the lottery? For 6<sup>th</sup> grade it will be 75. We anticipate adding a section of 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Along with the 15-20% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who transfer to a comprehensive high school we will likely take in 30-35 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. For all other grades it depends entirely on how many students leave between now and then. We typically only have a few openings in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

How often are the middle and high school mixed? They are not mixed for any classes. We have areas of the building that are primarily designated for high school or middle school. There is some crossover for walking paths to different classes, but students are not allowed to congregate or hang out in an area designated for the other grade levels. We have never had an issue between high school and middle school students as most of our high school students attended REAL for middle school and close/active adult supervision quickly corrects students as necessary.

How culturally diverse is the current student body? REAL School's minority rate is currently 45%.

Will you have Spanish options for all 4 years in the future? With continued growth we may be able to expand to a 3<sup>rd</sup> year first, but only if there are enough students to fill the class. In the meantime, students who wish to take a class we don't offer as a junior or senior can drive 2 miles to Case High School to take those classes. Currently our students do the same at Horlick.

How many 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be accepted? 75

How do you feel your program compares to Walden? We are both excellent schools. Walden has 30+ more years of history. There are some differences in our programs, but there are many important similarities around philosophy in working with children.

How are Youth Options college courses funded? Who pays? The school district pays for these classes. Students are taking college classes free of charge. It is a great opportunity!

Can a student take a beginning band class? If a student is interested in participating in band for the first time, s/he takes band and the band teacher works with that student to develop small parts and that ability to participate. It takes dedication and a willingness to learn, but it is a great opportunity.

Will the phy ed classes expand at the new location? We anticipate all students taking at least one gym class at the middle school level. Sometimes a class may have 2 during the year. We'll certainly have some neat opportunities with the new facility.

There was a slide that had calculus as a Horlick option. What was that? As a small school our ability to offer certain classes depends on the number of students who are interested in taking it each year. If we are unable to offer an advanced level class or a career pathway class that a student is interested in, they may take it at Horlick (this year and in the past), but the student must provide their own transportation. Next year our students will be able to do the same, but at Case. This year we did offer calculus to our students.

Can you talk more about the Gateway partnership? What type of equipment is available at the iMET facility? Our students who take engineering college level classes will go over to the iMET center to take these classes. These classes may utilize the fabrication equipment at the iMET center. We'll have a "clean space" fab lab, or maker space at REAL for more basic and introductory lessons beginning in the middle school and for the purpose of supporting all students' projects.

What types of technology are available at the REAL School? Chromebooks, laptops, iPads? We currently have a 1:2 ratio of computers to students. We have Chromebooks, Macbooks and desktop computers and we use them constantly. Students are allowed to bring their own technology as well.

What time do doors open? We have a staff member at the entrance 30 minutes before the start of the school day. Currently that is 6:45a.m.

What does REAL stand for? The acronym has changed a little over the years. It originally stood for The **Racine Education Alternative Learning** Charter School. It currently stands for The **Racine Engineering Arts and Leadership** Charter School.