



Middle School (MS) Outdoor Education 2021-2022: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Grade 6 Outdoor Education

Question #1:

What is Grade 6 Outdoor Education?

Response #1:

Outdoor Education is an outdoor team-building experience shared by all Grade 6 students in each middle school, including Homewood. Most recently, this has been comprised of a three-day overnight experience in Cecil County, MD.

Question #2:

How will Grade 6 Outdoor Education be achieved for the 2021-2022 academic year?

Response #2:

The Grade 6 middle school program will consist of a one-day experience in Howard County. The experience will still include an outdoor component as well as a team building component.

Concurrently, the HCPSS Office of Science is piloting a MS Outdoor Education experience with the Howard County Conservancy. This pilot will involve four middle schools.

Question #3:

Why are there shifts to Grade 6 Outdoor Education now?

Response #3:

The program is being changed to maximize safety, manage costs, and address transportation challenges.

Question #4:

What are the plans for Grade 6 Outdoor Education for 2022-2023 and beyond?

Response #4:

It is anticipated that all 20 middle schools and Homewood will participate in the Office of Science endorsed MS Outdoor Education program mentioned in response #2 above.

Question #5:

Do our plans for Grade 6 Outdoor Education align with the practices of our neighboring school districts?

Response #5:

Based on a survey of surrounding school districts, our program aligns with the practices of neighboring districts.

Question #6:

How much does Grade 6 Outdoor Education cost and when will it occur?

Response #6:

More information will be forthcoming.

