

How prepared did you feel for the classes at Justice Page academically? Was Burroughs easy, too hard or just right?

- Felt like they didn't get the passing time stuff straight
- Pretty good but at Burroughs practically no homework- lots here
- Gym class--- no pacers or anything so that was very different
- Electives weren't graded at burroughs- actually graded here
- Math 6th grade was a little bit harder--- too easy
- Graded for more things in middle school
- Grading was a surprise for people
- Math was a variety of levels here- not getting ready at Burroughs
- Here they don't walk you everywhere
- Math wise--- only played games in math at Burroughs, didn't feel like an actual math
- Math at Burroughs less of a variety- less units, grade harder here
- Burroughs math was easier- also not as much actual math (games didn't carry over)
- Math was cool (teach lots of different stuff)
- More tests here, more units
- We were supposed to be prepared but didn't feel as prepared
- Lots of tests in middle school
- At Justice Page--- the units are separated inside another unit, more detail
- Tons of tests this year
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- Just right, some things that were more homework associated, read 30 minutes night, read a thon was great to get me into reading, a lot of HW in math, felt ready for 6th grade. Wasn't really prepared for switching classes and new teachers. Only switched for specials
- It didn't prepare me for HW so much but it did prepare me for test taking. We did had projects but it's good to do projects because still shows what you learned
- Wasn't ready for the passing time. Walked with our class to the art room and everything. Big switch to here
- Honestly don't remember having trouble when I got to middle school. But one thing was dealing with all the hw and assignments from each class. Lot of stuff to stay focused on. What was hard was managing each class. 8 different periods.
- Student portal is a big thing in 7th grade and 6th grade. Wish Burroughs would incorporate that more. Don't really stack up all the grades. Getting practice logging into the portal would be good. Students adding things to student portal.
- Hard to do work in all the different classes. At Burroughs just mostly one teacher then math and specialists--- here 8 or 7 classes. Hard for me.
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- Hard to find classes. At Burroughs it would be right across hall. Should start that earlier. So they know what it's like in middle school.
- A days and B days--- didn't have to pay attention now we have to know what day it is. Get used to it but first couple weeks it's hard.

- Good to have more middle schoolers come talk to us. For 5th graders to feel more prepared. For me really powerful to hear from actually middle schoolers
- Tell you the hard truth. SO you're more prepared. Not teachers saying it will be so fun

When you went to school at Burrough did students in your class get the support they need when they are struggling? What types of support does the school offer kids who need extra help?

- At Burroughs, spent a lot of time helping people understand before tests. Good and bad thing.
- At Burroughs only had the lowest math group. Here they give focus math to help people who need-- better here
- When you're in homeroom they worked as a group didn't get as much personal help as in middle school
- More planned out in middle school- at Burroughs only switched for math, looser schedule
- Couldn't go in for lunch if we had missing work, here we can for any class
- If you get a bad grade can retake it--- couldn't do that at Burroughs, you were stuck with it
- At Burroughs no portals to check your grades and what you could improve
- Bench by recess door at Burroughs where you could get help- not that effective
- Hard to check your grades--- hard to know how you were doing/ what to work on
- More electronic resources at JP, can email teachers and look at resources on line
- Didn't keep us up with schedules, didn't know when quarter was ending
- Nodding--- they did a really good job supporting students who need more help, I could go up to teacher and if I didn't understand would work with me until I figured it out.
- In most of classes I was in when students didn't understand something they could just ask the teacher
- There were a lot of help groups--- reading groups, speech, things that would help students progress
- After school things
- I liked how they had tiered spelling test--- did a great job, lots of levels of things. 5th grade teachers did a great job with that. Goal to get to top level.
- Lots of classes had levels--- made you work harder
- I liked the media center--- in Burroughs we got to go there once a week. A whole class period and our own time to read. Now you have to go on your own.

Did everyone feel a part of the classroom community at Burroughs? Why or why not?

- Nodding, I think they did, pretty controlled there, passing time doesn't happen, always with a teacher
- You knew everybody in your grade- all connected
- Harder here--- don't know 7th graders

- Burroughs only had two teachers knew them all year and specialists since kindergarten know them really well
- Got to know kids in the homeroom really well
- Restricted at Burroughs--- always in a line, always with a teacher, if you had something to do you couldn't check in with a teacher
- Once you get older more trust in the teachers, more freedom in middle school didn't have that at Burroughs
- Certain teachers at Burroughs were very strict about straight lines (had to go up and down the stairs) restricted. Here you are more independent. Keep track of yourself and your time.
- Add on to Ellie-- sent to back of the line a ton and also more time to socialize here
- Should make it a little more independent for the last years at Burroughs so they are prepared for middle school
- First weeks of school they say just ask a teacher but teachers don't have time in the halls- have to figure it out for yourself.
- It was a really big change from Burroughs to here- you have to be a lot more independent.
- Yes, definitely--- it was great. Parents came. See upper-classmen in the play. Burroughs school picnic. I still go.
- The reason I think that--- spend entire day with your class wherever you went you were with that same community. Each table would have one class sitting there. Everyone knew everyone else.
- Third grade- no friends, bummed you had to sit with your class but then I met new people. May think sitting at the lunch table is bad
 - But gives you a chance to make new friends
- Lots of community building- book fair, read a thon, after school fun things
- Always in a gym class with older students and that was fun
- Knew everyone
- Don't remember working with higher grades or lower grades but I do remember reading to kindergarteners
 - More building activities with different grades would be good
 - Reading buddy, walk down to kindergarten really builds relationships
 - Help with other grade levels
 - Nice to know each other in middle school
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What do you tell students from other schools about how it felt to go to school at Burroughs?

Safe

Restricted

Controlled

Collected

Friendly

Organized

Exciting--- knew what you were gonna do, now it's the same schedule every day, got extra recess, free time

Welcoming

Community

Almost restricted--- lines, recess, sit at classes table, felt restricted

Fun- especially in 5th grade. If got work done got to do Friday Fun. 30 more minutes to do fun.

Hang out with people from other classes.

Study hall- felt like a punishment

Helped with planner--- so you could hang out with friends--- carried over to middle schools

Only in 5th grade--- would be good to do in 4th and 3rd. Only in 5th didn't prepare us. Have to do it in every class in middle school. A check in so you know what's it's like. Entire grade for advisory

What was the best part about going to school at Burroughs?

- Readathon
- Activities in gym- track and field with family
- Bringing families to school
- Recess
- Rope power
- Student council
- Extra recess
- Float parade and Biz Town
- Field trips
- Camp Voyageur

If you could change one thing at Burroughs, what would you change?

- More independent work. Always had group work which happens a lot here but you don't get as much support on tests
- More extra recess--- time to socialize
- If you forget to do an assignment you should get more of a punishment because here you have to do it or it affects your grade
- In class when doing reading or something you shouldn't have to read with the group, more on your own pace
- Grading at JP is a lot different. Numbers and decimals. At Burroughs just 1-4 numbers you don't even know how you --- too broad
- Like how your grade can change here
- Reading--- should give you --- had you read a bunch in one day. I think they should just give a due date for when you should finish the book
- Should let you retake things more often- couldn't at Burroughs, you can at JP for almost everything
- ELA at JP--- read a little then do an assignment to see if we understand. That would be better at Burroughs

- One teacher teaching you everything--- time in between topics it would be smart to replicate passing time to talk and connect with friends (nodding)
- Practicing time management--- I wasn't prepared for that
- Passing time
- Friends with people in other classes hard to hang out- don't have recess or lunch together, now get to see people outside of classes
- Now I hang out with a lot more people
- Good change should divide it up more, in the same class but at certain points of the day switch up. Instead of just math time like different periods. Certain time for math, history etc.
- In 5th grade teacher would spend a full day on a subject then a different test the next day so you never knew what was going on
- I didn't like how you had to get your planner signed by your parents (I liked the planner)
- Sucks if your forget to get it signed even if you did the work
- In middle school they're a lot harsher with that- you can't argue with that.
- Get them ready for middle school
- Now we have learning logs- will be part of all the other grades (at JP) planner or learning logs (weekly summary of other class)