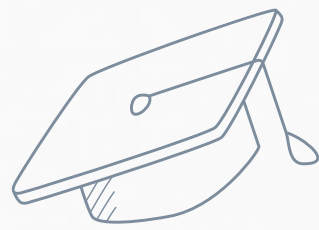




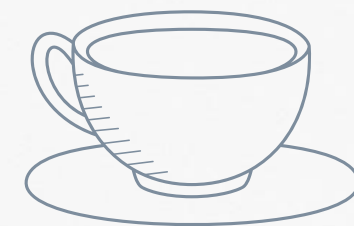
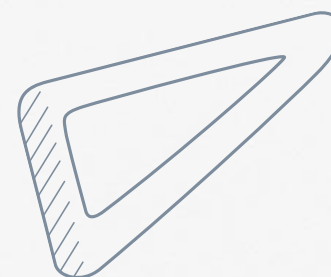
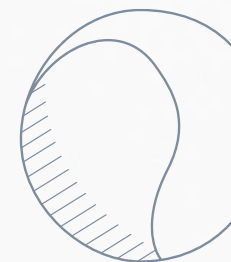
EASTSIDE K-8 EXPANSION & VISION

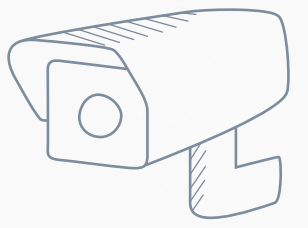


RATIONALE FOR TRANSITION TO A PRE K-8 MODEL

Transitioning Eastside Elementary School to a PreK-8 campus offers several strategic advantages:

- Continuity of Instruction and Culture: Students benefit from consistent expectations, instructional approaches, and relationships during critical developmental years.
- Improved Academic Outcomes: Research supports PreK-8 models as effective in reducing transition-related learning loss and improving student engagement.
- Enhanced College and Career Readiness: Introducing structured career exploration and CTE experiences earlier allows students to make informed decisions prior to high school.
- Family and Community Stability: Families remain within one school community for a longer period, strengthening partnerships and engagement.



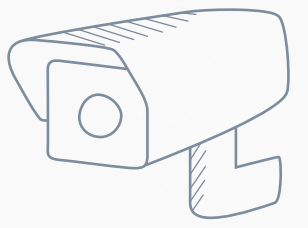


LEADERSHIP & CAREER READINESS SCHOOLWIDE FOCUS

Developing confident leaders from day one: Instruction supports leadership development and early career readiness through meaningful roles and applied learning.

- Student leadership roles embedded across grade levels
- Career exploration through project-based learning and simulations
- Collaboration, communication, and problem-solving as daily practice
- Students learn to lead themselves, lead others, and lead ideas





AGRISCIENCE TECHNOLOGY



Hands on Learning rooted in real world science:
Students apply scientific concepts through authentic investigations and experiences that connect classroom learning to real-world applications.

- Gardening, sustainability, and food systems integrated into instruction
- STEM concepts taught through agriculture-based investigations
- Environmental responsibility and stewardship developed early
- Connects science, math, and leadership through authentic experiences

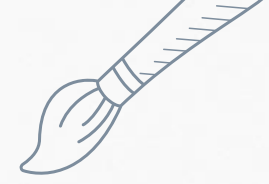
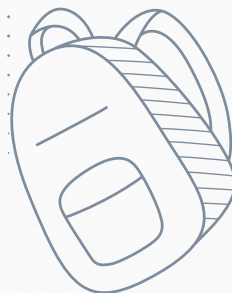


SPACE FLORIDA (TECHNOLOGIES) PATHWAYS

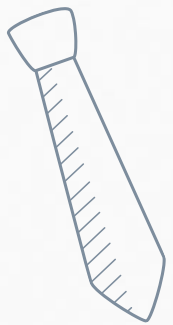
Inspiring the next generation of innovators:
Students explore innovation through hands-on STEM experiences connected to Florida's aerospace and space science industries.

- Introduction to aviation, space, and aerospace engineering concepts
- Design challenges, simulations, and problem-solving activities
- Encourages curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking
- Early exposure to high-demand STEM careers

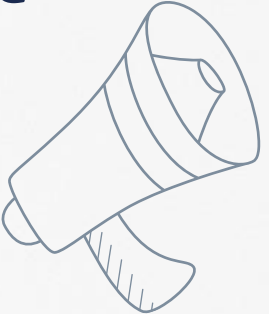




ELEMENTARY ACADEMY FOCUS



To build career connections through experience, our Elementary will offer opportunities that build independence, responsibility, and collaboration through hands-on learning, including Agriscience, Aerospace, and STEM pathways, in a supportive environment that encourages:

- Real-world Agriscience & environmental learning
 - Aerospace & engineering design challenges
 - Integrated STEM projects that encourage critical thinking and problem-solving
 - Leadership, accountability, and student voice
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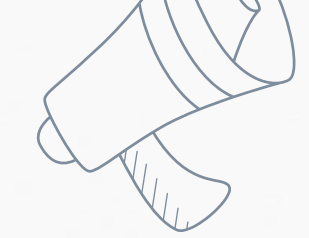
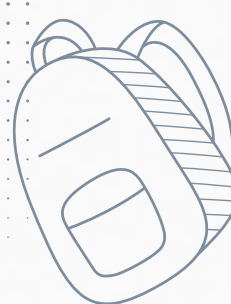


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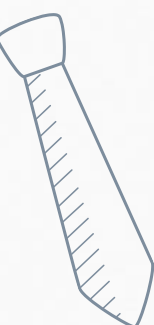
To reinforce instruction, students will participate in at least one field experience per quarter, such as:

- Career site visits
- Industry tours
- College and technical center visits
- Guest speakers and community-based learning opportunities



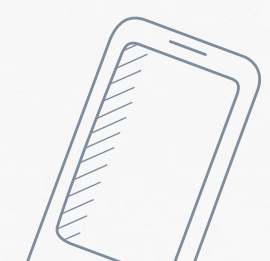
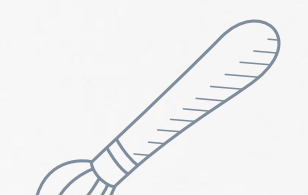


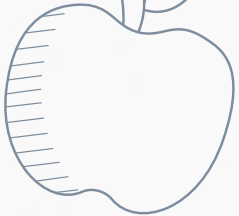
FROM EXPLORATION TO CAREER READINESS

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- Intentional Learning Pathway: Field trips are designed as a structured learning continuum that grows with students from elementary through middle school.
 - Elementary Foundation: Early field trips provide foundational exposure, sparking curiosity and reinforcing classroom learning through real-world experiences.
 - 6th and 7th Grade CTE Connection: Experiences become more targeted, directly aligning with CTE pathways and introducing students to industry skills, tools, and career environments.
 - 8th Grade College & Career Focus: Field trips expand to include college campuses, workforce sites, and career-focused experiences that help students envision postsecondary options.
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Each experience enhances instruction by providing tangible, hands-on connections students can apply directly to their classroom learning. Field trips are intentionally sequenced to avoid duplication while deepening relevance and readiness at each grade level.

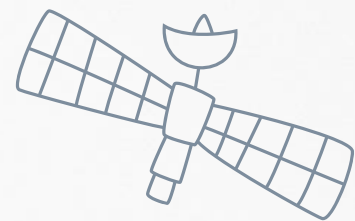
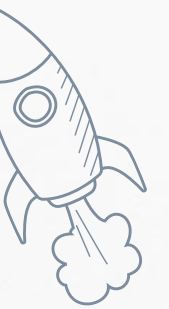


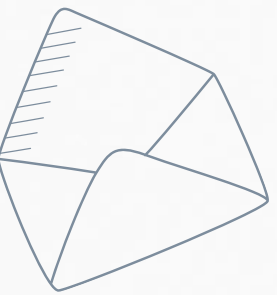
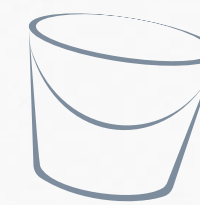
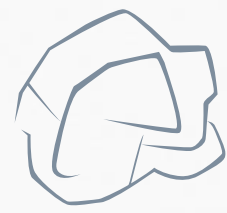
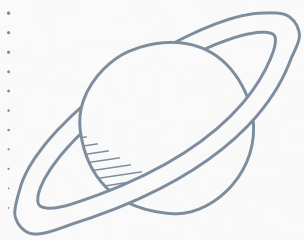


OUTCOMES & IMPACT



- Stronger middle school readiness
- Career-aware students before high school
- Expanded opportunities without changing school identity
- Students are leaders not only in the school but in the community



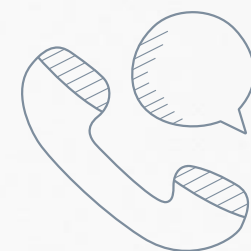
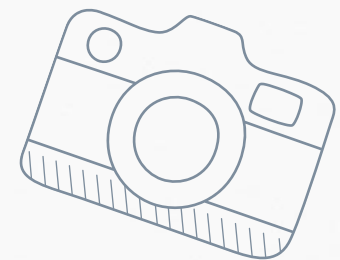


PHASED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



YEAR 1: 2026-2027

- Add Grade 6 (880 total students)
- Hire middle-grades certified teachers as needed
- Launch College and Career Readiness curriculum and initial CTE offerings
- Begin quarterly field experiences aligned to electives and CTE programs

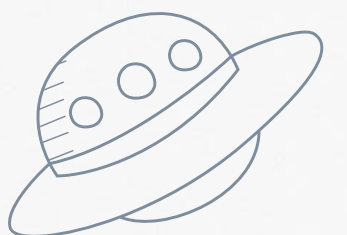
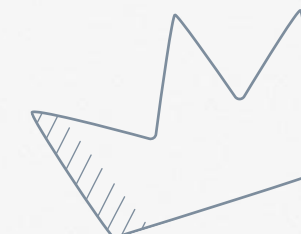


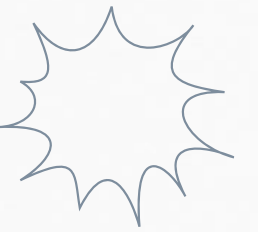
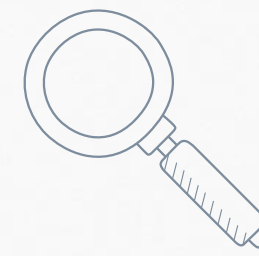
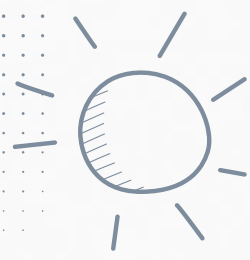
YEAR 2: 2027-2028

- Add Grade 7 (980 total students)
- Expand CTE pathways and community partnerships
- Continue curriculum refinement and program evaluation
- Field experiences more specific to CTE Pathways chosen.

YEAR 3: 2028-2029

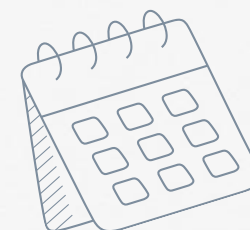
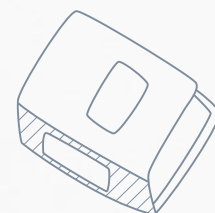
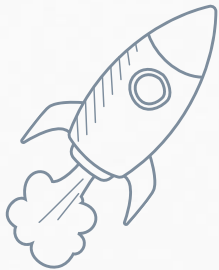
- Add Grade 8 (1080 total students- 1,200 capacity)
- Fully implement PreK-8 model
- Align middle school outcomes with high school academies and pathways
- Field experiences to focus on high school pathways and career options.

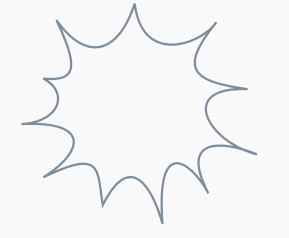
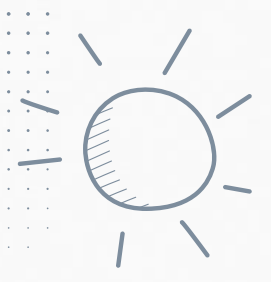




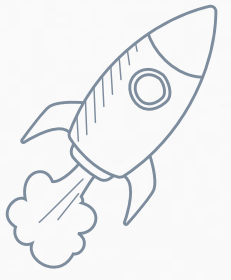
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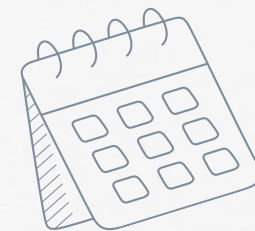
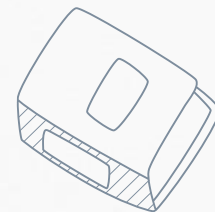
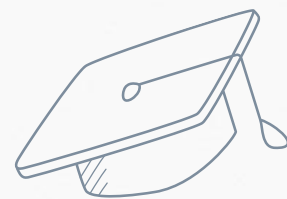
- Students who attend Eastside K-8 will be able to play sports at any school in the district.
- There will be more information about school start times and which schools they can attend.
- Possible opportunity for school-based intramural sports next year.
- Continued talks of further expansion.

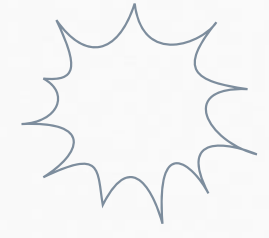
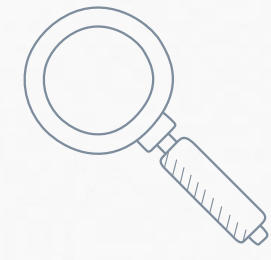
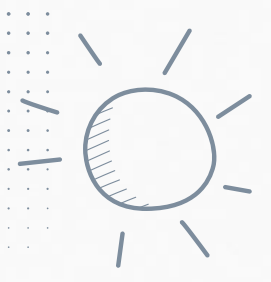




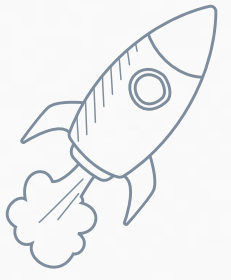
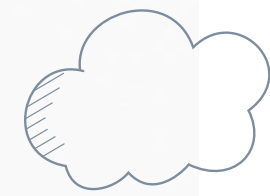
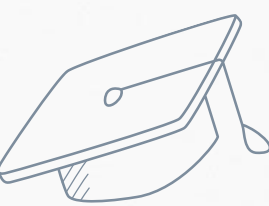
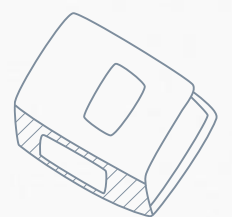
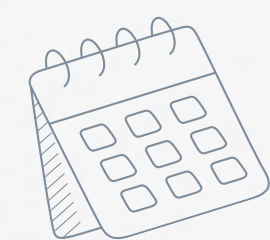
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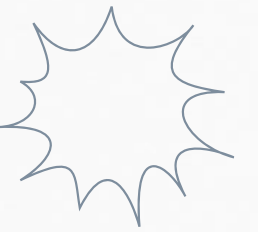
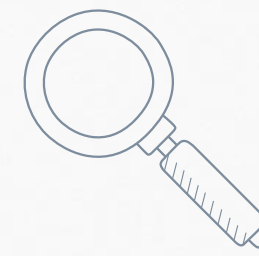
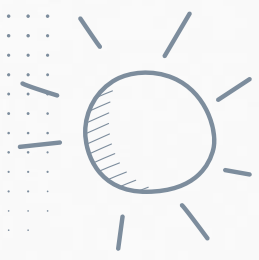
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- Eastside K-8 grade 6 students will all have to apply for enrollment. Even if they are current EES students.
 - The application link can be found on Parent Square, our school website, and the QR code when you walked in.
 - Enrollment is limited to the first 100 applicants.
 - Current EES students do have priority.
 - Transportation for school choice students will be provided.
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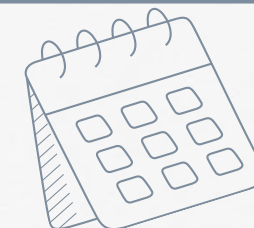
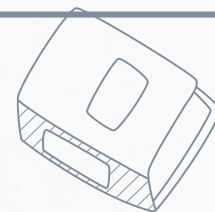
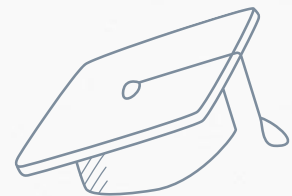
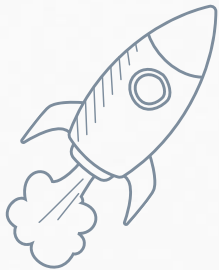
○ ○ ○ WILL THE SCHOOL STILL BE CALLED EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY?

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- As Eastside transitions from an elementary school to a k-8, we have a unique opportunity to create a school identity that reflects where we are headed—not just where we've been.
 - Why Change the Name?
 - Create excitement and pride around the K-8 transformation.
 - Reflect our commitment to leadership, innovation, and future-ready learning.
 - Showcase Eastside as a destination school with unique educational opportunities. Provide flexibility as CTE pathways evolve over time.
 - Strengthen our brand while honoring the proud tradition of the Eastside Leopards.
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Possible Names?

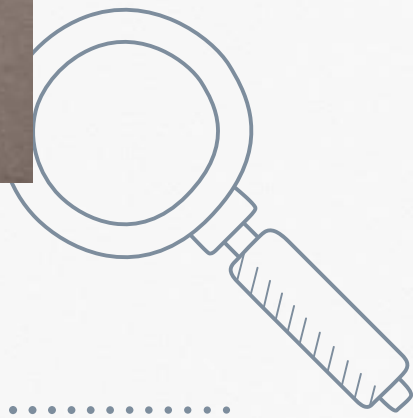
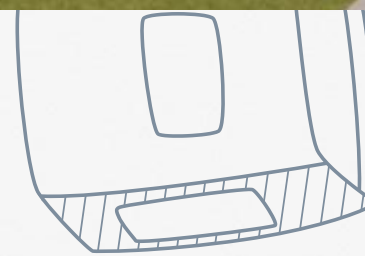
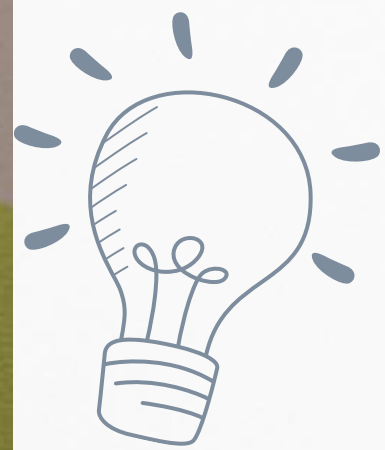
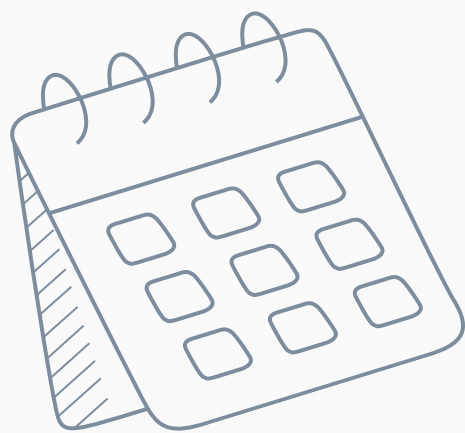
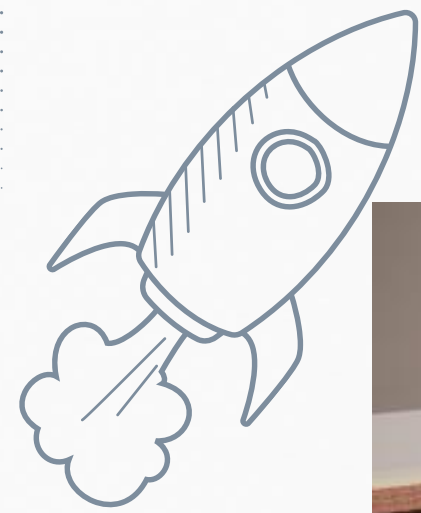
- Eastside Innovation Academy K-8
- Eastside Academy of Leadership & Innovation
- Eastside Academy of Agrisciences & Aerospace





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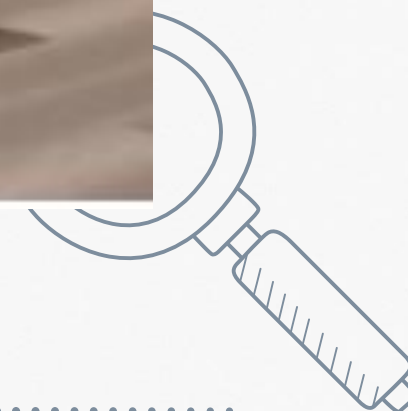
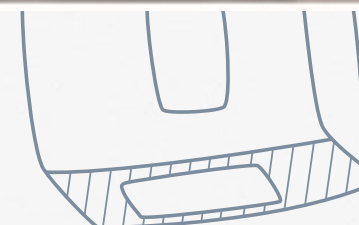
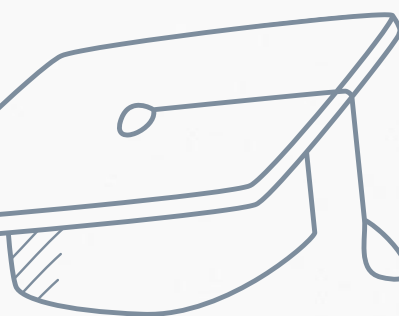
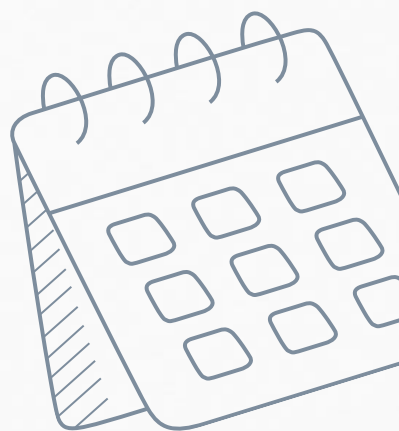
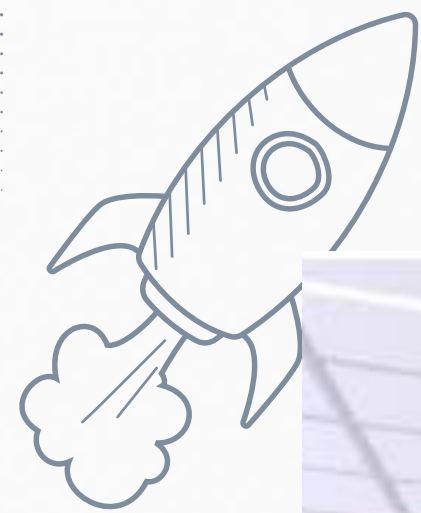
- APPLY through School Choice
- Look for more info sessions to come out
- 6th grade Orientation (end of year)

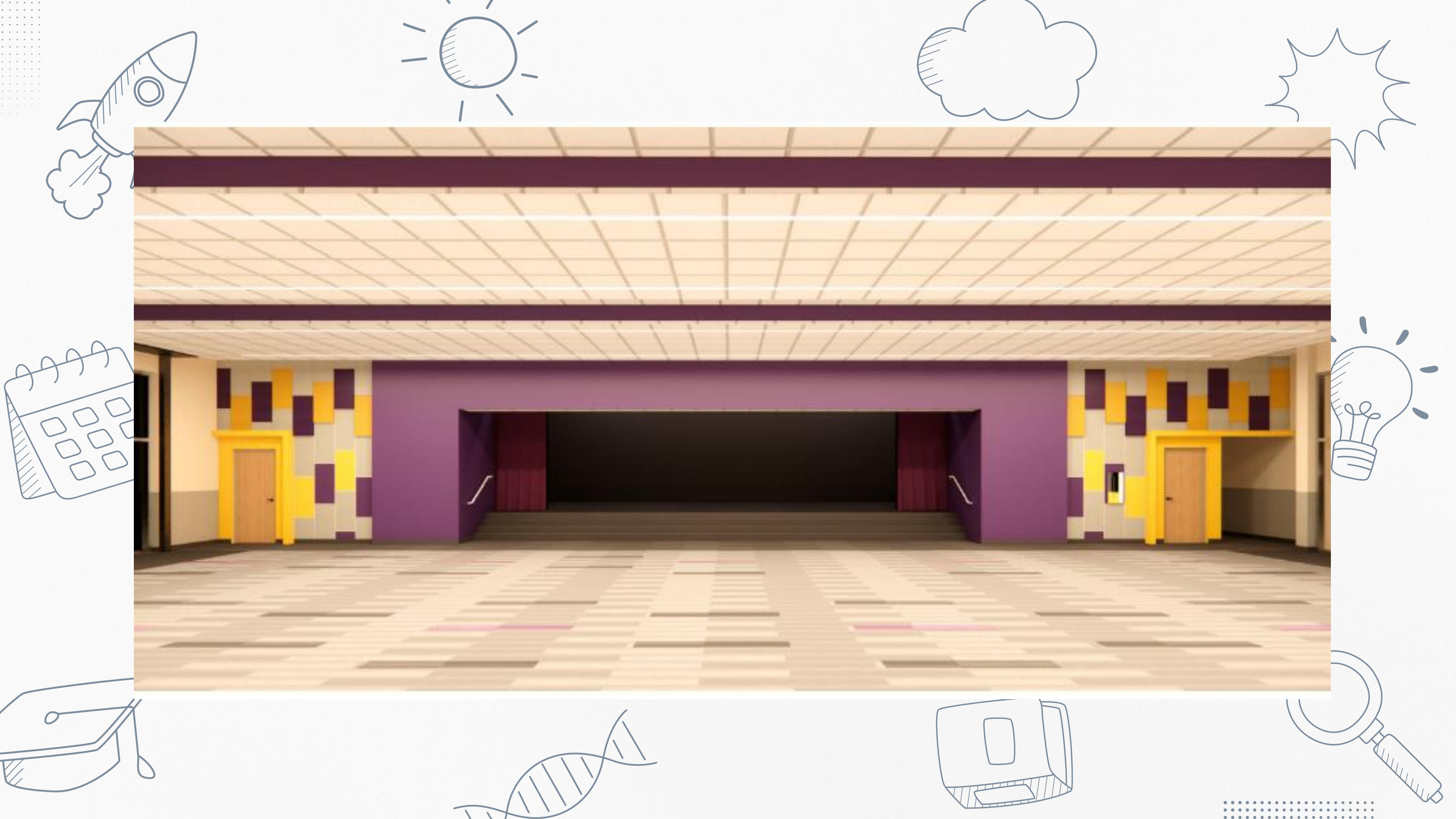






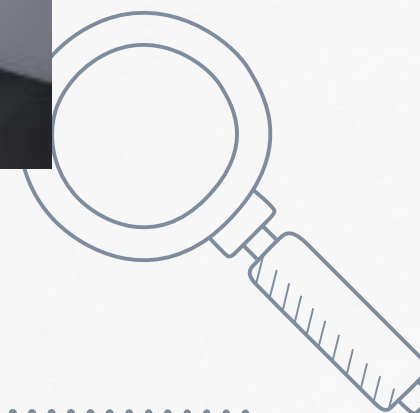
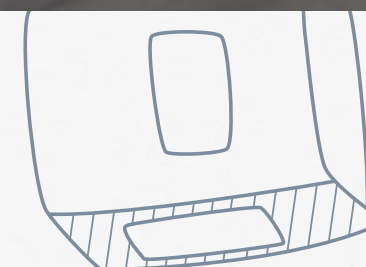
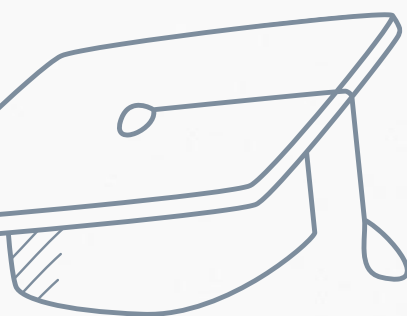
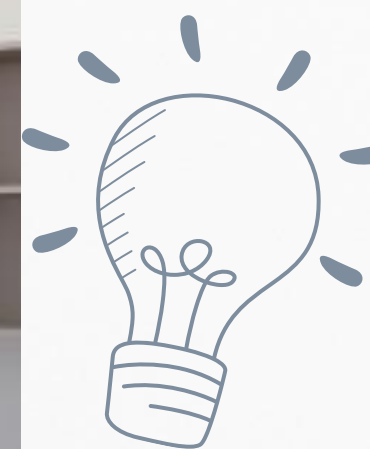
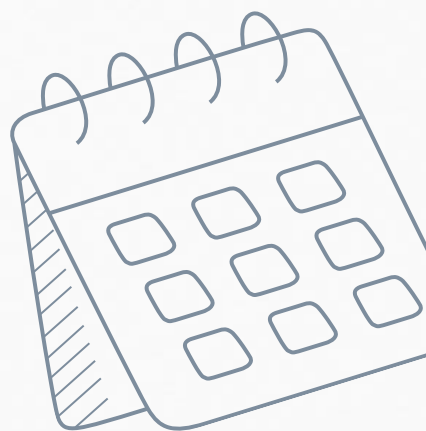
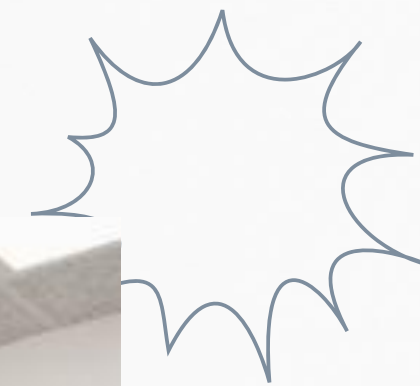
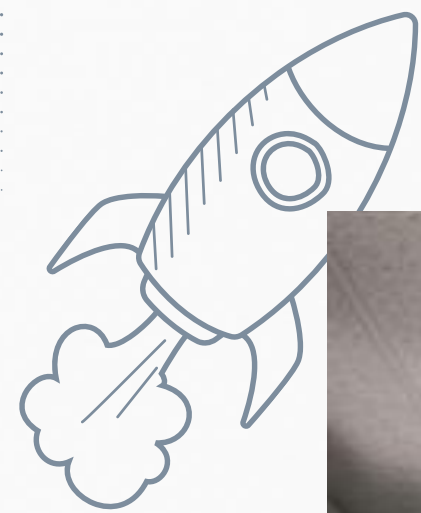














THANK YOU!!!!

ANY QUESTIONS?

**School Choice Form
(6th Grade Only)**



