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512.414.3207Q&A: What do you think
about the 6th grade staircase?

Nevin Hall 6

"It's not fair, because all of the 7th and 8th grade classes are near the staircase."



Samuel Skeith 7

"I think different grades should be able to use the staircase at different times."



Maira Jaimes-Benitez 8

"I don't think it's fair that only 6th graders are allowed to use the staircase."

Pushing, shoving and shouting are the result of the fact that the hallways are crammed with students trying to get to their classes. One staircase is completely off limits to seventh and eighth graders. For some students it is a challenge to get to and from classes without the convenience of the sixth grade staircase.

The sixth grade staircase provides a place where the sixth graders feel safe without the fear of the older kids. The staircase is conveniently placed near a lot of classes and it is close to the cafeteria. When lunchtime comes you can hear the sixth graders coming from a mile away.

It would make it a lot easier on the seventh and eighth graders to get to class if they could use the staircase, too. As an eighth grader, I have to go to a different building every time I switch classes. Two of the classrooms closest

to the sixth grade staircase are for seventh and eighth graders.

I personally understand letting only the sixth graders use the staircase for the first few weeks of school, but after they get the hang of things I think it would be more efficient to let everyone use it. If seventh and eighth graders shared the staircase it might make things easier for the majority of the school.

On campus, being punctual is important. After all, it is one of our school's five P's. Sharing the staircase would help everyone be on time to class so they wouldn't miss any crucial class time.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Life is a journey, not a destination," but sometimes I think the journey is too long because I have to walk twice as far. However, getting to the destination (class) really is what is most important.

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