

**TRANSITION
FROM
ELEMENTARY TO
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

THE TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school is a big step and a big change for both students and parents.

CHANGES

- ◉ Middle school students change classes
- ◉ More teachers
- ◉ School is larger
- ◉ Coursework more difficult

EXPECTATIONS

- ◉ Independence
- ◉ Responsibility
- ◉ Need to focus more

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP...

- ◉ Keep the communication open
- ◉ Talk more and more!!
- ◉ Schedule parent-teacher conferences
- ◉ Volunteer
- ◉ Attend parent workshops
- ◉ Your child needs your guidance, encouragement, love and understanding

TRANSITION FOR PARENTS

- ◉ Your children are growing and changing
- ◉ Focus shift from family-friends
- ◉ Be involved in your child's life
- ◉ Be prepared for the change

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASICS

School calendar shows:

- ◉ When each grading period begins and ends
- ◉ When school will be closed for holidays and vacations
- ◉ Test dates
- ◉ Open houses
- ◉ Conferences

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Attendance Policies:

- ◉ If your child is absent for more than a couple of days, school has procedures for getting assignments.

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School Rules/Code of Conduct:

- Please read it since consequences for not following the rules can range anywhere from detention to expulsion.

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School Counselors and Courses:

- ⦿ They help students choose their courses.
- ⦿ They help students deal with difficult situations.
- ⦿ Find out who your child's counselor is.
- ⦿ Counselors are excellent resources for students and parents.

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Standardized Test:

- ◉ In order to measure student achievement, students are required to take standardized tests.

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

Middle school students need a lot of direction, guidance and support from their parents.

- ◉ Provide school supplies and a place to study
- ◉ Help set academic goals
- ◉ Insist on daily attendance
- ◉ Attend all parent programs
- ◉ See all midterm reports and report cards
- ◉ Make homework your child's responsibility

WORK WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Work and support teachers, counselors, administrators at your school.

Like you, they want your child to have a great middle school experience.

- ◉ Show support and interest
- ◉ Communicate with your school

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Middle school is not too early for students to begin exploring their career and educational options.

- ◉ Identify abilities and interests
- ◉ Explore career options
- ◉ High school career and technology programs