TRANSITION
FROM
ELEMENTARY 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
Your children are growing and changing
Focus shift from family-friends
Be involved in your child’s life
Be prepared for the change
School calendar shows:

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

- If your child is absent for more than a couple of days, school has procedures for getting assignments.
School Rules/Code of Conduct:

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

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