

WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Middle school is a wonderful, exciting adventure. As a middle school student, you will have more freedom, more independence, and more fun. You will also learn a great deal.

Students are usually more successful and enjoy school more when they know what to expect.

Here are some things you can expect to find in middle school.



New Teachers & Classmates

For many students going to middle school means going to a different, and often larger, school. For all students, it means new teachers, new classes, and new friends.

New Things to Adjust To

Lockers, lunch periods and changing classes are just a few of the new things that most middle school students have to adjust to.

More Activities and Sports

Most middle schools offer a variety of activities, clubs, and athletic programs for their students.

New Rules and Policies

Every middle school has its own rules, attendance and tardy policies, athletic eligibility requirements, and dress codes.

More Independence & Responsibility

Middle school students are expected to be responsible enough to handle the additional freedoms they're given.

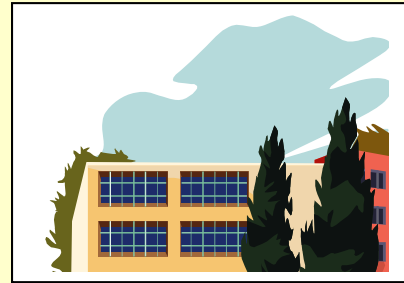
More Social Events

There are more games, dances and social events in middle school. Some students feel that there is also more social pressure.

Changes In You

During middle school, students grow and change in many different ways.

- Physical Changes-Students grow and mature at different times, so middle school students come in all shapes and sizes.
- Intellectual Changes-Students in middle school can think more abstractly and they can handle more intellectual tasks.
- Emotional Changes-Many middle school students find that their moods seem to be more up and down than they used to be.



Tips For A Great Year

1. **Be in school every day.** Attendance is the number one school success factor.
2. **Get involved in school activities.** Find out what activities are available at your school and get involved in one or two. You'll meet new people, develop new skills, and have fun.
3. **Be organized.** In middle school, you have more classes, more teachers, and more homework. In order to keep up with everything, you need to be organized.
4. **Make friends and have fun.** Being with friends is important in middle school, but don't get too caught up in the social scene.
5. **Give your best effort every day.** Work hard in your classes. You want to have a middle school record that you can be proud of!