



Transit Middle School 2019-2020 Goals

**"For the strength of the Pack is
the Wolf, and the strength of the
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~Rudyard Kipling

Instruction and Learning

Provide an engaging and rigorous learning experience focused on continuous growth in order to prepare our students to be successful in high school and beyond.

Curriculum Mapping

- Include updated curricula, common assessments, and shared resources.
- Foster collaboration via vertical and horizontal articulation.
- Explore the role of essential questions within curriculum.

Culture of Literacy

- Strengthen the school's Silent Sustained Reading (SSR) program.
- Expand common writing strategies across content areas.
- Build capacity of Enduring Issues framework.
- Explore the practices of Readers and Writers Workshop and consider impact on instruction.

Engagement

- Build teacher efficacy to infuse technology relevant for 21st century learning.
- Utilize technology to enhance communication, gather input, and increase efficiency.
- Expand opportunities for students that foster higher order thinking, deep learning, and creativity.
- Foster connections that link all students with learning and the whole middle school experience.

Safe and Civil Schools

Create a culture of safety to support the academic, social, and emotional well-being of students.

Implement school wide multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) for behavior and academics through a comprehensive approach that is proactive, positive, and instructional.

Academic

- Strengthen the school's Response to Intervention process through the Child Study Team (CST) to incorporate data and researched-based strategies to support decision making related to goals, intervention, and progress monitoring.

Behavioral

- Create processes to maintain the Foundations Team and facilitate the improvement cycle.
- Incorporate STOIC to respond to misbehavior, create an inviting climate, and address safety, conflict, and bullying.
- Refine and integrate adult and student practices in common areas.

Social Emotional

- Explore opportunities to build understanding and perspectives from different cultures and ethnic backgrounds.
- Continue to integrate Mindfulness practices to build inner resiliency.
- Promote positive interactions throughout the school community by creating Peak Moments to engage stakeholders.