Blue Valley Middle School Students will be prepared for limitless success through innovative, challenging and engaging learning experiences.
Middle School
Non-Negotiables

• Instruction that produces globally competitive students
• More time in classes
• Smaller class sizes in the core
• More options for kids
• PLC time for teachers
• Resources to make vision a reality (time, people, facility, curriculum)
• Intervention time for kids built within the school day with students having an element of choice
• Differentiation for students
• Professional Learning
• We need to make a change
Middle School Study
Vision for Instruction

• Facilitated Instruction
• Technology skills
• Collaboration
• Problem Based Learning
• Persuasive/technical writing
• Critical thinking skills
• Communication in multiple formats

• Seeking out information
• Teachers become facilitators
• Skills for jobs we don’t know about yet
• Soft skills
• Growth Mindset
• Safe environment for all kids
• Focus on Personal Growth
• Problem Solvers
Middle School Study Update

Schedule Goal

Craft a schedule so that it encourages rather than hinders instructional flexibility

- Student Centered Instruction
- Teachers can go deeper into content: how teachers can make instructional decisions about the use of time to meet students’ needs
- Problem Based Learning
- Time on the front end to reap benefits for the final product
Middle School Study Update

Instruction Goal

Modern Middle School Teaching and Learning

- 21st Century Skills
  - Problem Based Learning Strategies
- Course Improvements
  - Curriculum
  - Instructional strategies
  - Integrated contents
  - Student-centered approach
- WL Language Plan Impact
Middle School Study
Technology Goal

Focus...

On the learning...not the tool.
Changing instructional strategies.
Enhancing the collaborative environment.
Expanding learning opportunities.
Middle School Study Update
Changes for 2017-2018 School Year

• Change in Instructional Practices
• More choice for students with WL and Music
• Expanded electives
• Teacher voice in development of classes for 2018-2019
Middle School Study Update
Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year

**6th Grade – Required (accounts for 6 hours)**
- 5 Core (ELA, Math, Science, SS, Reading)
- Guided Study or Guided Discovery/PE

**6th Grade – Elective Options (accounts for 2 hours)**
- World Language (semester)
- Music (full year)
- Quarter electives in Speech, Drama, Pre-Engineering, Computers, Art, Foods, Sewing, Structured SH
Middle School Study Update
Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year

7th & 8th Grade – Required (accounts for 6 hours)
• 5 Core (ELA, Math, Science, SS, Reading)
• Guided Study or Guided Discovery/PE

7th & 8th Grade – Electives (accounts for 2 hours)
• World Language (full year)
• Music (full year)
• Semester electives in Art, FACS, Pre-Engineering, Computers, Speech and Drama, Structured SH
New Elective Offerings

- Coding
- Robotics
- Modern Communications
- Farm to Table Foods
Middle School Study Update

Schedule – 2018-2019 School Year

• Still dreaming and exploring options
• Benchmarking visits
• Schedule will focus on the class time we need to transform instruction
• C&I committee will approve all new curriculum
• Regular updates to the C&I committee on the work
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Remembering OUR GOAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL Study
ACADEMIC SERVICES