



# DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



*Awesome Olsen Middle*

## Innovative Programs

**Linking Education and Employment Outcomes (LEEO)**, is our innovative program that brings 21<sup>st</sup>-century, high-quality learning, and work-based experiences to students. The LEEO program scaffolds computer instruction and project-based learning to ensure students will become proficient in a specified technological area and acquire the skills necessary to compete in a global society. Upon successful completion of this 3-year program which includes certification in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, students earn the Microsoft Industry Certification of Microsoft Office Specialist. Our students will receive a scope of educational practical experiences beyond regular middle school standards to be forerunners in career and college readiness.



### Virtual Enterprise International Junior Ventures

**(VEI-JV)**, is our new innovative program that “transforms students into business professionals by bringing the workplace into the classroom”. A two-year program that will enable 7th and 8th graders to develop technology and entrepreneurial skills by starting and managing business ventures. The VEI-JV Career Academy offers a real-world context for learning about business and careers. The classroom is converted into a workplace setting that allows business thinking to flourish. Students also apply and reinforce academic concepts across many subjects.

The VEI approach emphasizes learning in four key areas:

- Ownership: Students take responsibility for their own learning
- Experiential: Students’ learning is authentic and realistic
- Cooperative: Students learn with and from others and understand the dynamics of working as part of a team.
- Reflective: Students experience the consequences of their decisions and apply that learning to future challenge