

What's Your  
**WHY?**

# APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

6800 Arthur St.  
Hollywood, FL 33024

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## 2019 – 2020 Rocket Newsletter

### Principal's Message



Greetings Apollo Rockets:

I am pleased to welcome you to Apollo Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year. We are proud to announce Apollo is a "B" rated school for the third year in a row. I am challenging my entire school population to ask the question "What is your why?" I am hoping this will cause every member of the Apollo community to question what makes them set goals in order to achieve their desired outcomes. The safety and security of your child is my first priority, and I want to make you aware of our security procedures.

The only students permitted on campus prior to 9:00 A.M. are those students participating in before care provided by Hispanic Unity or 21st Century. Those students are required to enter campus through our single point of entry in the main office. At 9:00 A.M. all other students are permitted on campus; however, they must enter through the west cafeteria doors.

It is mandatory for all students to wear an I.D. badge. Students will receive a temporary I.D. badge and a lanyard color coded for their specific grade level. All 6th graders must use the red lanyard provided, 7th graders the white lanyard provided, and 8th graders the blue lanyard provided. Replacement lanyards may be purchased from the media center for \$1.00. Students will receive a permanent I.D. badge after the school picture day on September 17th. I.D. badges must be worn around the student's neck and be visible at all times. The cost for a replacement I.D. badge is \$3.00 and can be purchased in the media center. Apollo Middle School is proud to announce we use the HERO system to track and reward our students. Students must scan their ID badge when they enter the building. ID badges are also used when checking out books and purchasing lunches.

Apollo Middle School also follows a unified dress code. Students are permitted to wear solid navy blue, red, and white colored polo style shirts and navy blue, black, khaki, or jean pants, shorts, or skirts. Throughout the year various school clubs may sell different spirit shirts or shirts with the school logo. These shirts may also be worn as part of Apollo's unified dress code. It is the expectation all Apollo Rockets will follow the unified dress code.

As always, any visitor to Apollo must have a valid photo I.D. to enter campus. After 9:30 A.M., the front gate will be closed. A campus monitor will be sitting by the entrance and will open the gate to allow you to enter. Upon entrance, you will be asked for your driver's license. The campus monitor will record your license number and radio the front office. The doors to the front office will remain locked at all times. If for some reason the campus monitor at the gate needs to leave his/her post, the gate will be locked. If you need to enter campus and the monitor has locked the gate, you are to dial 754-323- 2900 and let the receptionist know that you need admittance to campus. Someone will come out to the gate and let you in. All visitors will be processed through the district's STAR System. All adults must wear an I.D. badge while on campus. Additionally, no student sign outs will be permitted after 3:30 P.M.

I look forward to another outstanding school year.

Sincerely,

Shawn Aycock, Principal Apollo Middle School



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 14, 2019

**BEFORE CARE PROGRAMS MORNING  
HOURS**

**7:00 am HISPANIC UNITY**

**7:30 am 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNING**

**9:00 am CAFETERIA OPENS FOR  
BREAKFAST**

**9:25 am 1<sup>ST</sup> BELL RINGS**

**9:30 am TARDY BELL RINGS & CLASS BEGINS**



## Important Information

### Important Telephone Numbers



<b>Main Office</b>	<b>754-323-2900</b>
<b>ESE</b>	<b>754-323-2923</b>
<b>Registrar</b>	<b>754-323-2904</b>
<b>Media Center</b>	<b>754-323-2925</b>
<b>Title I</b>	<b>754-323-2939</b>
<b>Magnet Office</b>	<b>754-323-2921</b>
<b>Guidance</b>	<b>754-323-2931</b>
<b>6th Admin</b>	<b>754-323-2907</b>
<b>7th Admin</b>	<b>754-323-2908</b>
<b>8th Admin</b>	<b>754-323-2909</b>

Ms. Shawn Aycock, Principal  
Dr. Justin Jackson, 6<sup>th</sup> grd. Assistant  
Principal  
Ms. Traci Aveni, 7<sup>th</sup> grd. Assistant  
Principal  
Mr. Damon Martin, 8<sup>th</sup> grd. Assistant  
Principal  
Ms. Bonnie Bernstein, Magnet  
Coordinator  
Ms. Maria Desmond, Guidance  
Director  
Ms. A. Whitworth-Barner, Curriculum  
Specialist  
Ms. Angelic Seely, Literacy Coach  
Mr. Winston Symonette, Behavior  
Specialist

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### Mandatory School Unified Dress Policy

\*IN ACCORDANCE WITH SB POLICY 5309, ALL APOLLO MIDDLE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE MANDATORY UNIFIED DRESS POLICY.

AMS has a unified dress code that is enforced. School uniforms are as follows:

**Tops** > School spirit t-shirts or Red, White or Blue (any shade) solid color polo shirts

**Pants** > Blue jeans or navy blue, black or khaki docker-style pants

**Shorts** > Navy blue, black or khaki capris, skirts or skorts (knee length) \*no jean shorts



It's time to **POWER UP!** With school meals **UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST**

BROWARD County Public Schools

### Information on Free & Reduced Lunch

Parents may apply for free/reduced breakfast & lunch online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com>. You may also contact BCPS Food & Nutrition Services at (754) 321-0215.

### Online Payments for Meals

A: YES, parents can pay for their child's meals online at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)

**Apply online**  
**Free or Reduced**  
**Breakfast and Lunch**

[www.broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice/](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/foodservice/)  
or  
[www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)

The online meal application is available in English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese at [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)

You may contact Meal Benefits at the Food and Nutrition Services Department by phone at 754-321-0215 or email [freeandredmeals@browardschools.com](mailto:freeandredmeals@browardschools.com)



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**Code of Student Conduct  
2019-2020**

not have access to a computer with internet or a smartphone, Broward County Public Schools will provide a designated area equipped with secured computers for parents who desire to view the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the forms electronically. Also, Broward County Public Schools will provide printed copies of the required forms found in the Code of Student Conduct Handbook upon request.

**Attention Parents: & Students:**  
The 20192020 Broward County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the **BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS** link found on the Broward Schools' webpage at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/3809>.

To support families who may

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**Acknowledgement**

Policy 5.8, Code of Student Conduct, sets the District's rules for students in Broward County Public Schools. The rules apply to all activities occurring on school grounds, on other sites being used for school activities, and on any vehicles authorized to transport students. Your signature below does not indicate that you agree or disagree with the rules, but rather that you have reviewed the electronic copy of these rules (<https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>). Return this form to school within 3 days from the first day of school or from the date of enrollment. If you would prefer to complete all required forms electronically, please access the Back to School Toolkit (<https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool>).

Parents need to be involved in the education of their children and have the responsibility to:

- Know that for school safety, schools are not required to provide supervision more than 30 minutes prior to the official starting time, and are not required to provide supervision for more than 30 minutes after the official closing time (P.S. 5002.31 (2)).
- Know that for school safety, for students who ride a school bus, drivers are NOT permitted to let students off the bus except at the designated stop.
- Provide the school with the names of current emergency contact person(s) and/or telephone numbers on an annual basis and when there are changes.
- Notify the school of anything that may affect their child's ability to learn, to attend school regularly, or to take part in school activities and consequences for transmission or sale or attempted sale of over-the-counter medications and possession and/or use of unauthorized medications can be found in SB Policy 5006. SB Policy 6305 and 6305.1, as may be amended, and that and SB Policy 6308 outlines the consequences for violating those rules. You may view the complete health and prescription drug expulsion policies, as well as all School Board policies, on the Web at: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/schoolpolicies>
- Be aware that parents have rights with regard to the privacy and confidentiality of student records that are maintained by schools as defined in Section 101 of this book.
- Neither the School Board of Broward County nor its employees will be held liable for items that are prohibited and are lost, stolen, or confiscated, or for wireless communication devices or other personal technology that are lost, stolen, or confiscated.
- Recognizes that they are responsible for their student's behavior on the way to and from school and at the bus stop. A safe and respectful learning environment is key to academic achievement; therefore, any student's off-campus actions that seriously affect that occur at bus stops and/or on the way to and from school may be handled as a disciplinary infraction. For serious incidents that occur at bus stops and/or on the way to and from school, parents should contact law enforcement directly. For serious incidents that occur at bus stops and/or on the way to and from school, parents should contact law enforcement directly. For serious incidents that occur at bus stops and/or on the way to and from school, parents should contact law enforcement directly.
- Ensure their child complies with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, which may include the use of the School Resource Officer software, as defined in Section IV of this book.
- Parents will continue to maintain responsibility for students who reach the age of majority (18 years or older), for all educational and discipline purposes, with exceptions as provided by statute.

**Note: Parental selection for each form within the Code of Student Conduct will be effective until a new form is submitted.**

Student Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2019/20 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For an accessible version of this calendar, visit [browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar](http://browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar).

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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Hurricane makeup days in order of preference: 10/17/19, 12/20/19, 2/20/20, 3/19/20, 4/9/20, 6/2/20

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## APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL RED DAY/ BLUE DAY SCHEDULE



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Hollywood, Florida  
33024

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<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	NO School
<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	Employee Planning
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	Schools Closed
*	Early Release (ER)
EARLY RELEASE DAYS: 10/17,12/2/20, 3/19, 4/9 & 6/2	



## Title I News

The Title I department presents information to the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan (SIP) to provide an opportunity for Stakeholders to provide any input to the SIP and Title I Plan & Addendum. The 2019-2020 SIP and Parent-School Compact are complete and accessible online and in the Title I office. In addition to other compliance items such as the District LEA & Parent Engagement Plans, all stakeholders have access to Parent Engagement and Information events.

On August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm, we will hold our Annual Title I Open House. During this meeting, families will learn the Title I Migrant and Special Programs grant that provides schools will additional funding to increase achievement and engage parents throughout the entire school year.

Parents and families are invited to monthly events designed to involve and educate parents on how to best support the growth and development of their child(ren). The grant also secures funding for extended educational opportunities such as tutoring and Saturday Academy.

Apollo Middle School is proud to be a Title I school. We aim to provide all of our students with a high-quality education that will prepare them to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond! For more information on Title I funding, activities, and compliance documents, please contact Title I Liaison Ms. Whitworth-Barner, Title I Liaison or Linda Howard, for more information or if translation is needed, or go to the district website at,

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/Home.html>.

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2019  
Title I Family  
Nights & Parent Academy  
Events



Title/ Topic	Day & Date	Time/ Location
Hispanic Heritage Family Night	Tuesday September 24	6p.m. - 7:30p.m. Kiva
School-Wide Literacy Night & Book Fair	Tuesday October 8	6p.m. - 7:30p.m. Kiva & Media Center
Parent Academy: Technology Pinnacle/ Online Books & Resources Technology in the Classroom The Truth About Social Media	Tuesday October 22	6p.m. - 7:30p.m. Kiva
Broward County Magnet Showcase	Wednesday November 13	6p.m. - 7:30p.m. Kiva
Science Night & PBL Showcase	Tuesday December 12	6p.m. - 7:30p.m. Kiva
Parent Academy: Crunch Time Speak Up in SAC	Wednesday January 8	6p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Black History Celebration	Tuesday February 25	6p.m. - 7:30p.m. Kiva
ELA Night	Wednesday April 14	6p.m. - 7:30p.m. Kiva
Parent Academy: Know What Counts? Naviance & Career Path & Goals	Tuesday April 21	TBA

**Get Involved**

## School Advisory Committee News

Apollo's SAC committee convenes the first Wednesday of every month. All members and stakeholders are provided an opportunity to give input on academic and organizational decisions that impact student achievement and school safety and climate. The committee is also responsible for voting on specified school spending and budgetary decisions. Apollo Middle School encourages all of our parents and community partners to be a part of the growth and development of our students.

SAC votes on several aspects of the School Improvement Plan and Title I Addendum, Parent-School Compact, and LEA are accessible via the Broward County OSPA (Office of School Performance and Accountability). As always, a hardcopy of last year's SIP is located in the front office, and available for your review. Apollo Middle's Parental Involvement Plan is also located in the same binder with the School Improvement Plan in the front office. A copy is also posted on our website.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure, which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion, or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Executive Director, Benefits and EEO Compliance at (754) 321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY (754) 321-2158. Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY (754) 321-2158.

School  
Advisory  
Council

at

Apollo  
Middle  
School

**WHEN**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
each month at  
6 P.M.

**WHERE**  
Media  
Center  
At Apollo Middle School

**Website:**  
[www.browardschools1.com/apollo](http://www.browardschools1.com/apollo)



INFORMATIONAL  
SESSION ON:

AUGUST 28, 2019

**MEETING DATES:**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

OCTOBER 2, 2019

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

DECEMBER 4, 2019

JANUARY 8, 2020

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

MARCH 4, 2020

APRIL 1, 2020

MAY 6, 2020



# Upcoming



## Apollo Middle School

- \*Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders tour Apollo's campus, get schedules, meet administrators, and teachers
- \*Learn about Before & After Care Options
- \*Lunch & Transportation information available.

### 2019 New Student Orientation

2 Sessions offered at flexible times.

#### MEET & GREET

(Morning Session)

**Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**10 a.m. – 12 noon**

**&**

(Evening Session)

**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



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Follow us on Twitter: [@apollo\\_rockets](https://twitter.com/apollo_rockets)

Or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/apollorockets/](http://www.facebook.com/apollorockets/)



# Upcoming

EVENTS

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2019  
Annual Open House  
Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Doors open at 5:15p.m.

## APOLLO ROCKETS

We invite you to join the faculty and staff of Apollo Middle School to learn about our school's innovative educational programs, mentors, and parent involvement opportunities.



### Bell Schedule

Title I Presentation 5:30 to 5:50

1<sup>st</sup> Period~6:00 – 6:15

2<sup>nd</sup> Period~6:18 – 6:28

3<sup>rd</sup> Period~6:31 – 6:41

4<sup>th</sup> Period~6:44 – 6:54

5<sup>th</sup> Period~6:57 – 7:07

6<sup>th</sup> Period~7:10 – 7:20

7<sup>th</sup> Period~7:23 – 7:33

8<sup>th</sup> Period~7:35 – 7:45



Broward County Schools Food and Nutrition Services



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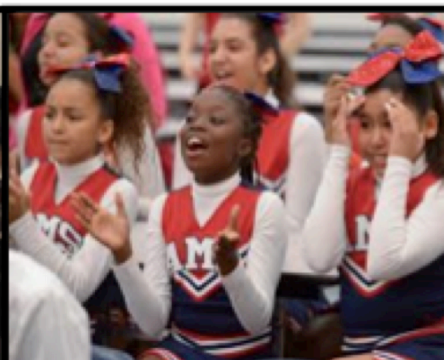
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# APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL



## 2019-2020 Activities & Clubs



National Junior  
Honor Society

### AMS Student Government Association

The Student Council drives service activities through the school year at Apollo Middle. The Student Council is an excellent vehicle for leadership training.

Contact: Ms. Seely, Rm.

### Apollo Globe International

GLOBE

(Global Learning Offers Broad Experiences)

"Investigate the World, Community Ideas, Share Perspectives and Take Action."

Meetings are Mondays  
8:35-9:15am &

Wednesday s 4:10-5:20 pm

Contact: Mrs. Brown,  
Rm. 110

### NJHS

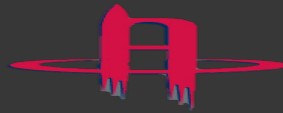
(NATIONAL JUNIOR  
HONOR SOCIETY)

An Honor Roll Society,  
established in 1929, that  
recognizes students who have  
demonstrated excellence in  
the areas of Scholarship,  
Leadership, Service and  
Citizenship.

Contact: Ms. A. Fernandez,  
Rm. 108

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## AMS ROCKET BAND & APOLLO GLEE CLUB

The Rocket Band Program is for all Beginning and Concert Band members currently attend Apollo Middle School to study and promote music education and is positive contributions to the school and community.

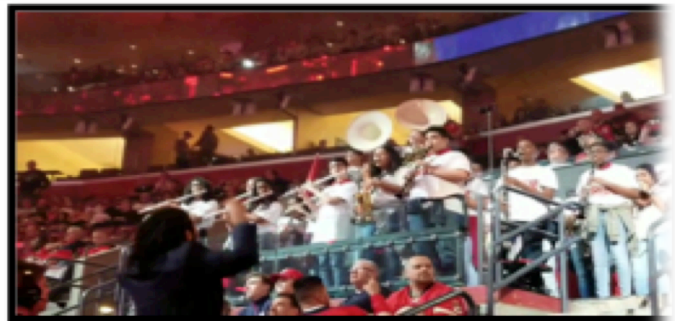
\*To qualify, 2.5 GPA or higher. No prior playing knowledge required.

\*Must be currently enrolled in band, if not enrolled, can participate UPON DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL.

Activities Include: Winter/Spring Concerts, FBA Concert Music Perf. Assessment, FBA Solo Ensemble, Rocket Fair, Getting to Know Us Week and more!

\***GLEE CLUB** Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays 4:10 - 5pm

Contact: Mr. McCall, Rm. 168



Florida Future Educators of America  
Club that grooms our students for  
Leadership as well as service to our  
Community

Contact: Mr. Pigan, Rm. 912



## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

FBLA helps students prepare for careers in business through academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs. Students will also demonstrate their leadership skills through community service projects, fundraising activities, and chapter officer positions

Meeting times 8:30am-9:30am, Rm. 111A

### Model United Nations

Apollo's MUN club engages in an authentic simulation of United Nations system by learning about the UN system, the skills of debate, compromise, conflict resolution and negotiation. MUN team members have fun learning about the workings of world diplomacy through the lens of current events.

Contact: Mr. Roche, Rm. 111A (Blue Day)

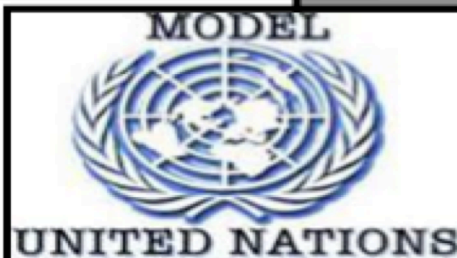


### FIRST PRIORITY SOUTH FLORIDA

Club builds a bridge to the church. It is where the Gospel is shared and students can be disciplined and nurtured in a local body of believers.

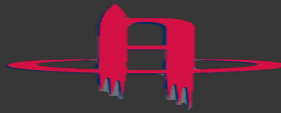
Meetings every Wednesday 4-5p.

Contact: Ms. Suarez, Rm. 165




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Join Ms. Adams and her clever clan of chess players and bookworms. Each year, the Chess Club and Book Clubs compete in district-wide competitions where they demonstrate their expertise, skill, and penchant for mind games! See Ms. Adams in the Media Center

C H E S S  
C L U B 

# BOOK CLUB



## **SAVE Students Against Violence Everywhere Promise Clubs**

Ms. Desmond is the sponsor for SAVE Promise Club. This club is established and led by students, and are a powerful approach to preventing gun violence (and other forms of violence and victimization) because they recognize the unique role that young people play in making their schools and community safer.

Meetings take place twice a month in P32,

## **SWAT CLUB (Students Working Against Tobacco) & Just Say No**

SWAT Club works throughout the year to educate our students to hazards of using tobacco and tobacco related products. We recognize tobacco free holidays by bringing awareness to the students on the dangers of tobacco use. We participate in a campus clean-up and help plan Red Ribbon Week activities. See Ms. Desmond for details.

**SAVE**  
PROMISE CLUB  
STUDENTS AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE

# JUST SAY NO!



STUDENTS WORKING AGAINST TOBACCO

# What's Your WHY?

# APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL



## *Ladies of Style and Elegance*

L.S.E. Program developed to mentor young 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl. In addition to the mentoring program, LSE participate in community services from tutoring younger children to delivering food and other necessities to the needy, fundraising activities, round table talks, and tutoring. The program also monitors grades and behavior of all their members. The purpose of this program is to teach young ladies etiquette, grace, integrity, dignity, communication techniques, and style appropriate for selected occasions. This club will further offer young ladies the opportunity to flourish and commence the preparation of a portfolio that will highlight their individual achievements. They will focus on education, people, organizational skills, and their potential future careers. Permitting them to rub elbows with powerful, intelligent female speakers quarterly will enhance their knowledge of career options. They will emerge strong, sophisticated, polished individuals.

See Ms. Job, Ms. L. Smith & Ms. Compe for details

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## D. I. Y. M.

### Developing Intelligent Young Men

This on campus mentoring program is designed to reach 8th grade males at AMS. Many of the students in the program may struggle with academic and behavioral issues. Students in the program get tutoring and computer access for assistance with class and homework. During weekly meetings, students enjoy guest speakers, and field trips to local colleges all of which direct and guide students on subjects that range from health and hygiene to college and career choices. Students interested in D.I.Y.M. are expected to participate in a rigorous interview process, undergo academic and behavior progress monitoring, attend weekly meetings and represent Apollo Middle School. These students will also participate in various field trips, special events, and programs.

See Ms. Perkins for details

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