

Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

Cypress Run Education Center

RMG Implementation Model: Ambassador School



What exactly does Re-Imagining Middle Grades (RMG) mean?

Broward County Public Schools is committed to changing the middle school experience for its students and implementing incremental steps that will ultimately lead to a systemic change in our District. As a result, we have begun to “re-imagine” our middle schools, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. We ultimately will strive to include all students in a project-based or problem-based experience via an interdisciplinary approach. Social-emotional learning will support students in a warm environment where their unique educational needs are met. This will lead to enhanced student engagement and motivation and facilitate connections across content domain. The plan also calls for increased electives and extracurricular activities at the middle school level. The ultimate goal is for students to be engaged and to have the social and emotional competencies, problem-solving skills, and academic achievement to help them successfully transition from middle to high school and beyond.

What is our school’s focus for Re-Imagining Middle Grades?

Cypress Run Education Center’s focus for Re-imagining Middle Grades is to implement project-based learning (PBL) and social emotional learning (SEL) school-wide.

As we infuse new instructional models in classrooms, how do we support our teacher’s growth through professional learning?

- Our two PBL trained teachers lead monthly trainings to all teachers on the essential project design elements.
- All staff members participate in bi-weekly “Behavior Bites” which is a Canvas based discussion board on the implementation of SEL at Cypress Run.
- Lead teachers model the facilitation of “Morning Meetings” for new and struggling teachers.

What additional elements have we implemented to support Re-Imagining Middle Grades?

- All middle school students receive a semester of our Social Emotional Learning course.
- Each morning all students participate in “Morning Meetings.”
- All teachers implement project-based learning each semester.

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