

Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

North Lauderdale PreK-8

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?

As an Ambassador School, our focus this year is to expose students and teachers to the concepts of project-based learning (PBL) and social-emotional learning (SEL). We hope to generate schoolwide interest in these two areas.

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

- We participate in any relevant professional development with nearby schools.
- Teachers can participate in the follow-up PBL 201 professional development offering through the District.

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

- We offer an SEL elective where our middle school students can learn self-awareness strategies and utilize those middle school students to serve as peer mentors for our younger students.
- We continue to offer our boys mentoring group called “Brothers of Royalty”.
- We have partnered with Everglades Championship Academy and FAU to help us with our Everglades PBL for our middle schoolers.
- MTSS/RTI is being implemented through regular CPST meetings. Weekly meetings are held with teachers to monitor that interventions are being done with fidelity.

At North Lauderdale PreK-8, we are building together...all hands on deck!!