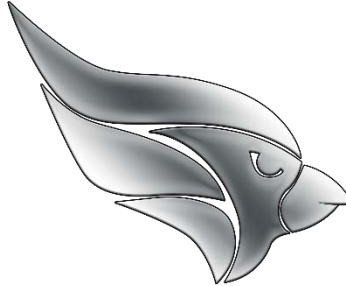


Driftwood Middle

RMG Implementation Model: PBL Focus



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 will strive to include all students in project-based experiences 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 of our “reimagining work” is for students to be engaged and to have the social emotional competencies, problem-solving skills, and academic achievement to help them successfully transition from middle school to high school and beyond.

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

Driftwood’s focus is to infuse Project Based Learning in all content areas, with an emphasis on authentic student engagement.

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

- This past year we sent additional teachers to the PBL Summer Institute. These were teachers who were excited about what school leaders brought back to their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) from the previous year’s training.
- Teachers are encouraged to engage the students in the PBL process and invite their colleagues, along with administrators to observe the process in action.
- Teachers utilize PLC time to plan with each other.

Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

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

- In addition to the traditional elective offerings, we have a Gardening elective where students plant and harvest vegetables. This year's harvest will be transported to the "Feeding South Florida" program.
- As the Academy of Health and Wellness, our extracurriculars and electives support our Magnet Program. Our very own Green Team is an in-house recycling group who also serve as energy conservationists. We offer an Art Club, Debate Club and Spanish extracurriculars.
- Our RtI Committee meets once a week to gather and review information regarding the needs of students that are recommended or meet certain criteria. The team decides what research-based intervention(s) should be implemented and monitors the effect of the student's behavior or grades and adjusts accordingly.

At Driftwood Middle, we are the Health and Wellness Cardinals!