

Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

Pioneer 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 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 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?

Our focus for re-imagining Middle Grades is the development of high-quality Project Based Learning experiences. Teachers in each grade level and department have attended training, are implementing PBL with students, and are collaborating in Professional Learning Communities to develop best practices and share their successes.

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

- Encouraged attendance of summer professional learning provided by PBL Works.
- Dedicated time for weekly Professional Learning Community meetings
- Curated and shared PBL tools and resources in our school-wide Canvas course

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

- Our SEL Committee has designed lessons which are taught through a monthly rotation schedule in both content area and electives classes. Peer Counseling maintains strong Best Buddies and Bridge programs.
- We offer new Robotics and HOPE classes. Our Woodshop program is one of its kind in the district; we also maintain a superior Band program and a high pass-rate in CTACE courses. Our Robotics, Debate, and athletic teams are successful at district competitions.
- Our MTSS/RTI Team uses problem-solving strategies to make equitable decisions about the most appropriate instruction and academic/behavioral interventions to foster learning in a safe environment.

At Pioneer Middle, we are committed to educating all students to reach their highest potential.