

# Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

## Annabel C. Perry Pre-K - 8



### 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?

The focus for Annabel C. Perry PreK-8 is on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). We are excited to take on this new initiative because it will allow our students to practice healthy social skills. It also gives them an opportunity to practice self-regulation skills when they are faced with adversity.

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

- Elaborate on summer learning and in-house work during Middle School Grade Level/Faculty Meetings.
- Develop an SEL Team that will plan monthly activities and lead Professional Development for the entire faculty.
- Our teacher leaders attend monthly sub-cadre meetings with the Principal. As a result, they come back and share their knowledge with others.

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

- We have created electives that are tailored to the interests of students, such as: Robotics, Speech and Debate, Instrumental Music, and Microsoft Office Suite Bundle to name a few.
- We offer participation in sports, such as, Soccer, Flag Football, Basketball, and Track and Field.
- Faculty and staff have been trained on how to refer students to the RtI process. The members of the team meet once a week to discuss student data and interventions. During this meeting it is determined if the research-based interventions are working, if the students need to be moved to another TIER, or if further testing is needed.

*At Annabel C. Perry Pre-K-8, we strive to create a culture of caring.*