

# Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

## Indian Ridge Middle

### RMG Implementation Model: SEL 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 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?

As a 2019-2020 SEL School, Indian Ridge’s focus this year is to expand our SEL reach to include more trained teachers. During the summer about 10 teachers were trained. This team formed the 19/20 SEL Committee dedicated to implementing specific SEL strategies and model them for the rest of the school.

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

- Our SEL-trained teachers are sharing their experiences with the faculty during grade level and faculty meetings.
- A school-wide professional learning community for social-emotional learning is scheduled for every third Thursday.

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

- Teachers and staff are using language from the “Safekeeper Ritual” more deliberately to reinforce the message that “our job is to keep you safe and your job is to help keep you safe.”
- We added more elective choices for the 2019-2020 school year such as Entrepreneurship and 3-D Art.
- RTI interventions include SEL strategies tailored to the needs of individual students.
- We are working to align SEL with PBIS and to incorporate opportunities to celebrate student and teacher success.
- The Children Helping Other Children (C.H.O.C.) club is a popular extracurricular activity that focuses on helping less fortunate and/or ill children. For the holiday season they raised money for and planned a party for the foster children at Children’s Harbor in Davie.

At Indian Ridge Middle, we stride with Jaguar pride as we aim for greatness!