

Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

Lyons Creek Middle

RMG Implementation Model: SEL 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?

Lyons Creek Middle focuses on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Our SEL initiative is focused on creating connections and strengthening relationships between staff, students, and the LCMS community. Our teachers have implemented elements from the practice of Conscious Discipline and elective teachers incorporating SEL Lessons whole-school for students. LCMS engages in school-wide SEL practices daily, such as Wishing Well, Safe Keeper, positive affirmations on announcements and posted in hallways.

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

- Members of the SEL Committee trained in SEL with a focus on Conscious Discipline and Second Step.
- School-wide quarterly professional development on Social-Emotional Learning.
- Elective and Language Arts teachers involved in SEL PLCs bi-weekly with a monthly school-wide focus for students.

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

- Expanded electives and clubs/extracurricular activities based on student survey.
- Fall & Spring Club Fair to showcase clubs to students and increase participation.
- Peer & Adult Mentoring Program. SEL LAB created for classroom visits.
- Weekly MTSS/RTI Team Meetings for student support.

Lyons Creek Middle School’s mission is to provide a safe, secure learning environment where tolerance, respect, and accountability provide learning experiences that empower our diverse LCMS Community.