

Westglades 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 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 Westglades Middle School family is focused on infusing SEL into the fabric of our culture. This year, we are focusing on *healthy relationships* and we are expanding our SEL efforts to assist parents through various means.

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

- Westglades has an SEL Professional Learning Community (PLC) to support SEL implementation.
- SEL training is on our Professional Development Calendar to support teacher learning and growth throughout the year.
- Social Studies is providing SEL Curriculum (Second Step & Brain Pop) every Wednesday. Training was provided to the teachers on the programs.
- Our teachers have had the opportunity to attend the workshops at the District level to learn about Conscious Discipline & Second Step, along with other opportunities offered through monthly sub-cadre meetings.

Re-Imagining Middle Grades, 2019-2020

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

- Parent workshops and events have been scheduled including a Parent Resource Night (9/26), Race to Nowhere movie night, and “Screenagers” movie night. All the events are focused on the mental well-being of students and give parents tools to support their children at home. We are also having a Wellness Fair on 1/6/2020 for our teachers and a Wellness Day on 2/12/20 for teachers.
- Clubs and organizations promote BCPS Core Character Traits and monthly observances and activities so SEL initiatives are student driven.
- We celebrate our staff with Cheers for Peers, SEL Spotlight and Self-Care days to support faculty and staff.

At Westglades Middle, we howl with pride!