



Middle Township Middle School

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2017-18 Middle School (6-8) Title I Parent Letter

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

The Public Schools of Middle Township are committed to supporting the academic needs of its students. We seek to identify students who need additional academic support in English Language Arts (ELA) and/or Mathematics.

If your child is identified as needing extra support, the indicators listed below would be factors used in making that determination. Student schedules will reflect classes geared to providing additional supports. This letter is sent to ALL parents to inform you of the services offered. Not all parents receiving this letter will have their children placed in academic support classes.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Mathematics

Teacher & I&RS Recommendation (6-8) (I&RS)- Intervention & Referral Services	Teacher and I&RS Recommendation (6-8) (I&RS)- Intervention & Referral Services
Star Assessment Scores (6-8)	Star Assessment Scores (6-8)
Academic Grades	Academic Grades
PARCC Scores	PARCC Scores
Writing Benchmarks	

The academic support your child receives will be specific to his/her needs. Your child's progress will be monitored regularly and the classroom teacher will keep you informed of their progress.

In order to exit the Tide I program, your child must meet the following criteria:

- Teacher Recommendation and/or I &RS review.
- Review of classroom grades noting increases in marking period averages.
- Review of benchmark and standardized assessment results.

Also, to demonstrate our commitment to your child's education, please review the attached Middle Township Middle School/Parent/Student Compact. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's academic success.

Sincerely,
 Dr. T. Lehman, Principal



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Middle School Parental Involvement Policies and Programs

The Middle School will host our annual "Back to School Night" on September 18, 2017 starting at 6:30pm. The purpose of this evening will be to provide information relevant to their child's educational program, Title 1, as well as district funded activities, and opportunities for parents to involve themselves in their child's middle school experience.

Additionally, the middle school staff will make themselves available to confer with parents through any means convenient to the parent(s) in order to discuss their child's academic or social status and to share ideas, interventions, or adjustments designed to promote success, growth, and learning. Finally, the planning, implementation, and revision of educational programs and avenues for parental involvement in the Middle School will be open items for discussion at the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings of the Middle School's parental advisory group, PAWS, Parents Active with School.

School Parent Compact

Middle Township Middle School will provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the state's student academic achievement standards through assignment to a tier 2, teacher push in basic skills program. Basic Skill teachers will provide tutorial assistance as a push in to their current academic schedule with an emphasis on Literacy and Math instruction, mentoring, and additional accommodations as warranted.

Fall and spring parent conferences will be held during the school year. Additionally, parents may communicate with teachers via e-mail, telephone, or during daily teacher planning conference periods. Parents also have access to their child's academic, behavioral, and attendance records through the parent portal component of our Power School software program. Finally, all students receive progress reports mid marking period as well as at the end of each marking period. The distribution dates are posted on the district calendar and web site.

Parents are urged to be active partners with the school in promoting a positive school experience and pervasive student success. Student development, growth, and learning benefit significantly through parent involvement in all aspects of school life. We encourage each parent to support their child by becoming a member of the PAWS (Parents Active w/ School) Parent Association, accessing their child's records through Parent Portal, and using the Middle School's website and *Facebook* page to stay informed about clubs, athletic activities, and school based events. This will enable you to encourage your child to take full advantage of the complete Middle School experience that is available as well as provide numerous points for cultivating meaningful bonds between the home, school, and child.

Parent/Guardian/Student/Teacher Compact

The Middle Township Middle School, and the parents of the students participating in Title I activities, services, and programs agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards.

School Responsibilities

Middle Township Middle School, working cooperatively with parents/guardians to provide for their participation in the successful education of their children, agree to:

- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment *that* enables the participating children to meet the states' student academic achievement standards through...
 - Challenging curricula aligned with the Common Core Content Standards.
 - High quality teachers and paraprofessionals.
 - Scientifically-based programs and strategies.
 - Comprehensive professional development based on best practices.
 - Meaningful, authentic assessment that informs instruction.

- Encourage Communication — "school to home/home to school" — and support parents in their efforts to assist their children through/by...
 - Parent-teacher conferences (Fall and Spring) and meetings during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to student achievement.
 - Teacher will provide student progress reports and report cards quarterly throughout the school year.
 - Facebook and web postings.
 - Providing parents/guardians with reasonable access to staff will be available at back to school nights, parent-teacher conferences, meetings, and on an as-needs basis.
 - Providing parents/guardians with opportunities to volunteer and participate in school activities and to observe through the extensive district parent/community volunteer program.
 - Providing parent/guardians timely information about their child's progress, all aspects of the academic program, and their right to be involved. Reporting will be consistent with the grade level procedures.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parents are encouraged to work cooperatively with the staff of Middle Township Middle School to support their children's learning in the following ways:

- **Participate and support the educational programs of the school and share the responsibility of your child's achievement.**
- **Become involved in the development, implementation, evaluation, and revision of parent involvement policies and goals.**
- **Work with your child to provide support and/or assistance for all school work.**
- **Provide opportunities for literacy and math activities in your home.**
- **Work to monitor and ensure your child's attendance at school**
- **Work to monitor your child's:**
 - **Homework assignments.**
 - **Television watching.**
 - **Social networking.**
- **Communicate with your child's teachers about educational needs and other factors that may affect learning.**
- **Support other parent groups to help encourage active participation in and effective support for the educational process.**

Students are encouraged to do their best to:

- **Return homework completed.**
- **Follow the school and classroom rules.**
- **Respect other people and the community.**

We all need to work together, to the best of our abilities, as educators, parents/guardians, and learners, to fulfill our common goal of providing for a successful education and Middle School experience.