

Middle School Philosophy

The middle school staff of the Overlook Middle School recognizes that the middle school years are unique and challenging ones for the adolescent passing through them.

Adolescence is a wonderful time, a time of profound change for youngsters as they make the adjustment from childhood to adulthood. It is a time when most students experience significant physical growth and become increasingly concerned about their appearance and social connections.

Our philosophy recognizes that the middle school must be a place where the gradual transition from elementary school to high school is accomplished. We believe that the middle school must be a place where students are encouraged and assisted in developing all areas of individual personality – physical, intellectual, social, and emotional. We accept the responsibility of responding to the individual needs, abilities, and interests.

A wide variety of teaching styles will meet the diverse learning styles of students. Staff and students will strive to create a learning environment that is intellectually stimulating, and aesthetically pleasing. The ultimate goal of the middle school is to develop students who are equipped with the skills to be successful and who have gained a life long appreciation for learning.