SEDGEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome to Sedgefield Middle School. Each day our Spartans are immersed in a rich academic environment that supports academic, social-emotional, and self-efficacy growth.

A typical day at Sedgefield Middle School (SMS) begins in homeroom with Spartan Time. Spartan Time is a unique time designed to support students' academic and social-emotional growth. During this time students may participate in a whole-group designed lesson on social-emotional skills, remediation or enrichment activities to support academic success, or choice-activities to engage students with interest based projects. Interest based clubs are also part of this time. Clubs begin in late September and run for approximately 16 weeks throughout the school year. This block is approximately 45 minutes.

Core content for a Sedgefield Middle School (SMS) student involves four core instructional blocks -- English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Social Studies and Science -- and two choice electives. Classes operate on an A day/B day schedule and each block lasts approximately 70 minutes. ELA and math meet every day; social studies, science and electives alternate every other day.

In addition to instructional blocks, students receive a lunch block each day, paired with outside time known as HAC (Healthy Active Children). Lunch and HAC last approximately 20 minutes each.

Teaching teams are centered on subject areas and grade levels. At SMS, student classes are grouped by grade level; sixth grade students are separate from seventh and eighth grades for the entirety of the day.

At SMS, we offer differentiated learning for ELA and Math. Academic placement of students is done through a combination of teacher recommendations, standardized assessments and/or rubrics. Placement is fluid and students may be moved, if needed, to best meet their educational needs. Currently for sixth grade, our academic levels are Honors and Standard. Accelerated courses are courses taught in middle school that are high-school level courses. These courses begin in 7th grade for students who demonstrate high levels of academic success. Accelerated courses currently at SMS are Math 1, Math 2, and Spanish. Each of these courses are taught over the full year to ensure that our Spartans have time to successfully master the content to gain high-school credit by passing the course and exam.

To help our students prepare for middle school we encourage students to engage in a balance of service, academics and enrichment activities throughout the summer. Recommendations for summer math and reading activities are posted to our SMS website at https://sedgefieldmiddleschool.wearecms.com at the beginning of the summer.

For any student new to middle school or Sedgefield, we also offer a summer orientation program. Scheduled over a few mornings in August, orientation is a fun way for our students to get connected to the Sedgefield family, meet some of their teachers, tour the school, and learn about what to expect as they begin middle school life. Orientation dates will be posted to our website and communicated to our registered students.