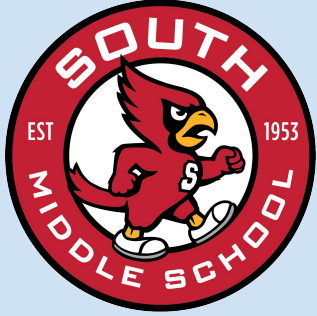


---

# Special Education Support in Middle School

---



# Agenda

---

- General information about middle school day
- Overview of special education supports
- Tips on how you can help your child with the transition
- Questions



# Middle School Day

---



- **Schedule**

- Hours: 7:50 am - 2:45 pm
- 10 class periods daily, 40 minute periods
- All students start the day in homebase or homeroom

- **Classes**

- Academics: Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, World Language
- Physical Education and Health
- Creative Arts: Music, Art, Drama, STEM, DAAD, CMA
- Homeroom
- Lunch

# Individualized Education Plan

---

- Upcoming slides share an overview of special education support in both middle schools.
- Your child's IEP is based on their needs which drives their schedule and each subject area considered separately.
- There will be an IEP Transition meeting with a middle school representative to answer any questions about your child's specific needs in middle school.
- Needs change throughout the year and schedules can change too.

# General Education Class with TA support

---

- General Education Class
- General Education Curriculum
- Taught by General Education Teacher who will consult with special education team and implement IEP accommodations.
- Teaching Assistant will help to implement accommodations and modifications per the IEP.

# Co-Taught Class

---

- General Education Class
- General Education Curriculum
- Taught by General Education AND Special Education Teachers
- Class Offerings vary annually based on student need

# Small Group Classes

---

- Small Group Special Education Class
  - Math
  - English/Language Arts (ELA)
- Curriculum is determined by student need
- Taught by Special Education Teacher
- Grade level classes

# Extended Resource Program (ERP)

---

- Small Group Special Education Class
- Program Teaching Assistant support
- Research-based alternate curriculum
- Multi-grade level classes
- Intensive Academic Support replaces World Language class
- Social Skills Group targets self help, advocacy, executive functioning, peer relationships
- Related services (e.g. speech therapy) support provided



# Individualized Learning Program (ILP)

---

- Small Group Special Education Classes
  - General Education Classes for PE, Lunch, Creative Arts
- Program Teaching Assistant support
- Research-based alternate academic curriculum
- Multi-grade level classes
- Intensive Functional Academic and Life Skills Support
- Social Skills Group targets self help, advocacy, executive functioning, peer relationships
- Related services (e.g. speech therapy, social work, OT) are integrated

# Resource Period

---

- Special Education Class
- Taken in place of World Language
- Taught by Special Education Teacher
- Grade level classes
- Individualized support can include:
  - Pre-teach and reteach of core academics: math, language arts, science, social studies
  - Organizational support
  - Test preparation
  - Homework help

# Related Service Providers

---

- Speech Language Pathologist
- Social Worker
- Behavior Certified Behavior Analyst
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Adaptive Physical Education Teacher
- NSSEO Teachers to support Vision Impairments and Hearing Impairments

# Let's work together

---

- Together, we will ensure a smooth transition for your child.
  - We will be offering parent information meetings.
  - Students will tour middle school with their elementary class
  - Opportunity in the summer to visit before school starts
- Middle school has many opportunities for extracurricular activities including clubs and sports.
  - Explore the website with your child now to start getting interested in the activities.
  - Come to an event as a spectator, a great way to visit the school

# Contact Information

---



Asst Superintendent of Student Services

- Diane Kaffka
- [dkaffka@sd25.org](mailto:dkaffka@sd25.org)

## South Middle School

- Principal
  - Jim Morrison, Ed.D.
  - [jmorrison@sd25.org](mailto:jmorrison@sd25.org)
- Student Services Coordinator
  - Dina Albrecht
  - [dalbrecht@sd25.org](mailto:dalbrecht@sd25.org)



## Thomas Middle School

- Principal
  - Lori Naumowicz
  - [lnaumowicz@sd25.org](mailto:lnaumowicz@sd25.org)
- Student Services Coordinator
  - Lauren Hammer
  - [lhammer@sd25.org](mailto:lhammer@sd25.org)



# Special Education Support in Middle School



---

Questions?