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The transition from middle school to high school marks a pretty exciting time in a child's -- and a parent's -- life. But it can be scary, too. It's not just a move to a different school -- it's a whole new environment. The beginning of high school can be overwhelming and confusing, and not just because the buildings are physically bigger and the campus is
unfamiliar. Kids leaving the middle school "bubble" for the jungle of high school not only have to deal with new teachers and academic demands, but also an entirely different set of students, some of whom are three years older and much more mature. The switch to high school can be disastrous if a child doesn't make the transition smoothly -- more
kids fail ninth grade than any other grade [source: Weber]. Most school systems do pave the way by implementing transitional programs, which can involve everything from campus visits to shadowing students, but it's never easy. Our list of the top 10 differences between middle school and high school will help you identify some of the pitfalls you
might run across as your child enters ninth grade -- like what happens when your trombone-playing math whiz finds out that band practice conflicts with calculus? We hope you'll find some advice that will get you through this often dramatic increase in
school size. It's daunting enough to make the move from a three-grade school into a four-grade school, most of whom will be absolute strangers. As the first day of ninth grade looms, it day 
can be overwhelming to imagine entering a totally unfamiliar (and much larger) campus and walking around in a sea of new faces. Most high schools have
higher enrollments than middle schools, so it stands to reason that the individual classes are going to get bigger, too. Student-to-teacher ratios vary widely across the country, but in general, high school classes are larger than middle school classes are larger than middle school classes. It might not be much, but it does make a difference. The jump from a 15-student class to one with 20
kids doesn't seem like that huge of a deal, but it does result in things feeling a little more impersonal and less one-on-one interaction with the teacher. There's definitely a lot less hand-holding in high school -- older kids are expected to be more responsible and independent, so they (in theory) don't need as much attention from their teachers. And a
kid who's not quite ready for the task can end up falling through the cracks. Eighth-grade teachers seem to spend an inordinate amount of time trying to make it clear to their students, however you want to look at it) that there's going to be a lot more homework in high school. And they do this for a reason: There's a
lot more homework in high school. Kids who aren't ready for it can be in for a nasty shock during the first month or so of ninth grade. The increased workload -- combined with the stress of new environments, schedules, expectations, teachers and classmates -- can really throw some kids for a loop, so it's especially important for parents to be on their
game during this transitional time. Eighth grade -- especially the last couple of months -- is a giddy time for some kids. They're the oldest (and hence, coolest) in the school, and they take any opportunity to lord this fact over anyone they deem to be beneath them (that's, like, you know, everyone). But when September rolls around, they discover pretty
quickly how demoralizing it can be to plummet from head of the pack to bottom of the barrel. For this and the other reasons we've just discussed, many kids find themselves floundering in ninth grade. Some schools have tried to combat this phenomenon by separating freshman from the crowd just a little bit -- they institute "ninth grade academies" or
smaller class sizes to maintain some of that middle-school feeling for a while longer. In most middle schools, with their emphasis on community-building and nurturing students, kids don't get much choice in what classes they take. Students might be put in different groups based on skill level, but in general, there's little variation in the courses. Sixth
grade is American history, seventh grade is pre-algebra, and that's about it. High school is a whole new ballgame, with seemingly endless choices -- which is exciting, obviously, but it can be overwhelming. And the scheduling is always tough, too: What happens if your trombone-playing child is also a math whiz, and advanced trigonometry is at the
same time as band practice? Or if physics conflicts with French? There might not be an easy answer or a quick fix, but if parents, teachers and counselors work together, they can create a balanced schedule. You might think that, as academic and athletic demands increase in high school, so might parent involvement. After all, this is a critical time in
your child's life -- pretty soon, they fly the coop, never to be seen again. But you'd be thinking wrong: Parent involvement actually decreases during the high schools do -- it's just a more hands-off type of environment. Parents also
commonly assume that their contributions aren't needed as much because kids are older and more responsible. Not so. Many studies have shown that parental involvement is a major factor in their children's success. So go ahead and volunteer -- your kids might be embarrassed to have you around, but it's for their own good. People often refer to
middle school as a "bubble" -- students are doing their reading, writing and arithmetic, of course, but sometimes the process is emphasized more than the end result. Kids are learning about themselves, secure in their own little community, and there's not much focus on the outside world. But that all changes in high school. Suddenly the goal is very
clear: college. No more fooling around -- this is the real deal. Some students, to be sure, are grade-focused from day one, so this change in objectives can be exhilarating -- finally, all those As count for something! However, it can be jarring for a child who might not have been all that concerned about grades. So again, it's up to you, parents -- it's your
job to remind underperformers to step up to the plate. Poor ninth graders. As if they don't already have enough to manage, what with an overwhelming new teachers. In middle school, kids probably have at most two or three different teachers per
day, but high school (as it does with everything) kicks that up a few notches. Now, they could have six or seven teachers each day -- all with their own methods, standards, workloads, moods and idiosyncrasies. It's really no wonder that grades plummet and dropout rates soar in ninth grade. So, even while you stay on top of your child's work and
grades, remember to be understanding -- this can be a rough time. Once they hit 10th and 11th grade, though, you can really crack the whip. Most of the changes we've discussed so far in this article have some ambivalence attached to them -- the transition to high school is exciting and scary. But sports are one part of high school life that can be
parked squarely in the "exciting" spot. Most middle schools do have sports teams, but they don't bring the school sports are fun, but a high school football game is the real deal. Even if your child isn't an athlete, sporting events offer lots of
opportunity for social interaction with new classmates. Also, a taste of school spirit never hurts -- it gives kids the start of a new identity, which can make the transition a little less painful. You knew we were going to get to this one sooner or later, didn't you? Peer pressure rears its ugly head pretty early in any kid's life, but the stakes are certainly
raised in high school. Pressure to drink and do drugs certainly shows up for some during the middle school years, but kids (and parents) soon realize that those concerns are small potatoes compared to what's lurking in high school. And it's not only about illegal substances -- it's clothes, eating, cheating, you name it. Succumbing to peer pressure can
quickly derail an academic career, and it's a major factor in many dropout cases. As always, parents need to be vigilant and, most importantly, keep the lines of communication open. To learn more about the differences between middle school and high school, check out the links on the following page. The Right StuffA couple of recent studies have
shown that if kids are surrounded by underachievers, they'll feel pressure to act the same. But fortunately, it also works the other way around -- fill a room with overachievers, and everyone's performance will improve. And this phenomenon, for some reason, is especially true of girls [source: Fisman]. Originally Published: Sep 21, 2010 This ranking of
the best middle schools in the United States focuses on grades 7 and 8. By a "middle school" we mean a school that includes those grades. Another
alternative has been to place 7th and 8th grades in a separate schools" or less frequently now "junior high schools" or less frequently now "junior high schools". Whatever the combination, the schools in this ranking have both 7th and 8th grade housed together within the same building (which is nearly always the
case). Where 7th and 8th graders were housed with other grades, achievement scores for the 7th and 8th graders were evaluated individually, rather than for the school as a whole. The school in this ranking have found a way to provide 7th and 8th graders with a rich school experience that prepares them superbly well for high school, college, and
life. Recent research indicates that it is beneficial to put 7th and 8th graders together with the elementary grades, creating a single school students perform better when educated in a K through 8 setting. However, in large urban or suburban areas this option
may create space, staffing, and safety issues. For this reason, it is not always feasible to make one school for nine grades. Methodology For this study, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results in science, math, and reading for 8th graders were used as a principal (but not the sole) basis for comparison of schools. The NAEP
administers the same test nationally so that one standard is applied to each student no matter which state they live in. In the case of other common standardized test assessments, each state creates and administers its own tests, which makes cross-state comparisons difficult. That is the reason why we emphasize the NAEP. However, state assessment
scores were also examined, where available, and weighed together with the NAEP scores. Finally, other factors such as awards and rankings and geographical diversity were also taken into account. Readers also like: The 50 Best American Public Elementary Schools in the U.S. and The 50 Best Public High Schools in the U.S. (Lawrence, MA)
Community Day Charter was founded in 1995 and was one of the first charter schools in Massachusetts. It began with grades K--3 and added a grade every year thereafter until it had all grades K--3 and added a grade every year thereafter until it had all grades K--8. Teachers work together in teams to identify areas of weakness and formulate action plans for students who are not succeeding as well as they should
All students are given the opportunity to succeed with school support and the belief that all students are capable of meeting the demands of challenging standards. An extended day and extended year is offered to students who wish to develop their skills or participate in extracurricular activities. Awards and Rankings: Highest-scoring school on the
MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) tests Commended by the Title I Distinguished School by the Title I Distinguished Scho
year term (2005--2010) Recipient of the New Leaders for New Schools Silver-Gain EPIC (Effective Practice Incentive Community) Award for years 2008 through 2012 2. Stowe Middle School (Stowe, VT) Stowe Middle School is a school for grades 6--8. The program at Stowe is rigorous, but the school recognizes the importance of more than just
academics. All students are required to perform four hours of community service and many perform more service than is required. Personalized classes are provided to all students in addition to the regular library, which has a
website that assists students in finding books that they will enjoy and to keep them updated on what is popular. The school also prepares a newsletter that gives suggestions to parents on things they can do to help their children to be successful both socially and academically. Each grade in middle school is separated into teams so
that students on the same team share the same teachers. Likewise, teachers on a team share the same students. There is a math, social studies, and science teacher for each team, and each teachers on a team share the same teachers on a team share the same teachers. Likewise, teachers on a team share the same teachers on a team share the same teachers on a team share the same teachers. Likewise, teachers on a team share the same teachers on a team share the same teachers. Likewise, teachers on a team share the same teachers on a team share the same teachers.
Sciences Education (FACS). A theater group performs plays and musicals and the school hosts informative seminars on drug awareness and prevention tips for parents on subjects like Abduction and Harm. Friday wellness classes allow students to participate in snowboarding, snowshoeing, swimming, and skating. Team sports include field
hockey, soccer, track, and cross country skiing. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #4 among the top 50 schools in Vermont in 2011 Among the highest 7th and 8th grade math and reading scores in the state Eighth graders outperformed other students in the state in math, reading, science, and writing 3. Minnesota Math and Science Academy
(Woodbury, MN) Grades 6--12 are taught at the Minnesota Math and Science Academy, a charter school offering an intensive program in math and science, as well as courses in the arts, humanities, and foreign languages. Students are expected to pursue their studies diligently, and although the school is tuition-free, students do have to apply to be
accepted and space is limited. If there are more applications than openings, a lottery is held. Those not acquiring a place can be put on a waiting list. Students and parents are encouraged to volunteer at the school. Extracurricular activities include Nordic skiing, Clay Target League (students must have a Firearms Safety Certificate), FIRST Robotics,
and Lego Robotics, as well as other athletic, artistic, and academic activities. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #2 in the state on combined math, reading, and science assessments Rated 10 (on scale of 10) by GreatSchools.org Ranked #22 out of all Minnesota schools
4. Lincoln Akerman School (Hampton Falls, NH) Grades K--8 are taught at Lincoln Akerman School, with an enrollment of 160 students also take health
classes in which they learn about nutrition, along with other age-appropriate topics, to build a foundation in health that will serve them throughout their lives. Middle school physical education has an emphasis on fun and participation, with games such as speedball, pilo polo, spyball, team hand ball, and other sports fundamental to physical
development. The guidance curriculum for grades 6--8 emphasizes life skills, dealing with bullying and harassment, respect, advocating for others as well as oneself, stress management, and conflict resolution, among other age-appropriate topics. The content is based on the SAU #21 Guidance/Life Skills Curriculum. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #2
in the state by Schooldigger.com Highest scores (combined) for 8th grade (reading, writing, math) and 7th grade (reading and math) in the state Rated 9 (on scale of 10) by Education.com 5. Challenge Magnet School District No. 5 (Denver, CO) A K--8 school, the Challenge School is
one of the magnet schools belonging to the celebrated Cherry Creek School District No. 5, located in the greater Denver area. Students have some classes, Mini-courses, and immersion classes. Mini-courses are for
enrichment and allow students to pursue their personal interests, though sometimes students may also be assigned to Mini-courses, students in graded on the pass/fail system, but in Mini-courses for remediation. In Connections classes, students are graded on the pass/fail system, but in Mini-courses for remediation. In Connections classes, students are graded on the pass/fail system, but in Mini-courses for remediation.
six weeks and meet during the last period of the day. Students must apply to attend the Challenge School and all students in grades 5 through 8 are required to put in hours of community service, which must be completed before the end of the second trimester. All 7th and 8th graders must also participate in a shadowing exercise (one per year) with
a professional at the Challenge school or a professional in an area of interest the student plans to attend. Shadowing experiences allow students to have contact with a professional in an area of interest the student shares to clarify questions, gather information, and experience the professional side of the subject. Awards and Rankings: Recipient of the
John J. Irwin School of Excellence Award every year since the recognition was first awarded (2000) Art Department recognized by the Colorado Arts Alliance as a School of Excellence Tied with two others as the #1 school in the state
assessment Ranked among the top elementary schools in the state by Denver Magazine 6. Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva (Edison, NJ) When it comes to performance in science, math, and reading, New Jersey---with its many fine public and private schools---consistently ranks in the top 10 nationally. Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva (RPRY) is one of the
reasons why. It is a K--8 Orthodox Jewish private school which teaches Judaism and Jewish history, but also follows the New Jersey guidelines for academics. Unlike some private schools which only cater to above-average students, RPRY has students at all learning levels. Accordingly, they have partnered with HiddenSparks.org to train and prepare
teachers to teach students of all learning types, from remedial to advanced. The middle school has extracurricular programs for students with religious, social, academic, and athletic interests, preparing students for success in life. Additionally RPRY has on-line courses for distance learning. Awards and Rankings: 7. North Star Middle School
(Kirkland, WA) North Star Middle School serves students in grades 7--9. It is a "choice" school, one of 13 in the Lake Washington School District. Choice school serves students are optional schooling alternatives and are often housed within an existing school. Class sizes are smaller and students are placed in programs based upon skill level rather
than age and grade. Students experience education through a variety of projects and learning tools, including home-school partnerships, vocational programs, and theme-based learning. Except for math, North Star students are taking an in-depth course
on something of interest to them instead of a survey course which lightly touches on a broad range of topics. It is much like a college curriculum. Some examples of courses offered are Forensic Science, Genetics, Treehouse of Horror (horror literature), and Bring Out Your Dead (a history of infectious diseases.) Awards and Rankings: 8th grade
students scored 100% on the state reading assessment 7th and 8th grade students scored 96.7 on math assessments 7th grade students scored 96.7 on math assessments 7th grade students follow a typical
curriculum, but in addition have an orchestra class, as well as band and choir. Students may try out for various musical ensemble groups, including a jazz ensemble and a string ensemble groups, including a jazz ensemble and a string ensemble ensemble ensemble and a string ensemble e
intellectually gifted students and use the seminar approach, meet during lunch period twice a week. Examples of subjects studied include the phenomenon of time (7th graders) and technology classes; they are also required to take
a physical education class. Additionally, students in 7th and 8th grade take a Family Studies course focusing on healthy living. Awards and Rankings: Highest assessment scores in the state when all scores of all tests are combined in both 7th and 8th grades Multiple data bases supplied to students for research Ranked #1 middle school by
SchoolDigger.com 9. Harmon Middle School (Aurora, OH) Harmon Middle School serves 705 students in grades 6 though 8. The Harmon has a P.R.I.D.E. program for students to evaluate their effort and citizenship. These forms are due two weeks after report cards are
distributed. Students must get verification of one hour of community service, volunteering to help a faculty member, and completing all assignments, as well as other personal academic achievements. The Harmon School District has been rated by the State Board of Education as a district of excellence for the past 12 years. Awards and Rankings: Blue
Ribbon School for 2013 Ranked #13 among all middle Schools in state by SchoolDigger.com Rose in state ranking by eight places from 2012 to 2013 Rated 10 (on scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com 10. Falmouth Middle School (Falmouth, ME) Falmouth Middle School is a public school serving almost 700 5th through 8th graders. Falmouth offers a
curriculum in social studies, world languages, English/language arts, and math. Additionally, students may take health, a variety of music classes, art, and physical education. Swimming, lacrosse, hockey, football, and volleyball are just some of the team sports in which students can participate in athletics. For after-school fun, students can sign up for
sledding, snow shoeing, Nordic skiing, snow sculpture, ping pong, and relay races, among other activities. Awards and Rankings: Highest ranking scores for combined 7th and 8th grade reading and math and 8th grade writing Ranked #3 in the state by SchoolDigger.com Rated 10 (on scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com 11. Sheridan Junior High School
(Sheridan, WY) Sheridan Junior High is a grade 6 through 8 public school that offers a rich curriculum and many activities for its students. Those activities for its students. Those activities include Kid Witness News, National Junior Honor Society, Spelling and Geography Bees, intramural sports, weight lifting, academic teams, band, orchestra, and choir, among others. Several
athletic pursuits are provided for students, including Cross Country, volleyball, football, wrestling, basketball, and track. Awards and Rankings: Top-ranked junior high in state assessment scores for 7th and 8th grade combined Scored 10 (on scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com 12. Folly Quarter Middle School (Ellicott City, MD) Folly Quarter Middle
School (FQMS) is located west of Baltimore in affluent Howard County, and serves students in grades 6, 7, and 8. In addition to the academic curriculum, there is a gifted and talented program, an arts program, and world languages. Each class participates in a community project to reinforce academic course objectives, but also to instill a sense of
community service in the students. For example, 8th graders have researched cancer and raised $6,000 for St. Jude's Hospital. The goal is to achieve curricular objectives through service-learning and to develop a sense of responsibility to one's community. FQMS offers after-school programs for student involvement and enrichment. These programs
range from art to cheerleading, and from homework help to service organizations. A weekly newsletter keeps parents and students informed about what is happening at the schools in the district, as well as in the wider community. Awards and Rankings: Blue Ribbon School for 2013 Ranked #4 in the state out 203 middle schools by SchoolDigger.com
Recognized as a Top Performing Middle School in the Greater Baltimore Area Recognized as a Top Performing Middle School in the state of Maryland Gold Recognition School in the state of Maryland Gold Recognition School in the state of Maryland Gold Recognition School in the School i
classes. In addition to the TEA academic curriculum, WBTA offers physical education, band, drama, technology, orchestra, and art. Awards and Rankings: Rated as an Exemplary School by the Texas Education Agency Ranked #1 middle school
in the state by "Children at Risk" for 2010 NCEA Higher Performing School (Upper St. Clair, PA) Fort Couch Middle Schoo
planning time for interdisciplinary activities. A representative of the Enrichment Resource Team and a guidance counselor attend at least one of these meetings each week. Students have a bi-weekly advisor time with a teacher, and the curriculum is supported by an expressive arts team, the foreign languages department, and extracurricular
Spanish, and German are offered to every middle school students. Students also work in large and small groups to foster and support their knowledge of the democratic principles taught in social students, teachers, concerned residents
or administrators. Curriculum leaders for each academic subject at each school level---along with department chairpersons from each school level---are full-time teachers who receive extra compensation and administrator status for curriculum development, so that all recommendations for change are studied and reviewed before a decision is made.
"20 to Watch" by The National School Board's Technology Leader Network 15. Hobson School (Hobson, MT) Also known as Hobson 7--8, this middle school in the entire western region of the country. Boasting a strong curriculum, students
also have opportunities to participate in music and fine arts programs, vocational programs, and clubs such as Future Farmers of America, and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, and Career, and Ca
ski/snowboarding trip together. The community plays a vital role in Hobson School and provides two scholarship for students in the district won several awards at the BPA 2013 Regional Conference. Awards and Rankings: Highest
ranking for combined math and reading scores in grades 7 and 8 Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated #3 Best Middle School in the West by NeighborhoodScout.com 16. Prairie Star Middle School (Leawood, KS) Prairie Star Middle School in the West by NeighborhoodScout.com 16. Prairie Star Middle School in the West by NeighborhoodScout.com 16. Prairie Star Middle School (Leawood, KS) Prairie Star Middle School in the West by NeighborhoodScout.com 16. Prairie Star Middle School (Leawood, KS) Prairie Star Middle School in the West by NeighborhoodScout.com 16. Prairie Star Middle School (Leawood, KS) Prairie Star Middle School in the West by NeighborhoodScout.com 16. Prairie Star Middle School (Leawood, KS) Prairie S
standardized achievement scores on math and reading for the 2010 school year. In addition to achieving the Standard of Excellence in both reading and math, the school had to achieve Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and have a good attendance record. Prairie Star serves students in
grades 6 through 8, with approximately 716 students in all. The school encourages public service, but unlike so many other school cares about the well-
being of its students, but Prairie Star devotes part of its website to help parents recognize signs of trouble in their children, with videos added by students addressing issues important to them. There are links to support groups, hotlines, and evaluation forms. The website in general is very informative---it is one of the best middle school websites in the
country. Awards and Rankings: Governor's Achievement Award for 2012 Ranked as the #8 school in the state by Schooldigger.com Rated 9 (on a scale of 10) by Greatschools.com 17. McKinley Classical Junior Academy Middle School is a magnet school with 6th through 8th
graders. The school's colors and mascot are meant to evoke President William McKinley and his supporters. During the summer, 30 McKinley CJA students attend to encourage students pursuing careers in the sciences and health. Students
participating in this program conduct experiments and tour the Missouri Botanical Gardens, as well as Barnes-Jewish Hospital. McKinley partners with the community through programs like the Gifted Resource Council (GRC), which provides summer academies, learning labs, and academic competitions. GRC is a non-profit organization dedicated to
bringing the resources of a community together with schools and parents to help students achieve their potential. Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School in the Midwest by NeighborhoodScout.com Top-ranking state assessment test scores AYP School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School in the Midwest by NeighborhoodScout.com Top-ranking state assessment test scores AYP School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School in the Midwest by NeighborhoodScout.com Top-ranking state assessment test scores AYP School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School in the Midwest by NeighborhoodScout.com Top-ranking state assessment test scores AYP School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School in the Midwest by NeighborhoodScout.com Top-ranking state assessment test scores AYP School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School in the Midwest by NeighborhoodScout.com Top-ranking state assessment test scores AYP School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School in the Midwest by NeighborhoodScout.com Top-ranking state assessment test scores AYP School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School for 2011 Awards and Rankings: Ranked as the #1 Middle School for 2011 Awards and Rankings and 
2008. Blue Ribbon School for 2008 18. Lakeland Junior High School (Rathdrum, ID) The state of Idaho is moving away from the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) form of rating schools and moving to a five-star system. In 2011--12, Lakeland Junior High was a four-star school that did not meet AYP and had earned 82 out of 100 points in the state
evaluation system. In one year, Lakeland raised its star rating to five stars and 92 points earned. Lakeland uses a student Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) to create an individualized learning program. Students have
24/7 access to their individualized program through their mobile devices. Lakeland serves 7th and 8th graders. In addition to core academic classes, students may choose from electives that include band, culinary arts, industrial technology, choir, robotics, lifetime activities, outdoor activities, writing, and art. Sports programs offered include
volleyball, cross country and track, wrestling, basketball, and Rathdrum Park and Rec Football. Awards and Rankings: Idaho 5-Star School serves students in grades 7 through 12 and boasts one teacher for every nine students. The average
in North Dakota is 11 students per teacher. The school, which is in a rural setting, has a total enrollment of approximately 104 students. Athletics include basketball, golf, and football. The athletic competition is for grades 5 though 12 and is a co-op, including schools in three counties. Activities for students include Family, Career, and Community
Leaders of America (FCCLA), athletics, drama, Future Farmers of American (FFA), student council, and yearbook. C-PASS (Caring Parents Assisting Student Success) is a group of parent volunteers who meet five times a year to discuss ways in which they can assist the school to enrich the student learning environment. The group also raises money
to help pay for activities for students. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #2 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Highest state test score ranking when combining all 8th grade scores for Language Arts, Math, Science, and Reading Rated 8 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com 20. Our Redeemer Lutheran School (Wauwatosa, WI) Our
Redeemer Lutheran School (ORLS) serves children in grades 3k through 8 in and around the Milwaukee area. Students come from 16 communities and 32 zip codes. In addition to a strong academic curriculum (which also includes Spanish, physical education, band, and choir), ORLS offers basketball, volleyball, cross country, and track. ORLS is a
fully accredited school through the National Lutheran Accreditation Programs. After-school programs include chess, art, science, and reading clubs. On-site child care is provided and parents are strongly encouraged to participate in their children's school. A discount is offered for each additional tuition child attending the school and parents may pay
in one payment or choose a monthly payment plan. Awards and Rankings: U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School 2013 Exemplary School-LCMS for 2010-2011 Recertification National Lutheran School Association, 2010 8th graders scored in 94th percentile nationally on standardized tests 21. Mountain Ridge Junior High School
(Highland, UT) Mountain Ridge Junior High serves 7th through 9th graders and has a strong academic program, which includes an Accelerated Learning Lab for math for which students must qualify with written tests. The program also includes an Accelerated Learning Lab for math for which students must qualify with written tests. The program also includes an Accelerated Learning Lab for math for which students must qualify with written tests.
care, health, science, technology, art and ceramics, keyboarding, and physical education. Students also have performance opportunities through a dance company, dramatic and musical theater companies, a football team, an orchestra, and a choir, among other extracurricular and curricular pursuits. With a dedicated staff of 50 teachers, the school
instructs more than 1400 students. Awards and Rankings: An "A" rating by the state of Utah Among the highest 7th and 8th grade scores in the state by SchoolDigger.com (based upon 7th grade scores only) 22. Roncalli Junior/Senior High School (Aberdeen,
SD) Founded in 1964, today Roncalli Junior/Senior High School serves students in grades 7 through 12. With approximately 70 teachers and staff, enrollment has reached 600. The school is accredited by the State of South Dakota and the North Central Association. Seventh and 8th graders take the Dakota STEP test on which 7th grade students
scored 91% in math and 91% in reading. Eight grade students scored 87% in math and 92.5% in reading. All students must take math, science, fine arts, humanities, social science and Economics/Personal Finance, English, physical education, health, world languages, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Capstone experience/service learning,
religion, and five and one half hours in electives. For extracurricular activities the school offers athletics, cheerleading, dance team, oral interpretation, production and performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play, concert band, performance of a one-act play and a spring play and a spri
Chess Club. Awards and Rankings: President's Volunteer Service Award for years 2004 through 2011, for completing more than 10,000 hours of Christian service Participation in the South Dakota Music Education Association's Middle School (Glen Allen, VA) Short Pump Middle School serves
students from 6th through 8th grade in Henrico Country, Virginia, outside Richmond. The school opened in 1991 and operates on a modified block schedule. Students can begin taking courses for high school of watch for 2008--2010, and redesigned STW 2011-Present Governor's VIP School of
Educational Excellence for 2009, 2010, and 2014 (the highest award earned by Virginia schools) Among the highest-scoring middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessment One of the first 12 middle schools on the state assessmen
Association (TSA) for 2012--2013 Ranked #1 middle Conservatory (Miami, FL) Archimedean Middle Conservatory is a charter school system. Established in 2005, the school serves children in grades 6 through 8. Students are required to learn Modern Greek
and two classes per day are actually taught in the Greek language arts, science, social studies, philosophy, and mathematics are taught entirely in English. Archimedean middle school students ranked 3rd in the state on the state on the state assessment (the FCAT). Seventh and 8th graders ranked first in the district in math and second in reading
Eighth graders ranked first in the district in writing and second in science. Awards and Rankings: Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated #3 in the state by SchoolDigger.com Among the highest-scoring on state assessments combining all subjects and both 7th and 8th grade 25. Haynes
Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies (Matairie, LA) Haynes Academ
chess, robotics, and yoga, among others. Students may also take band, choir, piano, and/or a "talented music" class. Students may compete in baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, track, and volleyball. There are also clubs for students may also take band, choir, piano, and/or a "talented music" class. Students may compete in baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, track, and volleyball.
Alliance (FCA), Mock Trial Team, orchestra, speech and debate, a writer's club, and a World War II Quiz bowl, among others. Awards and Rankings: Blue Ribbon School for 2013 Tied for 4th place in the state for top ranked middle schools in state Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com 26.
Creekside Middle School (Carmel, IN) Creekside Middle School serves grades 6 through 8 and has a little over 1400 students. The students produce their own newsletter/newspaper, writing the articles, taking and drawing the pictures, and producing the layout. It is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in journalism and their work is of
near-professional quality. Each grade has its own website. Aside from regular academic classes (which offer honors level courses in English and math), all students take world languages, physical fitness, and technology courses. Electives include a variety of business foundations to international business internship, choir, band,
orchestra, and a variety of art classes, including drawing & painting and ceramics & sculpture. A wide variety of clubs exist so that all students can find something of interest. Awards and Rankings: Blue Ribbon School for 2013 A Rating from Department of Education Ranked #7 middle school in the state by
Schooldigger.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Rated 9 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchool is a K through 8 school in the Beaverton School District
in Portland, Oregon. Raleigh Hills started out as a K through 8 school, but then left that format in 1961; however, in 2007 it returned to being a K-8 school, and has led the way in the state with a strong academic performance that was just shy of perfect. In addition to the core courses, students may take band or choir, physical education, research
and technology, and Spanish. Students are encouraged to participate in a spring musical, which integrates drama, music, and P.E. Also, each year, every grade is given the opportunity for an overnight field trip for team-building exercises. Awards and Rankings: Superior state assessment scores Level 5 State Rating Ranked #4 in the state on
SchoolDigger.com 28. Twin Groves Middle School (Buffalo Grove, IL) Twin Groves serves students in grades 6 though 8. In addition to the regular curriculum, students may participate in track and field, volleyball, wrestling, the Scholastic Bowl, 8th Grade Math Club, 7th Grade Math Club, the fall play, after-school sports every other week, Chess Club
History Fair, the Lego Club, Future Filmmakers, the Science Fair, the Yearbook Club, jewelry making, a spring musical, and the ski club, among others. Electives include band, choir, symphony orchestra, the Yearbook Club, jewelry making, a spring musical, and the ski club, among others. Electives include band, choir, symphony orchestra, the Yearbook Club, jewelry makings: Blue Ribbon Winner for 2013 Superior state assessment scores Ranked #19 best school in the
state by Chicago Sun Times Ranked #28 in the state among middle schools by SchoolDigger.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com 29. SCAPA at Bluegrass (Lexington, KY) The School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) at Bluegrass is a middle school that serves grades 4 through
8. It is a performing arts school, and although it is a public school, students must have a special talent or interest in the performing arts to be accepted into the school. Students accepted into SCAPA are then given instruction in visual arts, band, strings, voice, piano, ballet, contemporary dance, drama, and creative writing, in addition to the state
developed academic curriculum. Students not only score well on state assessment tests, but have been successful in state competitions in speech, band, choir, orchestra, drama, writing, piano, and dance. Electives are available in art, drama, broadcast media, choir, band, Spanish, physical education, reading, and a special art class called Studio8Art,
which provides a more in-depth study of drawing, painting, graphic design, and sculpture. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #4 best middle schools by SchoolDigger.com 30
Brentwood Middle School (Brentwood, TN) Brentwood Middle School credit in Algebra I, Geometry, Spanish I, German, Latin, and French. All 8th grade students have to take basic computer application skills test. Brentwood teachers work
in academic teams so that all students on a team have the same academic teachers and those teachers share the same group of students may participate in the Model UN, the Youth Legislature, the Geography Bee, and the Robotics team. There are honors classes in both math and English. Extracurricular
activities include the Battle of the Books, Chess Club, Destination, Drama, Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA), Forensics, Green Team, Junior American Citizens Club, Literary Magazine, math teams, pep band, ping pong, and Science Olympiad, among others. Awards and Rankings: Ranked best middle school in Tennessee by
SchoolDigger.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Blue Ribbon School for 2006 31. Barrington Middle School (Barrington, RI) Barrington Middle School for 2006 31.
summer program and summer reading assignments. The school service almost 800 students in grades 6 through 8. The middle school has dances, sports night, plays, math clubs, basketball, volleyball and Track & Field as extra curricular activities. Barrington students (pictured above right) also provide community service for the public service
organization, Citizens for Conservation. Awards and Rankings: Superior combined NECAP scores for 7th and 8th grades, all subjects Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Rated 42 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com 32. Birmingham Covington Districtwide 3--8 School (Bloomfield
Hills, MI) Birmingham Covington Districtwide 3--8 School (known as BCS) is a public magnet school bistrict. Space in the school is limited. Those who apply are placed in an enrollment lottery and, once enrolled, students join one of three teams
Middle school students join the 7/8 team and have many opportunities available to them not generally offered in public school, such as the Engineering Technology Program and the projects together. For those who do not find a place at BCS,
there is a waiting list. BCS students benefit from an advanced curriculum that teaches literacy and technology across the curriculum. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #1 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Rated 8 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Ranked #56 school in the state by
Bridgemi.com Superior combined scores in math, reading, writing, and science Olympiad teams placed in the Lego League State Championship in Robot Design Students
raised over $7,000.00 to combat hunger in their community and around the globe Microsoft Pathfinder School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school, or Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies is a "screened school for Collaborative Studies of through 8, the NYC Lab Middle School f
meaning that the school may set its own admission requirements. Admission to NYC Lab Middle School requires a test covering literacy (writing and comprehension), math, and a collaborative group exercise. In addition to the test results, the administration considers absences, tardies, and teacher comments. Siblings are not given special
consideration. An extended day program is provided for students who scored a 1 on either of the state tests, which is a state requirement, but NYC Lab Middle School places students may only choose one sport per season. After school there is also the School Yearbook club
the Middle Math Team, a drama program, a Stock Market Team, a writer's group, MORE Art, and the debate team, among others. Awards and Rankings: State grades of "A" for Progress, for Performance, and for Environment 8.0 points earned for Closing the Achievement Gap 92.3 Overall State Score (A); Percentile Rank: 99 Rated 10 (on a scale of
10) by GreatSchools.com Ranked #2 (out of 1,249 public middle schools in the state) in 2012--2013 in state Math and English Language Arts scores Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Rated #6 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com 34. Weddington Middle
School serves grades 6 through 8 and has split twice to decrease the enrollment rate due to a population spike in suburban Union County south of Charlotte. The school split in 2006 and then split again in 2008. There are now three middle schools to
serve the students of the area. In view of all the upheaval, it is amazing that Weddington has not only managed to stay true to its roots and quality of service, but continued to improve. It has been a School of Excellence since the doors were first opened. Clubs offered for student enrichment include Celebrating the World, Dancing around the Globe,
fantasy book club, math games, pen pals, UFO club (flight engineering), debate, textiles, crafts and tradition, Inquiring Minds of Science, journalism, and Inventions Unwrapped, as well as many others. Awards and Rankings: Blue Ribbon School for 2013 Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchool.com
Ranked #9 in the state among middle School (Dover, DE) Dover AFB Middle School is a a 6 through 8 school with approximately 200 students. In addition to standard academics required by the state, the school offers football, field hockey, basketball, soccer, softball, and track and field.
Because these students are primarily the children of active military personnel, the school provides a club called Families Dealing with Separation or Deployment (FDSD). This program offers support for students who have one or more parents who are or have been or will be deployed away from home as part of their military service. The club meets
during the school day every other Wednesday and has guest speakers on topics relevant to these students, as well as fun, team-building activities such as robotics. The program is aided by the Family Readiness Center from Dover A.F.B. A 4-H program is open to any student of the district between the ages of 5 and 18. Awards and Rankings: Rated an
"A" School with a Superior rating by the state Department of Education Ranked #3 among middle schools in the state by SchoolDigger.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com 36. St. Patrick's Catholic School (Elkhorn, NE) St. Patrick's Catholic School (known as "St. Pat's") opened in 2000 with
assurance program designed to distinguish schools adhering to high educational standards. The AdvanceD team saw St. Patrick's as continuing its ascent to excellence with its focused attention on individual students and a family atmosphere fostering young minds. In addition to providing an exemplary academic program, St. Patris offers soccer,
baseball, softball, track, cheerleading, volleyball, track and field, basketball, and football. Four teams of students from St. Pat's attended the 2012 Robotics Program World Competition in California. One team placed third in the preliminary round, while another team was presented with the AMAZE award for the Opportunity Division. In 2013, the
success of the program continued with all four teams advancing to world championship competition. Along with sports and science, extracurricular opportunities are provided with a chess club, walking club, art club, academic club, rosary club, Spanish club, and Scouts. All of the clubs are either teacher- or parent-led, and allow the children to foster
their many talents. Awards and Rankings: AdvancedED Accreditation 2009 National Blue Ribbon School (Gilbert, IA) With a little over 300 students in grades 5 through 8. Gilbert Middle School is part of the Gilbert Community School District, located just north of Ames. Iowa. The school
was established in 2006. In addition to the core academic classes, students are offered the opportunity to take choir, band, Spanish, family and consumer science, technology, agriculture, industrial technology, agriculture, industrial technology, agriculture, industrial technology, and art. Middle School students are offered the opportunity to take choir, band, Spanish, family and consumer science, technology, agriculture, industrial technology, agriculture,
students participate in a job shadowing program where they can shadow a professional to see real-world applications in areas of business. As part of a financial literacy unit, students visit a bank. To assist students in learning, the school obtained 320 computers in January of 2014. Awards and Rankings: Rated 9 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com
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school was established in 2003 and is located on the shores of the Chattahoochee River in Forsyth County, near Lake Lanier north of Atlanta. Riverwatch offers a common core curriculum, while student learning is augmented by athletics and after school activities such as dance club, chess club, guitar club, FCA, yearbook, chorus, band, math club, 5-
K Club, oratorical contest club, art club, and robotics team, as well as clubs that promote and foster interest in science Science Olympiad and Odyssey of the Mind. Students are provided with the best tools technology has to offer, including electronic whiteboards, desktop computers, projectors, digital cameras, video cameras, and wireless
student notebooks. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #3 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Governor's Office of Student Achievement Platinum Award for 2011 Georgia School of Excellence for 2009 39. Nikiski Middle/High School (Nikiski, AK)
Nikiski Middle/High School serves approximately 400 students from 6th through 12th grade on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. In addition to the regular curriculum for middle school students, electives include band and choir, drama, and art. Many sports are also available, including cross country running, cross country skiing, soccer, track and field,
volleyball, and wrestling. Extracurricular activities besides sports include Mind-A-Mazes practical science competitions in which students are given a challenge to solve, which may anything from making the perfect paper airplane to harnessing wind energy. Once at the competition with their projects, teams are also given a spontaneous challenge to
solve on the spot. At the 2013 competition, the Nikiski 8th grade team won first place in the Spontaneous Problem Challenge, as well as first place overall for the intermediate 7--12 Division. The 7th grade team won first place overall for the intermediate 7--12 Division. The 7th grade team won first place in the Spontaneous Problem Challenge, as well as first place overall for the intermediate 7--12 Division. The 7th grade team won first place in the Spontaneous Problem Challenge, as well as first place overall for the intermediate 7--12 Division.
maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for two consecutive semesters. Those earning letters are honored at a School Academic Excellence Award Ceremony. Honorees have their names published on the website. Awards and Rankings: Ranked as #9 high school in the state of Alaska by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report National rank of 2057 by U.S. News & World Report Na
Report Rated 8 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com 40. Pea Ridge Middle School (Pea Ridge Middle School is renowned for its high test scores on state assessments. Pea Ridge students may participate in Future Business Leaders of America, band, choi,r and athletics,
including baseball, basketball, cross country, football, and field, cheerleading, softball, and volleyball. The school district maintains a Facebook page where pictures of students participating in different activities are displayed. Awards and Rankings: Rated 9 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by
Education.com Ranked #2 out of all middle schools in the state by SchoolDigger.com Most-Improved Open Educational Practices (OEP) Award for End-of-Course Exam Growth, 2007 through 2013 Rated 9 (on a scale of 10) by Zillow.com 41. Self Development Preparatory School is the middle school in the state by School in the state by School in the state by School is the middle school in the state by School in the state by School in the state by School is the middle school in the state by School in the state by
portion of Self Development Charter School (SDCS), a publicly funded, accelerated school with limited enrollment of less than 500 serving grades K-8. Students are accepted into the school on a first come, first served basis, although siblings of current enrollees are given preference. SDCS takes suggestions from stakeholders seriously and all
students are invited and challenged to improve the curriculum. At the end of the 2012--2013 school year, a fourth grade student introduced his pilot program was a success and his plan was implemented as part of the curriculum, showing
the students that everyone can participate in making the school culture and curriculum better. Students in the Preparatory School take an advanced curriculum of the core courses, Latin, literature, grammar and writing, world geography, foreign languages, and fine arts electives. Students who advance quickly in math can be enrolled in Algebra II by
the 8th grade. Awards and Rankings: Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Ranked #3 in the state out of all middle schools by SchoolDigger.com Academic Excellence Award for 2011 Charter School of the Year for 2010 Arizona Grade "A" School 42. Phillips Preparatory School (Mobile, AL)
Phillips Preparatory School is a publicly funded, magnet middle school serving students in grades 6 through 9 with an enrollment of approximately 700 students may also participate in basketball, track, cheerleading, football, track, and volleyball. Students
are offered participation in various clubs such as FCA, German club, history club, journalism, Scholars Bowl, Science Olympiad, speech, and video production, to name a few. Awards and Rankings: Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Rated tied for first place among all middle schools in the
school is part of the KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) system of over 140 public charter schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia, altogether serving some 50,000 students around to help them realize their potential and
enrich their learning, paving the way for a more productive and successful future. Over 85% of KIPP graduates go on to college. Awards and Rankings: Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Ranked #1 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Blue Ribbon School for 2012 44. Buist
Academy for Advanced Studies (Charleston, SC) Buist Academy for Advanced Studies is a K--8, county-wide, International Baccalaureate (IB) magnet school serving almost 500 students. Buist became an authorized Primary Years Programme IB World School in February 2006 and also is a certified Middle Year Programme since September 2010. The
IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization) works with schools, governments, and other organizations to develop challenging programs so that children around the world will be encouraged to achieve their potential and become lifelong learners. Buist students begin French or Spanish in kindergarten and continue studying that language until
graduation. The rest of the curriculum is divided into themes to foster critical thinking skills in humanities, the Arts, technology and physical education. After-school activities include karate, dance, guitar, and chess, among others. Sports are operated through local recreation departments. Awards and Rankings: Rated 10
(on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Ranked #1 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Palmetto Gold Award for 2013--2014 Rated as an Excellent School (Jackson, MS) Northwest Magnet Middle School (Jackson, MS) Northwest Magnet MS (MS) Northwest MS) Northwest MS (MS) Northwest MS (MS) Northwest MS (MS) Northwest MS (MS) Northw
(NWMMS) is a public magnet school for grades 6 through 8 and is an International Baccalaureate Middle Year Program School, fully authorized by the IBO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. This designation came after successful completion of a three-year implementation period and a two-day site review and evaluation from officials from the IBO
headquarters. There are 994 IBO member schools in 108 countries, with 400 of them (both public and private) are in North America and the Caribbean. The IB program gives students an advantage when preparing for college. To enter
the IB program, a student must have an 85 or higher GPA (on a scale of 100), obtain a positive teacher recommendation, and score proficient or advanced in math and language arts on the state assessment. NWMMS students study music (strings, choir, or band), art, and a foreign language, in addition to the core courses and an elective. Several fairs
are held throughout the year, including science fair, cultural fair, reading fair, and book fair. Other activities include field trips, male mentoring, competitions, and community service projects. Awards and Rankings: Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Ranked #1 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Fully IBO-authorized IB
Middle Years Programme 46. Holloman Middle School (Holloman AFB, NM) Holloman Middle School, with an enrollment of almost 200 students, serves students in grades 6 through 8 living on Holloman Middle School (Holloman AFB, NM) Holloman Middle School that educates the children of
active military personnel, Holloman faces challenges unique to military communities where one or more the parents can be deployed to war zones, an uncertainty which can be very hard on children. As part of the curriculum, Holloman has a program called PRIDE (perseverance, respect, integrity, determination, excellence) that brings in speakers to
talk to students once a month. Students who display the characteristics of PRIDE are honored with a metal coin with the school logo on one side and the words "Making a Difference" engraved on the other. Students are also encouraged to "pay it forward" by contributing time and energy in community and humanitarian service. Holloman provides
school-wide wireless access, laptops for each student, robotics, and distance learning classes. Classroom learning is augmented with field trips and competitions, both locally and regionally. Awards and Rankings: Blue Ribbon School for 2013 Rated 9 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Rated an "A"
school in 2012 and 2013 47. Voyager Public Charter School (Honolulu, HI) Voyager Public Charter School is a K through 8 public charter 
setting goals for themselves and learning through hands-on projects, while limiting paper/pencil tests and book learning. After administering formal and informal assessments, students are placed on multi-ability teams which provide opportunities for cooperative learning and cross-age tutoring. Student learning is augmented by required
field trips. Parents are encouraged and expected to participate in their child's learning. The arts are a key component of learning at Voyager. Students have weekly art classes with a master's-trained art teacher, and artwork is incorporated into other subjects across the curriculum. Additionally, music, dance, and drama are part of the curriculum,
exposing students to great composers and musicians. Awards and Rankings: Rated 8 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 8 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com Ranked #1 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Arts Excellence Award for 2006 48. Elkhorn Elementary School (Stockton, CA) Elkhorn Elementary School is a member of
the Lodi Unified School District in San Joaquin County, California. The school serves almost 300 students in grades 4 through 8. There are activities geared toward both elementary and middle school Science Olympiad in the 2013--14 school year, earning gold
medals in Anatomy, Crime Busters, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Experimental Design, Heredity, Meteorology, Road Scholar, Shock Value, Simple Machine, and Water Quality, as well as silver and bronze medals in a variety of subjects. The district provides resources for every grade and school in the district, so that students have a wide
variety of learning tools. Students and teachers can communicate and collaborate on line through the website, with email, exchange of documents, tutoring, and website design and creation. Awards and Rankings: Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com
Ranked as the best middle school in the Western United States by NeighborhoodScout.com Ranked #60 out of 7,053 schools by USA.com Awarded a grade of 95, with 442 out of 459 possible points, on the Star Test Average Score by FindtheBestSchools.com 49. Bob Miller Middle School (Henderson, NV) Bob Miller Middle School, which has been
designated a five-star school by the Department of Education, takes an active interest in the students as individuals. The school gives each student a "mindset inventory" to help them develop a growth mindset, which is associated with achievement and success. Education at Bob Miller is more than just academics---for example, deans meet with
students to discuss behavior expectations---and yet their success in state assessment tests has placed them at the top of Nevada middle schools. Students may participate in symphonic band, jazz band, orchestra, and choir, as well as athletics and fund-raising for charity and community service. A variety of other clubs and activities are available to
students, as well, including astronomy club, Bible club, art club, Bobcat Bowlers, Bobcat Writers, and archery club, among others. Awards and Rankings: Ranked #1 middle school in the state by SchoolDigger.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com 50. Discovery Middle School (Granger, IN)
Discovery Middle School---located in Granger, an affluent suburb of South Bend, Indiana---serves grades 6 through 8 and has approximately 861 students. Students at Discovery Scholastic Art Competition. Gold Key
winners are sent to compete in the national level in New York City. For fine arts, Discovery offers band, choir, orchestra, and flag football, while strength and conditioning, wrestling, tennis, and flag football are offered on an intramural basis. Awards and
Rankings: Blue Ribbon Award Winner for 2013 Rated "A" by the Indiana Department of Education Superior scores on state assessment tests Ranked #4 in the state by SchoolDigger.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by GreatSchools.com Rated 10 (on a scale of 10) by Education.com
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