



Michigan Coalition of Essential Schools **MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The MCES Middle School comprehensive program consists of scientifically-based and researched strategies outlined in The National Association of Secondary School Principals Breaking Ranks in the Middle: Strategies for Leading Middle Level Reform.

Purpose: To enable each student to perform at high levels academically and to successfully transition to high school.

Our experienced staff works with administrators and teachers to:

- Determine academically rigorous essential learnings.
- Create effective teacher teams with appropriate team and personal planning.
- Develop programs that meet the academic, developmental, social, and personal needs of each student.
- Implement a comprehensive advisory program.
- Provide differentiated instruction and assessment to meet all students learning styles.
- Develop flexible schedules.
- Develop leadership among all shareholders in a professional learning community.
- Provide equitable programming for all students.
- Align professional development to the needs of the school staff as a whole and individually.

We deliver:

- On-site coaching for building leadership and instructional staff
- Specific professional development in best instructional practice(all staff), Critical Friends Groups (teacher instructional leaders), and Leadership Training (Leadership Team).

Learning Venues: Professional Development Days, Staff Meetings, Team Meetings, Department Meetings, or plans determined by the Leadership Teams

School Staff Expectations:

- Use the Cycle of Continuous Improvement in all educational processes and programs and in all decision making and hold oneself and each other accountable for student success.
- Be an active participant in all CFGs and routinely examine student work.
- Engage in professional development using the processes of a well functioning professional learning community.
- Use effective instructional strategies with all learners.
- Develop and use interventions for struggling learners.
- Hold all students accountable to the same high standards using the Michigan Curriculum Framework.
- Develop and use differentiated assessments.