

FOR EDUCATORS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHECKLIST



ACHIEVE

Do well in school.

- Help students set goals for the year.
- Be vocal about your high expectations.
- Emphasize the importance of attendance.
- Offer a variety of instructional practices.
- Teach skills like note taking & making outlines.
- Provide extra academic support.
- Celebrate academic achievement.
- Encourage reading for pleasure.

Take the right classes.

- Coach students to take challenging classes that will have them on track in high school.
- Offer advanced classes as well as Pre-Algebra, Algebra, and foreign/world languages.

Get organized.

- Encourage the use of a planner or calendar.
- Provide strategies for keeping notes organized.
- Model good organizational habits.
- Provide quiet study spaces before, during and after school.

ENGAGE

Get involved.

- Offer a variety of school extracurriculars including academically-focused ones.
- Encourage community service.
- Partner with community organizations to provide afterschool and summer programs.
- Host transition events such as high school orientation for 8th grade families.

Spend time with good people.

- Provide peer, near-peer and adult mentoring opportunities.
- Engage families in school activities.

Make good choices.

- Teach and model good digital citizenship.
- Teach students the risks of behaviors like drinking, doing drugs and having sex.
- Set a culture of respect and kindness in your classroom and school.

EXPLORE

Explore colleges and careers.

- Help students explore careers that match their interests.
- Teach students and families about different types of colleges and why college is important.
- Visually display information about colleges and careers.
- Plan visits to college campuses.

Learn about paying for college.

- Explain at every opportunity that college is affordable.
- Cover the four basic types of financial aid.
- Share information about college savings accounts.

