



Colchester Middle School

Turning Middle School Vision into Our
Mission

The Critical Middle School Years

Next to birth to three, early adolescence is a pivotal time of growth and development (physical, intellectual, social, and emotional)

The level of academic achievement that students reach by 8th grade has a larger impact on their college and career readiness by high school graduation than anything that happens academically in high school

School success or failure can be predicted by indicators present in 6th grade. These include failing math or language arts, receiving a suspension or attending school less than 80% of the time.

This We Believe

“This We Believe - Keys to Educating Young Adolescents” is a position paper written by the Association for Middle Level Education which sets the accepted standard for the middle level concept. It states successful middle schools have:

- *educators who value and are prepared to work with this age group
- *courageous, collaborative leadership
- *shared vision guiding decisions

Our Vision

At CMS we believe in creating a learning environment that is developmentally responsive, challenging, empowering and equitable for all.

How did we create the vision?

spoke with teachers

collaborated with CMS ELT

provided PD focused on MS philosophy

met as an administrative team to write our vision

included entire faculty seeking input

What does this mean for our students?

- Inviting, supportive and safe environment
- Key relationships with adults
- Challenging, exploratory, integrative and relevant learning
- Opportunities to have a voice

Vision in Action

Personalized Learning Plans

Responsive Schedule

Clubs

Standards Based Learning and Reporting

1:1 Technology

Student Led Conferences

Committee Work

Questions?





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Thank you for your time!!

