

Lynbrook South Middle School 6th Grade Orientation

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"The closer you are, the better we look!"



Middle School



I'm looking forward to going to Middle School.
I'm excited and a little nervous.

Somehow all the kids seem to like it, but
they love telling horror stories about what
goes on there.

My parents are the ones who are really nervous.
If they ask me once more if I'm scared,
I think they'll convince me that I am.



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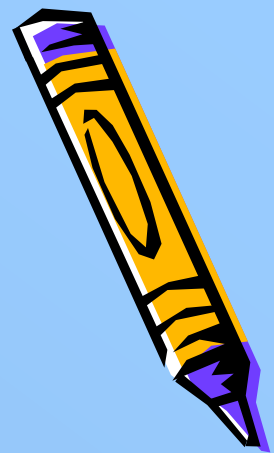


Middle-Level Policy Statements

- This We Believe (1982, 1995)
 - National Middle School Association
- Turning Points (1989, 1998)
 - Carnegie Corporation for Adolescent Development
- Essential Elements of a Standards Focused Middle School (1999, 2004)
 - New York State Education Department



We #Giveahootfor Your Children!



- **Middle School Goals**
 - Academic, Social, Emotional Development
 - Competence and Maturity
- **High Expectations**
 - Academics
 - Behavior
 - Character



Characteristics of Young Adolescents

- rebellious
- loyal to friends
- need frequent affirmation from adults
- moody, restless, self-conscious
- confused
- seek acceptance from peers (identity)
- egocentric
- highly curious
- seek relevance
- sensitive to criticism
- strong sense of fairness
- mature at varying rates of speed



Developmentally Appropriate Transitions



- Grade 6:
 - Interdisciplinary Teams
 - Block Scheduling
 - 1.5 Periods of ELA & Math
- Grade 7
 - Re-group for all subjects
 - Individual programs
 - Math
 - World Language
- Grade 8
 - Greater specialization
 - High school credit



Social and Emotional Literacy is ...



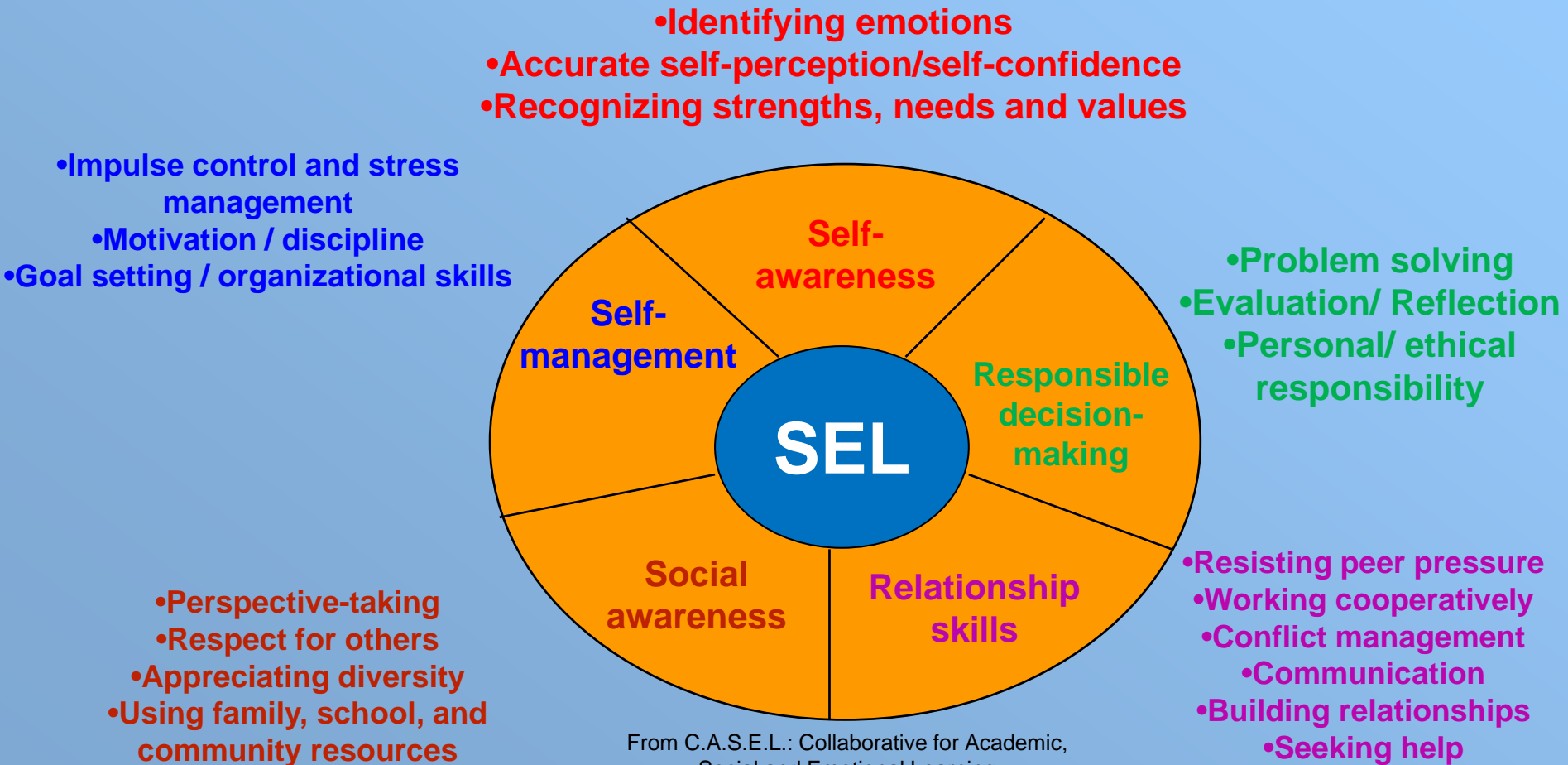
- Self awareness
- Self management
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- Responsible decision-making



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Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

SEL is the process whereby children and adults develop essential social and emotional skills, knowledge, and attitudes related to:



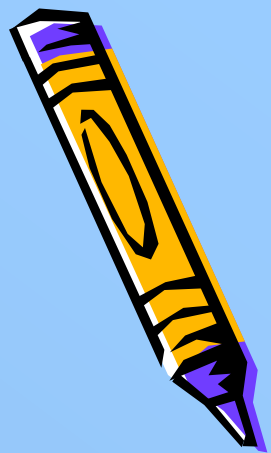
The role of the Counselor is to advise/coordinate/guide...



- ✓ Social/Personal Development
- ✓ Educational Growth
- ✓ Career Exploration

A Counselor is a:

- ✓ Student Advocate
- ✓ Parent Advocate
- ✓ Staff Advocate



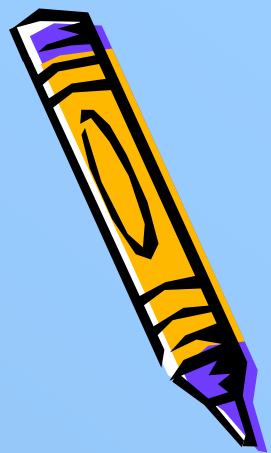
"Everything I Need to
Know I Learned in Middle
School"



What were you worried
about most when you
moved from the
elementary school to
the middle school?



What aspect of
Middle School do you
enjoy the most?



Clubs Offered Could Include:



- Art Club
- Cooking/Culture
- Drama
- E4E
- Math Club
- SADD
- Scrabble
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- School Store



*Contingent upon the budget process

Teamwork Makes the Difference



❖ Team Design

❖ Team Focus



❖ Teaming advantages in middle school





Building Partnerships...



South Middle School
invites you to:

*Actively participate in
your child's education*



Lynbrook South Middle School PTA



- Allison Cordes, Charmaine Sorbara
Co-Presidents
- We are partners
- We strive for 100% membership
- See the table outside for
membership forms and
opportunities to participate



The Excellence in Education Foundation



- Ivy Reilly, President
- Raises funds exclusively for the enhancement of the public schools in the Lynbrook Union Free School District
- See the table outside for more information and opportunities to get involved



Developing Relationships:

- Principal
- Teacher in Charge
- Teachers
- School Nurse
- Counselors
- Social Worker
- School Psychologists
- Support Staff
- PTSA
- SEPTA





Communication is
the Name of the
Game!



Communication

Who ya gonna call...?

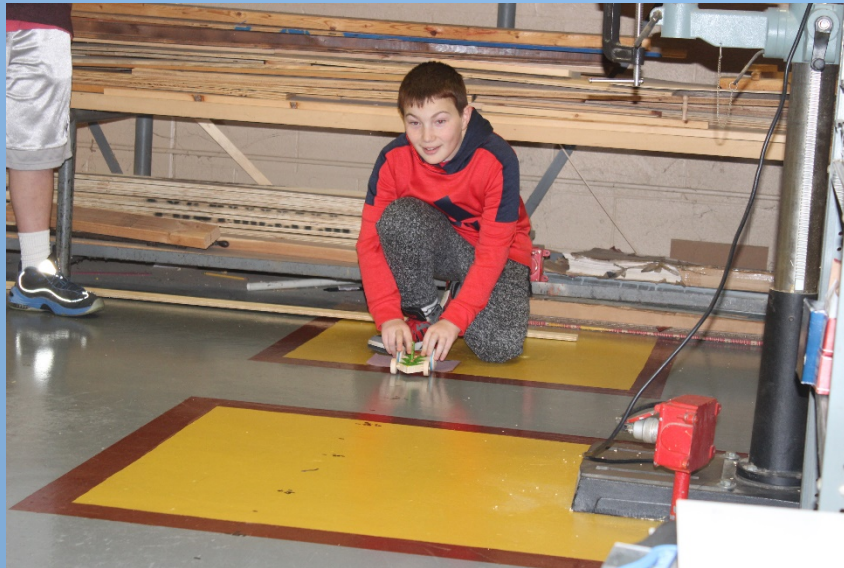


- Classroom teacher
- Guidance counselor
- Teacher in Charge
- Social worker/School Psychologist
- Nurse
- Middle School Principal
- Department Chairs/Directors



What's on your mind?

*Is it hard to get to
class on time?*



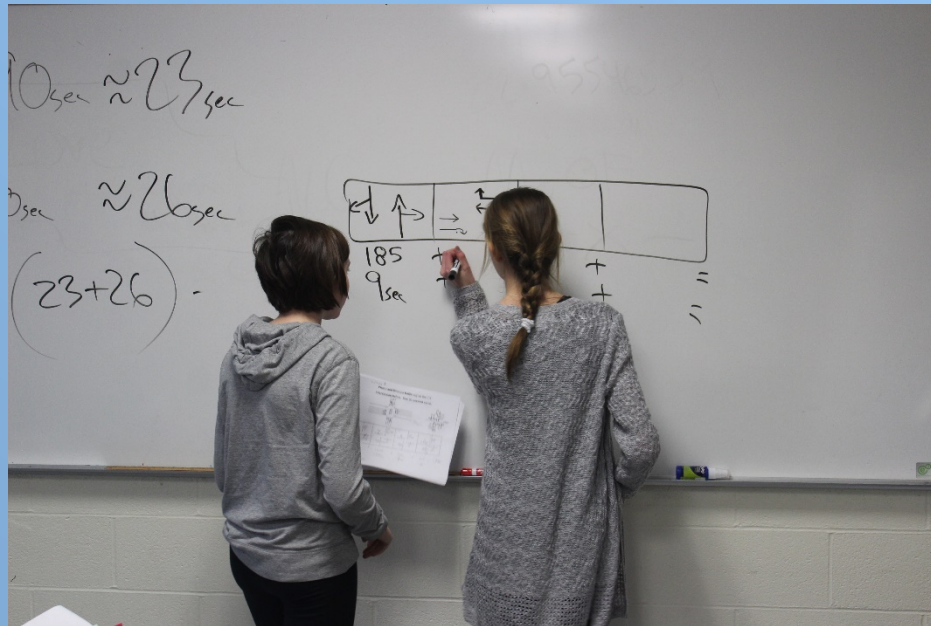
What's on your mind?

Is there a lot of homework?



What's on your mind?

How much time should my child spend on homework each night?



What's on your child's mind?



- How will I find my way around?
- How long are the periods?
- How much time is there between classes?
- What happens at the end of the day?



What's on your child's mind?

- *What is lunch like?*



What's on your child's mind?



- How many teachers will I have next year?
- What if I forget my locker combination?
- How does extra help work?
- What if I'm late for a class?



What's on your child's mind?

- How many tests will I take?
- How many kids in each class?
- What if I forget my lunch money?
- Where do we go when we get to school?
- When do we get to use the library?



What's on your child's mind?



- Do I keep my backpack in my classroom or in my locker?
- What should you do if an older kid bullies you?



What's on your child's mind?

- Do we switch classes for every subject?
- Do we have recess?



Parents

- Communicate with school
- Stay involved
- Join PTA
- Open door policy
- Support your child



Lynbrook School District Website

Please visit our school district website. It contains some of the following information:

- Bell Schedule
- Club Calendars
- Forms
- PTA/SEPTA Information
- Lunch Menus
- Power School Portal Access
- E-mail: A vehicle for communication
- Updates on school closings

www.Lynbrookschools.org



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Reflection and Feedback