

SOUTH SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL



2018-2019 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2013
Re-Designated in 2019

Community Size - Rural
School Enrollment - 240
Grade Levels - 6-8
School Calendar - traditional
Free & Reduced Lunch - 38%
English Learners - 0%
Students with Disabilities - 20%

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2018-2019 School Demographics

- **African American - 0%**
- **Asian - 0%**
- **Caucasian - 98%**
- **Filipino - 0%**
- **Hispanic - 0%**
- **Native American - 0%**
- **Pacific Islander - 0%**
- **Other - 2%**
- **Two or More - 0%**

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- South Side Middle School continues to use the mission and vision statements striving to be A Globally Connected, Innovative Learning Community.
- Benchmark assessments and common local assessments are utilized to measure growth and guide instruction.
- Team planning for cross curricular and co-teaching learning opportunities.
- Flexible scheduling allows for block periods, co-teaching opportunities, make-up work and extra

assistance.

Developmental Responsiveness

- SSMS provides comprehensive services to meet the needs of the individual student.
- Weekly character education occurs in advisory settings with weekly topics for discussion and focus.
- Monthly character education assemblies to build unity in middle school concepts and terminology.
- Parents are considered partners in education the whole student and SSMS forms a collaborative atmosphere in decisions and communication throughout the year in various formal in informal meetings, PTO, conferences, open-house, and electronic communication.

Social Equity

- SSMS is dedicated to developing each student's full potential utilizing a caring and fostering developmentally appropriate learning experiences in a safe environment of respect, equality and fairness.
- Positive behavior supports and expectations are communicated throughout the school climate and posted in each classroom called RAMS RULES.
- Curriculum, instruction and student learning opportunities are based on data and standards.
- Career and future planning is facilitated through the counselor and through advisory time.

Organizational Support

- SSMS offers a variety of learning activities that encompasses academics, wellness, health, arts, STEM, music, clubs and activities through the Unified Arts and Intervention and Enrichment periods.
- Community partnerships promote service and social awareness as well as a Career Day that provides opportunities for our students to attend four specific career presentations based on a student interest inventory.
- SSMS Grade levels are organized in teams that meet daily, have common planning, monthly building meetings and Professional Learning Communities that allow for communication, collaboration and professional growth.
- Services for at-risk students include Positive Steps Program, safety net forms, SAP team, prevention specialist, guidance counselor, school psychologist and various therapists.