

Professional Learning Communities



Noblesville East Middle School is Making it Happen!

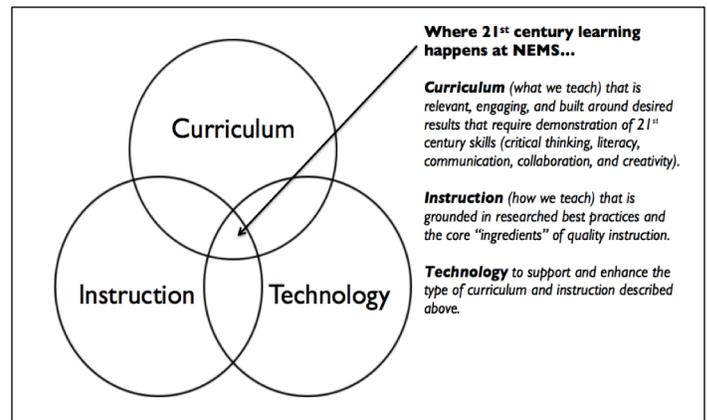
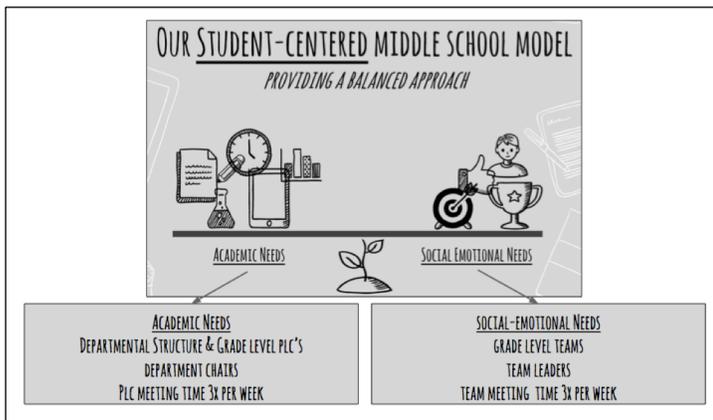


WE ARE Noblesville East Middle School, located just northeast of Indianapolis in Hamilton County. We are one of two middle schools serving the greater Noblesville community, and have a population of 1070 students in grades 6, 7 and 8. We are proud of our middle school program and structure, which is centered on interdisciplinary teaming to provide wrap around academic and affective services and support for our students and families.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES represent 19 different countries of origin, and are comprised of a population that is about 30% free or reduced lunch and 16% special needs. A teamed program, comprehensive and responsive counselor program, extensive enrichment and extra-curricular offerings, diverse electives courses, and growing available interventions help us engage our students and families and allow them to find success.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE is driven by our school and district mission to provide student-centered learning, integrating inquiry, 21st century skills, and technology into our curriculum and instruction. An intentional, strategically planned school structure provides the time, resources, and support needed to operationalize this mission in the form of twice weekly interdisciplinary team planning time, three times weekly grade level Professional Learning Community collaboration time, team leaders and department chairs, and monthly early release professional development for teachers. Protocols drive department and PLC meetings, including data collection and analysis, SMART goals, instructional planning, professional development, and curriculum work through the Understanding by Design 2.0 framework.

OUR STEPS began 6 years ago with a broad-based committee researching all best middle school practices, adopting a plan based upon learning, and getting to work in making that plan a reality. The plan included a redesign of the daily schedule, organizational structures, and lots of hard work and commitment to doing things the “right way” according to the research!



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