

Mason Middle School

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Staff and teachers are dedicated to making middle school a challenging and rewarding experience. Waterford is firmly committed to the middle school concept of education (grades 6-8, approximately 2,500 students) and has made the transition to that model between the elementary and high school levels. An interdisciplinary team approach has been implemented. A group of teachers work with the same group of students to meet their unique needs. The curriculum at the middle school level is specifically designed to focus on challenging academic goals, the development of socially acceptable behavior, and other critical human development needs of early adolescents. All Waterford middle schools are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



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Opportunities to Excel

Our students are offered an excellent instructional program in the basic academic areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students learn within teaching teams and have a great variety of programming options, including some highly specialized courses. The core subjects are complimented by outstanding opportunities in the areas of: art, band, orchestra, computer technology, foreign Languages, life management, music, physical education, learning strategies, and technology.

Experiences to Explore

There are many programs and services which enhance our student's academic program. Those include: enrichment and acceleration opportunities; journalism; yearbook; student council; counseling services; interscholastic opportunities in math, science, social studies, spelling, and computers; student assistance program; summer academy; conflict resolution, and advisor/advisee anchor time.

For students interested in athletics, there are many programs available. Students may compete in any of the following areas: football, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, spirit squad, intramural cross-county, and intramural tennis.

A Role for Parents

We believe that parental involvement is crucial to student success. We have many opportunities for parents to become involved in the school and your child's academic success. The very best education results can only be achieved when parents, students, and teachers work together to help students succeed. You may contact the school office to talk with with Mason's Parent Valued Volunteer Coordinator.

Points of Pride

- Mason Middle School is fully accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)
- Technology exceeds national standards; computer labs that enhance instruction
- Students participate with staff in conflict resolution /peer mediation programs
- Consistent parent/student involvement in our school and PTSA
- Students and staff are involved with community service and help assist those with needs
- Students are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the school community in the Hall of Fame and are honored for their academic achievements in May at the All A Deserving Dessert
- Students shine in such programs as the American Mathematics Competition, Michigan Young Poets Contest, PTSA Reflections, Middle School Internet Project, National Geography Bee, Technology Inspiration, and Destination Imagination
- Students conduct student-led parent conferences and have an active role in leadership participation through student council, National Junior Honor Society, and Ambassadors
- Teachers keep current with best practice and research
- Special grade level trip opportunities are available such as sixth grade camp and Washington D.C.