

6th Grade Teacher

Replace STEM instructional Coach

Eliminate the request for a STEM teacher at the Middle School and hire an additional 6th grade teacher.

“A middle school model... is for young adolescents, student-centered, promotes collaboration, is interdisciplinary focused, has flexible scheduling, provides common planning and is affective and cognitive - encompassing the whole child.”

In the 2016-2017 budget year, the middle school downsized by one teacher based on enrollment numbers. This change occurred at the 6th grade level due to teacher certification. In 7th and 8th grade teachers are certified by subject area versus an elementary certification. Structures were implemented for the 6th grade to function as a grade level and the teachers shared all students. At the end of that school year the teachers shared that this made tracking student learning and progress more difficult and that the 6th grade would like to return to a team model in 2017-2018.

REPORTS TO: Building Principal or designee

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This year, 2017-2018, the middle school did return to that model with a four-person and three-person team. There was also an introduction of a brand new ELA curriculum with the reader and writer's workshop and a new social studies curriculum with a focus on writing and discussion. These new curriculums expect that teachers conference 1:1 with students in order to provide personalized feedback for student growth. The expected number of students for the 2017-2018 school year was 170 students. Over the summer and the fall an additional 13 students were enrolled in the school. This has brought many of the 6th grade classes to 25-27 students, hence making 1:1 conferencing and feedback in the new curriculum less likely.

Upon reflection and discussion with the 6th grade teachers and reviewing our district vision statement, we feel that an additional teacher in the 2018-2019 school year would benefit the student's learning and progress. At this time the projection coming into 6th grade is 170 students; therefore we feel strongly that we need to add a Social Studies teacher in order to keep class sizes from reaching 26-27 again.

SALARY: Negotiated through teachers' contract