

# SCHOOLS TO WATCH

## BROOKLAND MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

### Brookland Middle School



### 2007-2010 School Statistics

(Source: Enter name of data source for stats listed below.) APSCAN

Community: pop. 1750, Rural  
Enrollment: School 385, District 1750  
Grade Levels: 4-6  
School Schedule: Flex

#### Student Demographics

.04%	Hispanic
93%	White
.006%	African American
00%	Filipino
.01%	Asian
00%	Pacific Islander
37%	Free/Reduced Lunch
.01%	English Learners

07-08 AYP: Met AYP  
09-10 AYP: Met AYP  
10-11 AYP: Met AYP

### Designated in 2010-2011

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## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence

- No Zeros Policy
- Common Assessments
- Pacing Guides
- Response to Intervention (Progress Monitoring)
- Professional Learning Communities (Vertically Aligned)
- Assessment Binders
- Standards Based Grading and Use of the Depth of Knowledge Scale

## **Schools to Watch – Taking Center Stage**

### **Brookland Middle School**

#### **Developmental Responsiveness**

- Positive Behavior Intervention Systems
- Flex Scheduling for increased time on subject matter
- Kagan training for Cooperative Learning
- School Based Mental Health Systems (Mid-South Counseling on site)
- Guidance classes taught regularly for young adolescent issues

#### **Social Equity**

- Diversity promoted and appreciated through Music, Art and School Wide devotion to Reading
- Flex Scheduling for ALL students to get 100 minutes of Math and 100 minutes of Literacy a day
- School Wide Title I services provided
- RTI for ALL students
- Focus on Ruby Payne's work and use in the classroom (Hands on activities and broad vocabulary acquisition)
- Focus on gap between total population and low socio-economic sub-group (Technology use and parent offerings through the school)

#### **Organizational Support**

- Nestle Grant for Reading initiatives and Math promotion
- Area support from Kohls, Wal-Mart, Target and Best Buy
- Community support and voice garnered from 8 sectors advisory committee.
- Heightened communication about ALL aspects of student development (Website, Standards based grading, Zero Policy, etc.
- Long standing relationship with Mid-South Health Systems