

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS SCHOOLS TO WATCH

MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

Twelve Corners Middle School



Designated in 2005; Redesignated 2009

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2008-09 School Statistics

From NYS Accountability Report

Community: 20,000/Suburban
Enrollment: 876
Grade Levels: 6,7,8
School Schedule: 6-Day Block Schedule

Student Demographics

51%	Male
49%	Female
3.5%	Hispanic/Latino
75.5%	White
0%	American Indian/Alaskan Native
7.3%	African American
0%	Filipino
13.6%	Asian/Pacific Islander
14.0%	Students with Disabilities
2.1%	Free/Red. Lunch/Econ. Disadv.
1.3%	English Learners

2006-2007 AYP: ELA 187/AMO 118
Math 182/AMO 82
2007-2008 AYP ELA 189/AMO 129
Math 191/AMO 98

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- 3 team model in 6th, 7th, 8th with common team and department planning time scheduled
- Hybrid block schedule
- LOTE: 3 year experience in French, German or Spanish
- Advanced high school math (single and double accelerated), science and foreign language in 8th grade; Advanced Chemistry in 7th grade)
- After school help time in all subjects
- Academic intervention services provided at 6th, 7th, 8th grades in math and English
- High school level technology course Electricity and Communication
- Additional activity – snowshoeing for 8th grade physical education
- Curriculum maps completed for all departments and now in a rotation for department review for rigor
- Extended studies program includes 6-7-8 program offerings
- Academic challenge bowl
- High school students tutor students after school
- Keyboarding offered in 7th grade
- Increase in interdisciplinary advancements e.g.: MST, Medieval Days
- Connect 4: developing programmatic/instructional/curricular connections between all 4 buildings in district
- Technology integrated into the curriculum with the support of a Tech. TSA.
- Academic and enrichment summer programs – Stepping Stones 5-8, Jewish school summer program, Magic Club, Performing Arts
- Sports study hall for all interscholastic athletes
- MathCounts Team compete at the NYS level

Developmental Responsiveness

- Health and Wellness committee
- Extracurricular student and staff involvement
- Comprehensive clubs and activities program, e.g.: Magic Club, Science Olympiad, Mentoring
- Intramural program 6, 7, 8
- Activity nights
- End of year closure parties
- Parent chaperones
- PTSA building involvement
- Job shadowing in Home and Careers and Career Day
- Visiting artists and Theatre production previews
- Community outreach – performing groups at senior living communities
- Newspaper and yearbook – 6, 7, 8
- Student Council
- Morning show broadcast
- Homeroom - approximately 13:1 student/adult ratio
- Friendship groups for students
- 5th grade orientation and transition program to TCMS for 6th grade
- 6th grade orientation for students and parents
- Teacher – Mentor program
- Counseling groups

Social Equity

- Friends of Rachel Club promoting a positive school culture
- Fund raising and charity projects : chain of caring, mentoring club, food bank, shopping for Hillside
- Participation in urban suburban program
- Chinese school on Saturdays
- English differentiation offered to all students, not just identified advanced students
- Teacher and Team web pages
- Disability awareness workshop in 6th grade
- Trips for all – foreign language, Outdoor Education, D.C. - financial support given as needed
- Lunch with the principal and evening forums
- Curriculum maps accessible to parents on BCSD website
- Additional club activities to draw young students of differing interests (drama club, scrabble club, Newbery club, Art club and more)
- Email for all teachers
- International Fair featuring student cultural presentations from around the world
- Science fair-spring fest
- Brighton night off
- Accessible to parents

Organizational Support

- Two 8:1:1 classes fro academic and functional growth
- 3 team model with common planning time in all grades
- Reassigned counselor position to support AIS program
- Transition process for creating teams
- Skills lab and organizational support
- Teacher and district websites
- Weekly school news through eNews and website
- Intranet for internal news, calendar, committee agendas and minutes, and communication
- Brighton Teacher Center workshops offered to all
- Technology workshops provided on an on-going basis
- Increase use of SmartBoards, VDP and Elmos in classrooms
- The use of Wikis, Blogs, Moodle, Castle Learning and other technologies to support instruction
- Mentor program for new teachers
- Block schedule
- Professional development ongoing for tenured teachers PST, Team Leaders, Planning Team
- Curriculum maps
- Additional counselor
- Change in counseling format-alpha assignment – counselor working with same family for 3 years

- **Team meetings**
- **Dept. meetings**
- **Counselor attends team meetings**
- **Alert system – district wide, text messaging –emergency alert system**
- **TSA’s for English, math**
- **Organizational support (for students with 504 plans) and others as identified through pupil services team**
- **Tech staff training**
- **Extensive staff curriculum development-offered during or afterschool and summer**
- **Building Planning Team**
- **Wide variety of technology – Elmo, SmartBoards, data projector, mobile carts, computer labs**