

Facility Planning Guiding Principles – Middle School

- **Optimal Learning Environment**
 - 6-8 Grade Configuration to minimize transitions
 - 800 – 1050 Enrollment Capacity
- **Variety of Learning Experiences**
 - Space for whole group, small group, interventions near the classroom, large group instruction areas
 - Space for support services – OT/PT/individualized instruction with appropriate ADA requirements, ENL, contracted support services, and clinic
 - Flexible furniture to increase student collaboration spaces – inquiry, personal experiences
 - Staff collaboration spaces – work areas for discussion, planning, and reflection
 - Instructional technology and infrastructure
- **Safety and Security**
 - Secured entrances
 - Cameras inside and outside
 - Traffic flow at arrival and dismissal and event parking

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An Example of a Desired Middle School Classroom to Create an Optimal Learning Environment



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Flexible Furniture Design in a Middle School Classroom



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A Middle School Orchestra Classroom



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Middle School Media Center



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A Middle School Cafeteria



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**Science Classrooms for
an Optimal Learning
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Middle School Hallway Design



Middle School Gymnasium