

## ABOUT NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Northfield Middle School, situated on an expansive campus just south of downtown Northfield, has a longstanding tradition of academic excellence. The staff of more than 100 is focused on offering a high quality, well-rounded education that strives to meet the specific needs of each student and prepare graduates for lifelong success.

In addition to the academic support students receive from educators, Northfield Middle School recognizes the tremendous benefits of a mentor relationship, offering an acclaimed, results-oriented program that pairs a number of students with adults in the community who can provide friendship, encouragement and homework assistance. Everyone on our team – from teachers and principals to staff members and mentors – supports the overarching mission of the organization: Empowering learners; inspiring confidence. It's a commitment that inspires our work and is at the forefront of each and every interaction. On a daily basis we pledge to the following:

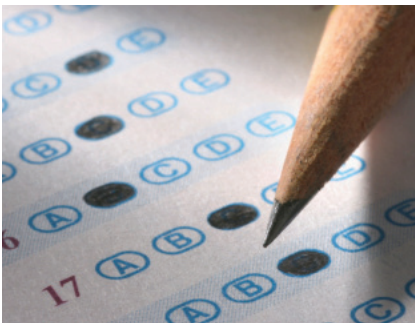
- Ensuring an environment that inspires self-directed learning and academic excellence.
- Promoting a caring and respectful community that encourages students to pursue their passions.
- Motivating students in a safe environment that inspires them to be contributing members of our society.

As you get to know Northfield Middle School a bit better, you'll find that we're committed to ongoing dialogue in order to ensure the very best learning atmosphere for your student. Even better, through Northfield Public Schools' online information portal – Family Access – parents are kept up-to-date on their child's progress in the classroom, including:

- A detailed schedule of your child's day (including grades and assignments).
- Contact information for teachers.
- Daily attendance records.

## ACADEMICS

At Northfield Middle School, we understand that the middle school years are an important time in a student's development. A thoughtful mix of required and elective courses will fuel the curious mind while providing the necessary foundational support. At every opportunity students are challenged to reach their full potential.



**GRADE 6** – Students are required to take the following classes all year: math, reading, science, social studies, writing, physical education, Explore 6 (a combination of art, reading and keyboarding), and music (band, choir, orchestra or general music).

**GRADE 7** – Students are required to take the following classes all year: English, life science, math, social studies and physical education. In addition, students will choose at least two electives: a world language (Spanish, French or German), a music course (band, choir or orchestra), art, advanced family and consumer sciences, or industrial technology/woods.

**GRADE 8** – Students are required to take the following classes all year: art, communication, English, geography, geosciences, math, health and physical education. In addition, students

will choose at least two electives: a world language (Spanish, French or German), a music course (band, choir or orchestra), art, advanced family and consumer sciences, or industrial technology/woods.



## AMISTADES: SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Students enrolled in the Compañeros Spanish Immersion Program at one of our three area elementary schools (Bridgewater, Greenvale Park and Sibley) have the opportunity to continue their bilingual classroom experiences in the Middle School's Amistades program. This program, which provides daily Spanish instruction, has received praise from students and families alike, better preparing kids for success in language programs in high school and beyond.

## CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Believing that co-curricular programs complement a student's classroom education, Northfield Middle School offers a breadth of performance opportunities for students to explore. From choir and basketball, to yearbook and tennis, educators use these activities as occasion to further impress upon students important skills such as leadership, teamwork, creativity, time management, self expression, goal-setting and more.

### ACTIVITIES

Basketball (Boys and Girls)  
Chess Club  
Environmental Club  
Football (Boys)  
Jazz Ensemble  
Honors Choir  
Knowledge Masters

Minnesota Junior High Mathematics  
League  
School Musical/Play  
School Newspaper  
Science Olympiad  
Soccer (Boys and Girls)  
Speech Club

Spelling Bee  
Student Council  
Tennis (Boys and Girls)  
Track (Boys and Girls)  
Volleyball  
Wrestling (Boys)  
Yearbook

## BY THE NUMBERS

Grades: 6–8.

Enrollment: 888 students.

Last year, middle school students outperformed national averages on every section of the EXPLORE Grade 8 Exam.

The average student-teacher ratio is 29.5:1.

## MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about Northfield Middle School and enrolling your student, please contact Jeff Pesta, principal at Northfield Middle School, at 507.663.0650 or [Jeff.Pesta@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:Jeff.Pesta@nfld.k12.mn.us).

