
MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Middle Level Education, as defined by the Nashua Board of Education, is provided to students in Grades 7, 8. Effective September 2004, Middle Level Education will include Grades 6, 7 and 8.

The components of Middle Level Education include an emphasis on a student-centered program; development of effective learning communities; interdisciplinary planning; block scheduling; establishing small group student/teacher relationships; parents as active partners; accountability; and program evaluation.

- a. Team teaching of a small community of learners consists of two or more teachers who provide the educational program for a set group of students.
- b. Interdisciplinary planning is the connection and integration of content purposefully planned to maximize learning.
- c. Block scheduling is an administrative tool used to provide teachers with common planning time and the potential for elongating blocks of instructional time.
- d. Small group teacher/student relationships can include advisor/advisee relationships, where the teacher meets with the students collectively or individually on a regular basis in a consulting fashion throughout the year.
- e. Parents as active partners: Engaging the family as partners in supporting student achievement by building collaborative relationships with the entire community.
- f. Increased accountability and commitment to routine program evaluation by utilizing a variety of measures that includes improved achievement scores, enhanced attendance, and improved discipline, as well as authentic measures of student performance.
- g. Students in 8th grade may take advanced courses and apply the credit of those courses toward high school graduation, provided the course demonstrates content requirements consistent with related high school courses and the student achieves satisfactory standards of performance. School Board policies relative to assessment, mastery and competency shall apply. The high school principal shall approve such course work and credit prior to the student enrolling in the class in order for such credit to be applied toward high school graduation.

Legal Reference:

NH RSA 306.26(f), Extended Learning Opportunities-Middle School: Granting High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Coursework
NH RSA 306.261(e), Granting High School Credit for 7th/8th Grade Coursework

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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