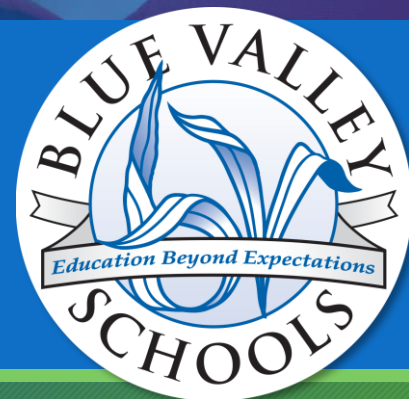




# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Study Update



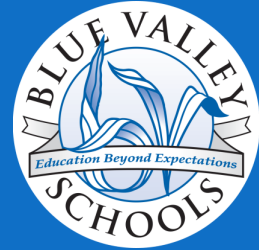
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# Middle School **Non-Negotiables**



- Instruction that produces globally competitive students
- More time in classes
- Smaller class sizes in the core
- More options for kids
- PLC time for teachers
- Resources to make vision a reality (time, people, facility, curriculum)
- Intervention time for kids built within the school day with students having an element of choice
- Differentiation for students
- Professional Learning
- We need to make a change

# Middle School Study

## Vision for Instruction



- Facilitated Instruction
- Technology skills
- Collaboration
- Problem Based Learning
- Persuasive/technical writing
- Critical thinking skills
- Communication in multiple formats
- Seeking out information
- Teachers become facilitators
- Skills for jobs we don't know about yet
- Soft skills
- Growth Mindset
- Safe environment for all kids
- Focus on Personal Growth
- Problem Solvers

# Middle School Study Update

## Schedule Goal



Craft a schedule so that it encourages rather than hinders instructional flexibility

- Student Centered Instruction
- Teachers can go deeper into content: how teachers can make instructional decisions about the use of time to meet students' needs
- Problem Based Learning
- **Time on the front end to reap benefits for the final product**

# Middle School Study Update

## **Instruction Goal**



### *Modern Middle School Teaching and Learning*

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
  - Problem Based Learning Strategies
- Course Improvements
  - Curriculum
  - Instructional strategies
  - Integrated contents
  - Student-centered approach
- WL Language Plan Impact

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**Technology Goal**



## Focus...

On the learning...not the tool.

Changing instructional strategies.

Enhancing the collaborative environment.

Expanding learning opportunities.

# Middle School Study Update

## Changes for 2017-2018 School Year



- Change in Instructional Practices
- More choice for students with WL and Music
- Expanded electives
- Teacher voice in development of classes for 2018-2019



# Middle School Study Update

## Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year



### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Required (accounts for 6 hours)

- 5 Core (ELA, Math, Science, SS, Reading)
- Guided Study or Guided Discovery/PE

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Elective Options (accounts for 2 hours)

- World Language (semester)
- Music (full year)
- Quarter electives in Speech, Drama, Pre-Engineering, Computers, Art, Foods, Sewing, Structured SH

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## **Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year**



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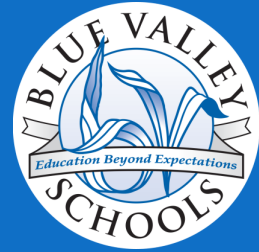
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## **Schedule – 2017-2018 School Year**

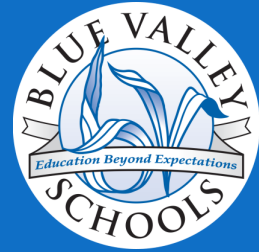


## New Elective Offerings

- Coding
- Robotics
- Modern Communications
- Farm to Table Foods

# Middle School Study Update

## Schedule – 2018-2019 School Year



- Still dreaming and exploring options
- Benchmarking visits
- Schedule will focus on the class time we need to transform instruction
- C&I committee will approve all new curriculum
- Regular updates to the C&I committee on the work

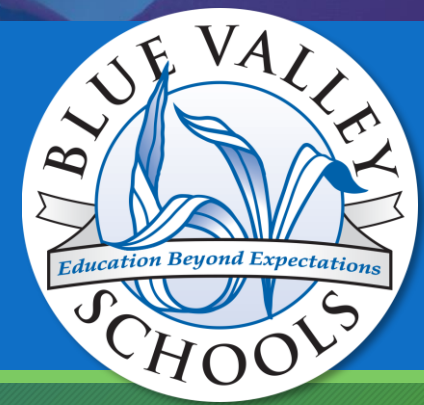
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