



Gilbert Middle School

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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Principal: Kyle Meetze, Ed.D.

Assistant Principals: Kelly Smoak, Chip Spradley and Bucky Stroud

Grades Served: 6–7

Student Enrollment: 847

School Motto: Belong. Grow. Serve.

Empower each child to design the future.

Our mission is to create a school where we all belong, grow, and serve.

All students, regardless of circumstances, advance on time, prepared to graduate and ready to enter college, the military or industry with certification.

Gilbert Middle School students regularly utilize the skills of communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking as they engage with high quality instructional methods and meaningful, real-world tasks. Teachers collaborate to create lessons that incorporate best practices, in order to support student success both in and out of the classroom. We implement multiple supports that meet students where they are in order to help them meet their goals and prepare them for their future.

Teaching and learning develop power skills in all students.

At Gilbert Middle School we teach students about our Habits of Character (HOC): Integrity, empathy, and growth mindset. Students have explicit lessons on HOC during our advisory time, called Huddle. However, HOC live in every aspect of our school. Teachers integrate the HOC in core and exploratory classes, while administrators and school counselors reference them when conferencing with students. Developing these habits will not only help our students to be successful in school, but in life.

Our schools are service-oriented centers of learning, committed to family and community partnerships.

There is a strong sense of community in the town of Gilbert. Gilbert Middle School seeks to play a vital role in supporting our students, their families, and our community. We do this by offering students opportunities to participate in multiple service projects throughout the year that support our local community. GMS staff work together with families to address student concerns as they arise. Similarly, we work with community resources to help address family concerns when they face hardships. Our school improvement council and parent teacher organization also work hard to support our students and staff.

Every adult will be equipped with the skills and resources necessary to advocate for and ensure the success of all students.

We want Gilbert Middle School to be a place where all students feel that they belong. To this end, each faculty member has an advocacy class called Huddle. Huddle gives each student a caring adult who gets to know them as a person, helps them in developing Habits of Character, and can advocate for their needs. We support adults by providing them with relevant, high-quality professional learning on a regular basis. This professional learning equips our staff to meet students' needs so that they can continue to grow in their academics and character.