

Sherman Middle School

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About

The staff at Sherman Middle School is dedicated to developing curriculum that actively involves the young adolescent learner and engages every student in applying their knowledge and skills toward topics and issues that are based on curriculum standards, grounded in the interests of young adolescents, and take into consideration the cultures of students.

The staff at Sherman also organize their work around the MMSD Educational Framework by focusing on high quality learning, high quality relationships, and engagement of students. Student equity is also a key priority at Sherman.

Location

Sherman Middle School, named after Roger Sherman, one of the authors and signers of the Declaration of Independence, is located on Madison's north side in a culturally diverse area with a wealth of human resources from many cultures, races, ages, social and economic backgrounds. The sense of community among residents is a special feature of the north side that is recognized by many city leaders.

Class Size

The average class size in core content area courses and exploratories is 23 students. In elective classes (e.g., music) size is based on student interest.

Guiding Principles

Guiding principles and key components of the Sherman Middle School program include but are not limited to the following:

- Standards-based curriculum
- Integrated curriculum
- Curriculum based on the needs, interests, and cultures of the young adolescents that attend Sherman
- Inclusive practices
- Team teaching and team planning
- High quality exploratory courses
- Student wellness and nutrition
- Integrated technology programming
- Student voice and student leadership
- High quality professional development and collaboration among school staff