

**ACPS:
The Middle School
Journey**

ACPS Vision Statement

Set the international standard for educational excellence, where all students achieve their potential and actively contribute to our local and global communities.

Ten Great Things about ACPS Middle Schools

1. Great Teachers and School Leaders who CARE about Young People
2. Diverse Student Population
3. Smaller Middle Schools
4. Low Student:Counselor Ratio
5. Small Class Sizes
6. Instructional Coaches
7. Professional Development Opportunities
8. Intervention Programs for “At-Promise” Students
9. Talented and Gifted Program
10. Community that Supports Public Education

Vision for ACPS Middle Schools

- Personalization
- Individualization
- Accountability

Personalization

- Smaller Middle Schools
- Additional School Counselors, Language Arts Teachers, and Math Teachers
- Individualized Achievement Plans (IAP)
- PACE Period (2 days per week)

Individualization

- Open Enrollment Honors Courses
- Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)
- Co-curricular and Intramural Programs
- Implementation of Inclusive Practices

Accountability

- Professional Learning Plans (PLP)
- Professional Learning Teams
- IB – Middle Years Programme (MYP)
- Curriculum Mapping for all ACPS Middle School Teachers

Transition Activities/Programs

- Parent Orientation
- Tours for Rising Sixth Grade Parents
- Principal Meet and Greet at Elementary Schools
- Middle School Prep Program for Sixth Grade
 - Five-Day Program
 - July 5-29 at 7:25am-11:00am or 11:15am-2:50pm

Academic Celebrations

- 100% of middle school students participated in 2010 SOL testing (1st time in ACPS History)
- 90% Pass Rate for 2010 Writing SOL
- 97% Pass Rate for 2010 Algebra (3 of 5 schools had 100% pass rate)
- 25% Increase for Algebra Enrollment in 8th Grade 2010-11
- 100% Pass Rate for 2010 Geometry