

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

This year, we began a process that would assist our students in receiving a more well-rounded middle school experience with the help of staff and the Newark USD community.

We are an inclusive community of learners who actively engage in opportunities to grow academically and socially on our way to self-discovery. We all take part in creating a positive, safe, and vibrant environment, committed to respecting, valuing, and supporting each other's journey.

This process was an essential opportunity for staff, student, family, and community stakeholders to re-envision the middle school experience. The steps made to create this new vision of Newark USD Middle School were to:

- Design and develop a middle school mission, vision, and portrait of a graduate
- Clarify the student population needs the redesigned middle school seeks to serve
- Assess current school structures, respective cultures, site programs, and systems in place that can be applied and adapted to the middle school community
- Identify our NUSD priorities for ensuring all students that we seek to serve at the middle school have the programs and supports they need to thrive as learners and leaders
- Building consensus on a plan for our community to take collective responsibility for a successful revisioning of the middle school experience

