Middleton School District
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Mark Hinkson will be the next Middleton Middle School principal



Current Assistant Principal Mark Hinkson will step into the top job at Middleton Middle School at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

Hinkson started as an assistant principal in Middleton in the 2017-2018 school year. He also serves as a crossing guard for the school. He was a teacher and coach for nine years and a school administrator for 4 years before that in Texas schools.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the community of Middleton and to lead an exceptional group of educators,” Hinkson said.

Hinkson will replace Diana Wold who announced in February that she planned to retire.



Mr. Hinkson exemplifies the kind of leader we want at the middle school level. He has demonstrated reliability and strives to create an environment that is ideal for student learning” Superintendent Marc Gee said. “He has an understanding of how middle school students learn and a vision for how to continue raising Middleton Middle School’s achievement. In addition, he will continue to work to build the bridge between both elementary and high school staff to raise both standards and student performance.”

The Middleton Board of Trustees approved Hinkson’s promotion, based on Gee’s recommendation during Monday night’s meeting.

“I want to continue to work with the district and community to provide improvements to the school and to make a learning environment that all are exceptionally proud of.”

Hinkson is both fun and ambitious. His application demonstrates that with a push to make things ultimately better for students. He delivered his top five goals to accomplish in the first six months on the job in David Letterman Style: *(Note: these have been edited for length)*

- **Number. 5:** Work with maintenance and custodial staff to make the school an inviting place for students, staff and parents.
- **Number. 4:** Work with the District Office, Caldwell Transportation, Idaho Department of Transportation and the city of Middleton to make sure pickup and drop-off zones are safe for the entire community.
- **Number. 3:** Build time during my schedule and teachers' schedules to meet once a month with specific grade level and subject groups to talk about data, needs, wants, concerns and gather general input.
- **Number. 2:** Build parent and community involvement.
- **And my Number 1 goal I would have if I was hired as the new principal of the Middle School is:** Work with other principals and the District Office to make sure we are on the same page. … We are all Vikings and I would do whatever it takes to make everybody at all levels successful.

Hinkson extends his appreciation to “Mrs. Wold for hiring me and mentoring me over the past 7 years. I would like to thank Mr. Gee and Mrs. Pennington for the opportunity to lead. I would like to thank my wife Cara and my children, Charlie and Ellie, for supporting me.”

Mrs. Wold is excited for Mr. Hinkson.

“Mark Hinkson is a dedicated, knowledgeable, and compassionate educational leader, who supports and empowers teachers and students. He possesses the ability to articulate ideas with clarity and precision, making him an effective communicator among staff, parents, students and community members.”

Gee said the hiring process was extensive. Of the 15 applications, seven were selected to be interviewed by the hiring committee. All interviews were guided by feedback given by parents, students, and teachers on a survey sent out in February. The hiring committee consisted of middle school faculty and staff as well as parents of Middleton students.