

As you prepare to be a well-informed middle school parent, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with some of the commonly used terms at Brentwood Middle.



OER (Open Educational Resources)

OER stands for Open Educational Resources and is a dynamic digital library of educational texts, media, virtual labs, interactive activities, and other digital materials. OER materials provide up-to-date, virtual resources to support teaching and learning in today's progressive environment such as interactive formative assessments with immediate feedback, simulations, and science and engineering investigation suggestions. These materials provide students the opportunity to learn in a flexible environment by exploring texts, organizing information, and collaborating with peers while they create projects and products to showcase their learning. Currently WCS uses these teacher resources to support our new TN science and social studies and World Language standards in place of a student textbook.



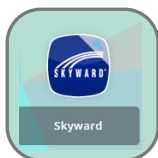
PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support)

PBIS is a school-wide model for common expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Pride. Teachers will reinforce these expectations when students demonstrate these expectations by giving students "BMS Bucks." This school-wide behavioral intervention model provides support for students who may be struggling behaviorally academically.



Related Arts

Related Arts classes are enrichment classes that are offered to all grade levels at Brentwood Middle. Students typically rotate through classes on a nine-week, semester, or yearly basis. Courses include, but are not limited to: Drama, Physical Education, Spanish, Media, Art, Chorus, Music, and Robotics..



Skyward

Skyward is a student, parent, and teacher database used throughout the entire District. It contains things such as grades, records, attendance, test scores, health history, etc. Parents, students, and teachers use Skyward often and each have their own login and access...



Schoology

Schoology is a learning management system (or LMS) which helps transform the traditional classroom to a twenty-first century learning experience. It allows teachers and students to share digital information, personalize learning for each student, and provide feedback for each lesson or activity. Many other technological tools are integrated within Schoology to make it a collaborative virtual classroom for teachers and students.



SRO

The School Resource Officer at Brentwood Middle provides a comforting level of security throughout the BMS campus.



STARS

STARS is the acronym for Students Taking a Right Stand. This school-based assistance program helps schools tackle tough issues that threaten the emotional, psychological, and academic well-being of each student. Through assemblies, classroom presentations and group/individual counseling sessions, STARS assists schools in preventing and confronting these very difficult challenges.



THRIVE

Taking Honorable Responsibility In Viking Excellence ("THRIVE") is a 45-minute class designed to empower students to take ownership of their learning. Teachers review weekly student-performance data to design "Open" and "Closed" sessions of instruction to support and enrich student learning. Students receive a THRIVE schedule each Monday and are encouraged to choose the THRIVE sessions that will have the greatest impact on their learning.



VAC

VAC stands for Viking Athletic Club. The purpose of VAC is to support fundraising for all sports. The VAC promotes student participation, school spirit and commitment to Brentwood Middle School athletics.