



Welcome to P.S. duPont Middle School



Administrative Team



P.S. duPont Vision and Guiding Principles for Success

Vision – To provide a welcoming environment where students are empowered to become respectful, responsible, and engaged citizens.

Core values

- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Data and Accountability
- Commitment to Excellence
- Equality



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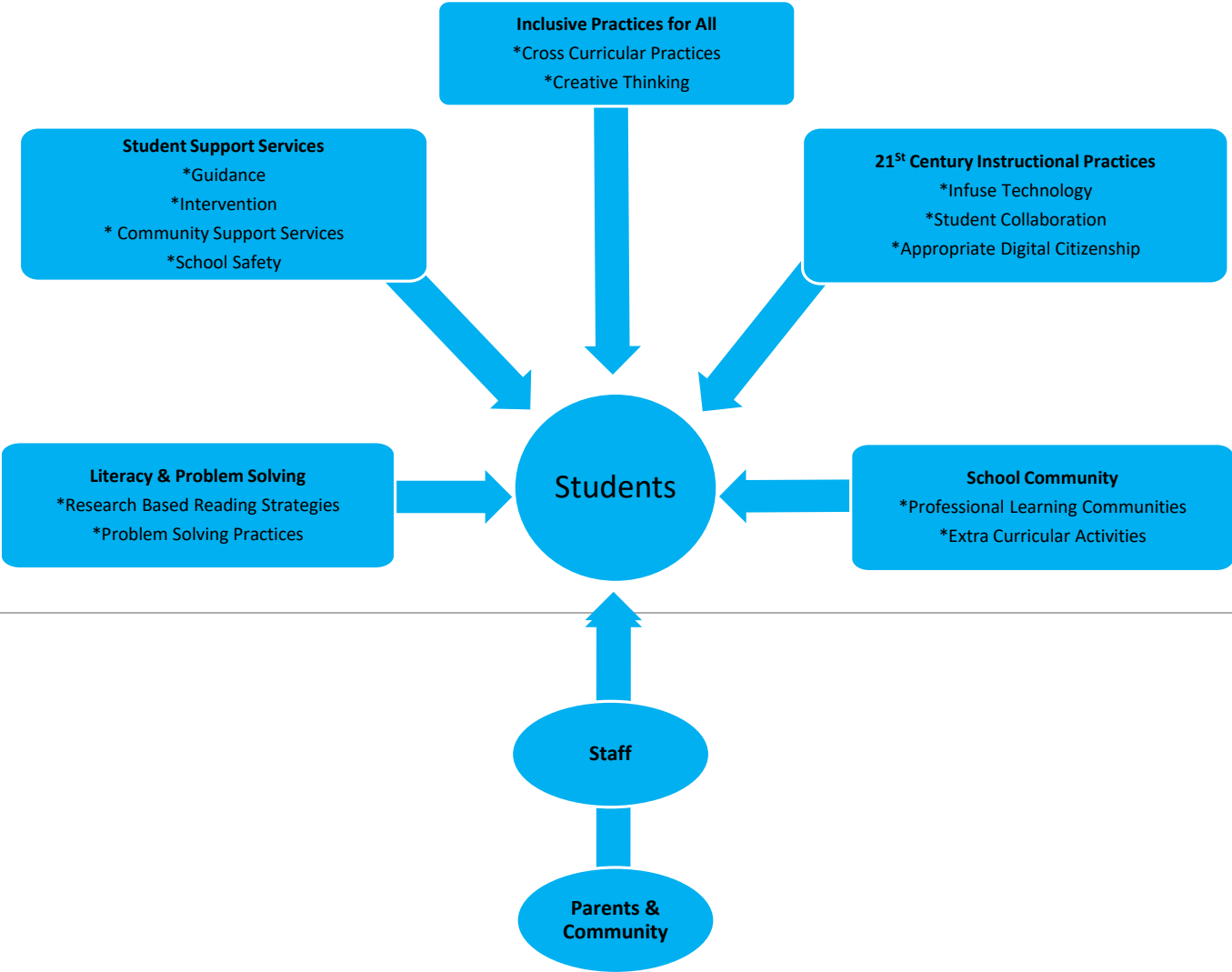
Collaboration and Teamwork: Students, staff members, parents, administrators, and community members must work together to develop and maintain a dynamic student-centered learning environment.

Data and Accountability: The relationship among curriculum, assessment, and instruction are interactive and formative. Everyone is accountable.

Excellence: Principals and staff members must have high expectations for themselves and their students; and work collaboratively to meet those expectations.

Equality: Schools must be committed to treating people fairly, respecting diversity and promoting educational opportunities for all stakeholders.

Guiding Principles ~ Pillars for Success



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Literacy and Problem solving

- Research based reading strategies
- Problem solving skills

Student Support Services

- School safety
- Counseling services
- MTSS Team
- Community support services

Inclusive Practices for All

- Culturally Relevant Pedagogy
- Creative thinking

21st Century Skills

- Infuse technology
- Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Communication
- Appropriate digital citizenship

School Community

- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)



Learning at P.S. duPont Middle School

One of our main goals is to exceed state and national learning standards. Our curriculum is at the heart of how we are able to meet our goal year after year. At PS students are challenged academically and supported emotionally. We always use best instructional practices to support our students as they reach academic success.

BSD instruction does not stop with learning concepts from the core curricular areas. It also develops necessary skills like problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity. Upon graduation, our students are ready and able to succeed as they enter college or the workplace.

SAMPLE 6th GRADE CLASSES		SAMPLE 7th GRADE CLASSES		SAMPLE 8th GRADE CLASSES	
English Language Arts	Math	English Language Arts	Math	English Language Arts	Math
Science	Social Studies	Science	Social Studies	Science	Social Studies
Physical Education & Health (1 Semester)		Physical Education & Health (1 Semester)		Physical Education & Health (1 Semester)	
Art (1 Semester)	Exploratory (1 Semester)	Exploratory (1 or 2 Semesters)	CTE (1 Semester)	Exploratory (1 or 2 Semesters)	World Language Level 1 (Optional)
Music		2nd Exploratory (if needed for schedule)		2nd Exploratory (if needed for schedule)	

Excellence at P.S. duPont Middle School

Gifted and Honors Courses

Gifted services offers students an accelerated and enriched academic curriculum that is created by the teachers using PCM (Parallel Curriculum Model) This is completely different than other schools. The Parallel Curriculum Model (PCM) is used to guide lesson development and decision-making. All lessons can be tied to at least one of the four Parallels.

Honors courses go deeper in the content and move faster than CP courses. There is also greater focus on math in the science and tech related subjects. Honors courses provide the best preparation for students who are considering applying to highly competitive colleges and universities. Students enrolled in these courses are expected to learn independently and have good study skills.



Excellence at P.S. duPont Middle School

Career and Technical Education



Our Technology Education program is designed to spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and cultivate problem-solving skills through hands-on exploration of technology and engineering concepts. Students will build their skills in the following areas:

- Develop an understanding of fundamental technology and engineering concepts.
- Cultivate problem-solving skills and creative thinking abilities.
- Gain proficiency in using technological tools and software for design and production.
- Collaborate effectively with peers to complete projects and solve complex problems.
- Communicate ideas and findings through written, oral, and multimedia presentations

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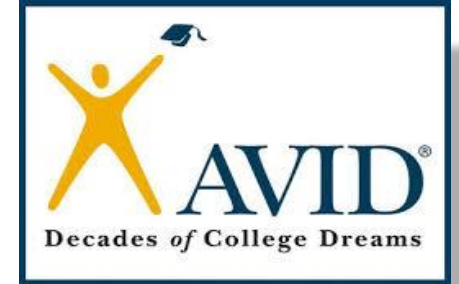
Career and Technical Education

Programs of study offered at PS Middle include

- Family and Consumer Science
- Introduction to Technology Education
- Inventions and Innovations
- Exploring Business 1 and 2

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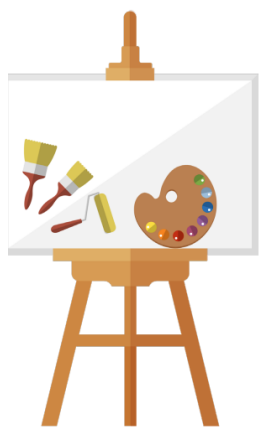
AVID Program



AVID's (Advancement Via Individual Determination) mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

AVID is a 6th~8th grade pathway and school-wide support system designed to prepare students in the academic middle for college.

The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, is driven by the WICOR method, which stands for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading.



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Visual and Performing Arts



VISUAL ARTS Visual art is an important part of a student's education. It gives them a voice to express themselves and offers a window into cultures and ideas that they may not ever explore on their own.

PS offers a robust Visual Arts program that exposes students to makers, processes, and ideas and encourages students to create exhibition-worthy artwork of their own. Students take a class as part of their regular schedule. They experiment with a variety of materials and study different cultures and artists. They are exposed to painting, printmaking, sculpture, collage, and drawing. They master the fundamentals of art such as line, shape, color, value, and texture. With each unit, students are encouraged to expand on their concepts by incorporating personal experiences. Cross-curricular lessons are integrated throughout the year.



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Visual and Performing Arts



PERFORMING ARTS Performing Arts educators at PS are passionate about introducing students to the rhythms and music of our world. Our lessons and curriculum reflect standards that make sure that students receive an engaging and well-rounded musical education.

General music classes and the opportunity to join a performance ensemble like band or chorus. These ensembles perform concerts in the evening for a live audience 2-3 times per school year as well as participate in special events during the school day. Beginning in 7th grade, students can audition for All-State ensembles. Our middle school ensembles travel and perform in music competitions. At these festivals, students receive feedback from accredited college/university professors or other professional musicians on their performances. Our performing arts departments also present live musical theater experiences for students each year.



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Athletics and Clubs

At PS, we offer competitive DIAA sports programs each season including volleyball, soccer, field hockey, wrestling, basketball, cheerleading, baseball, softball and tennis and Track and Field.

Award Winning Programs

- Girls' volleyball district champs – 2024 ~ 2025
- Tennis Champs 2023 ~ 2024
- Boys and Girls Track Champs 2023~ 2024
- Chase The Dream Basketball tournament winners ~ Jan 2024

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Ways to get involved at school...



- ❖ **Science Olympiad**
- ❖ **Jazz Band**
- ❖ **Drama**
- ❖ **Yearbook**
- ❖ **Student Council**
- ❖ **Diversity Club**
- ❖ **Technology Student Association**
- ❖ **Shakespeare Club**
- ❖ **Creative Panthers Writing Club**
- ❖ **Business Professionals of America**
- ❖ **French Club**
- ❖ **Tutoring**
- ❖ **Odyssey of the Mind**
- ❖ **National Jr. Honor Society**
- ❖ **Robotics**
- ❖ **Advancement Via Individual Determination**
- ❖ **Math League**
- ❖ **BSD LifeSavers**
- ❖ **Attend School Trips**

Panther pride



The Gifted Program offers learning opportunities focused on the cognitive and affective needs of students with advanced reasoning, commitment, and creative problem-solving skills.



First Place in the 2024 Delaware State Math League Competition. P.S. duPont's Math League continues to place in the top 3 each year.



2024 Brandywine School District Middle School Sports Champions in Girls Volleyball, Tennis, and Track. P. S. duPont offers interscholastic sports for each season and more than 40 student clubs and activities.



Staff include Yale University National Initiative Fellows and Delaware Art Education Association's 2024 Middle School Masterful, Unique, Strong Educator (M.U.S.E.) Award winner.



Summer Jump Start Transition Program for incoming sixth-grade students in both July and August designed to provide students and parents a snapshot of the middle school schedule and transition process.



Music and Arts program empowers students to shine, with regular All-State Choir and Band placements, 8 annual performances, local competition opportunities, and unique options like Steel Drums.

Today's Agenda

Folders and Information

- Each folder is color coded for the group that you will be with to tour the building.
- The bookmarks outline the rotation schedule and rooms that you will visits.
 - Green – Panthers
 - Red – Dynamiters
 - Blue – Dolphins
 - Yellow – Pierre
 - Orange – Cupula

Please stay with our NJHS student tour guides as each session is designed for 10 minutes along with a couple of quick visits.

- Folder contents