

Gonzales Middle School

6th GRADE OPEN HOUSE / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Monday, August 19, 2025



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7th and 8th GRADE OPEN HOUSE / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

GOMS SCHOOL VISION

The vision of Gonzales Middle School is to foster proficient academic performance for all students so that they succeed in high school without remediation.

Welcome Mighty Bulldog Families!!

We commit to the following actions to ensure all students are provided with opportunities for success:

GROWTH & OPPORTUNITIES	+	MOTIVATION	=	SUCCESS
Every staff member fosters a culture of inclusion and equity where all members of the Gonzales Middle School community are loved, nurtured, valued, and expected to grow into the best version of themselves.		Every teacher will create a learning experience that requires student engagement, communication with others, and active learning at appropriate levels of rigor every day.		Every formative and summative assessment will reflect multiple levels of cognitive demand and be used daily to improve teaching and learning.



Tug of War

Teacher ← Success → Student

G+O additional support
be inclusive of ALL

+

M encouraging students
to do their best
positive attitude

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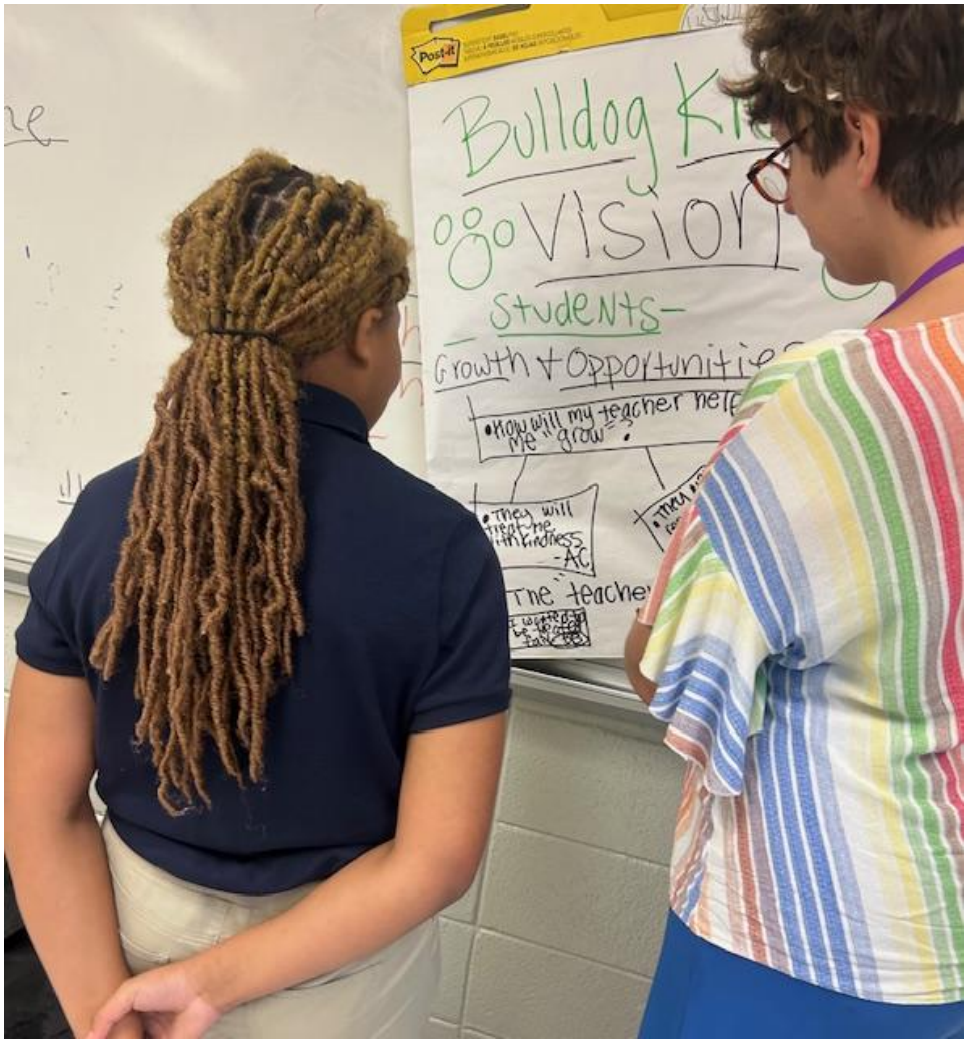
S teacher TEACHES well
clear outcomes for
learning

participating
studying
complete work/activities

believe in yourself/self-confident
think about your goals/future

student meets/exceed goals
turn-in work
does best effort!


Bulldog Kindness
Vision
Students-
Growth + Opportunities

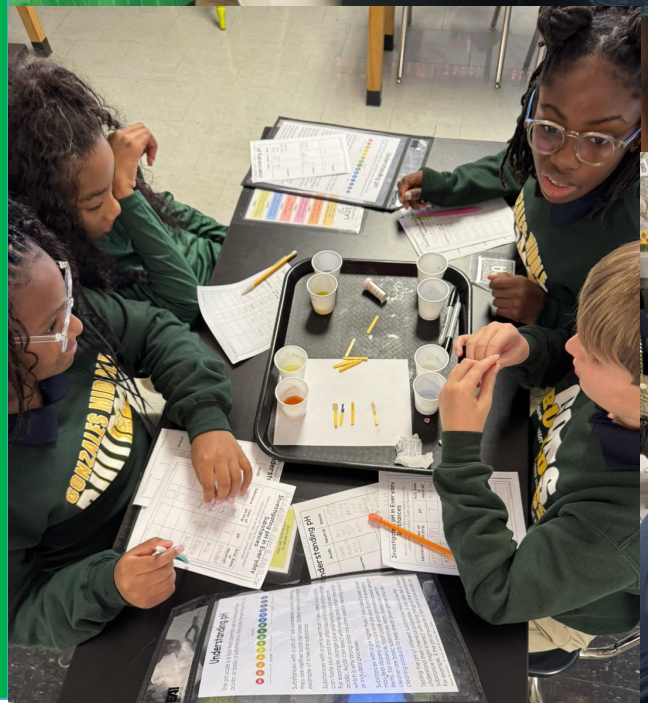

Bulldog Kindness
Vision
Students-
Growth + Opportunities
How will my teacher help me "grow"?
They will treat me with kindness -AC
The "teacher

CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS

"If you have a kid's heart…you have a kid's mind."

- Flip Flippen, Founder and Chairman









"If you have a **child's heart**...you have a **child's mind**."

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DETERMINATION

Dream BIG

Work HARD

Make it HAPPEN!

YOU CAN AND YOU WILL!!











Title I Overview

GOMS Title I Overview

- Gonzales Middle School receives Title I federal funds based upon the percentage of economically-disadvantaged students who were enrolled on October 1, 2024.

- Title I, Part A provides financial assistance to school districts and school with high numbers or high percentages of poor children to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

- Under Title I, local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to provide services for eligible private school students, as well as eligible public school students. In particular, Section 1120 of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), requires a participating LEA to provide eligible children attending private elementary and secondary schools, their teachers, and their families with Title I services or other benefits that are equitable to those provided to eligible public school children, their teachers, and their families.



For the 2025 - 2026 school year, Gonzales Middle School received the following dollar amounts:

Title I Allocation	$176,120 • Instructional Materials and Classroom Supplies • Capturing Kids' Hearts Implementation • National TAP Conference Expenses (Core Team) • PLC After-School Collaboration Stipends for ALL Core Teachers • One TAP Mentor Teacher Stipend • Student Agendas • Staff Professional Development Stipends / Benefits (Bulldog Boot Camp for New Teachers, Kick Start for ALL Core Teachers, Summer Institute, PLC After-School Collaboration)
Title I **Parent and Family Engagement Allocation**	$3526 • Bulldog Bashes Materials and Supplies • Family STEM Nights Materials and Supplies (October / March) • Postage for Parent Communication

Gonzales Middle School Communication

***Power School to Monitor Student Grades**

***Email to / from Staff**

***Monthly Newsletters / Calendars E-mailed**

***Parent - Teacher Conferences** - The dates are **Monday, October 20, 2025** and **Monday, March 23, 2026.**

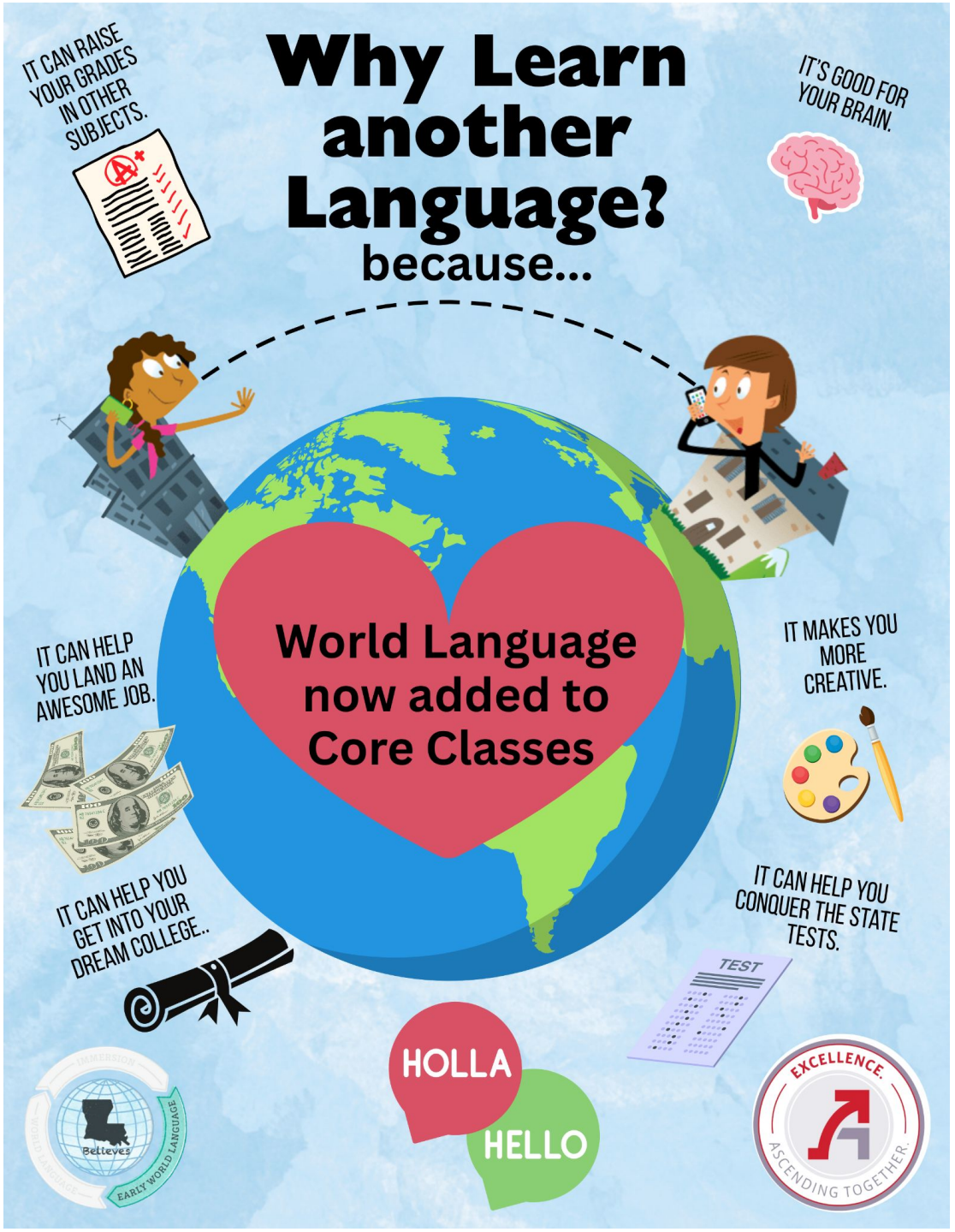
***Remind App (Text) To join the Gonzales Middle School Parent Remind Group, text @gomsmi to 81010**

***School Messenger Emails from Ms. Lori Charlet**

***Social Media (Facebook)**

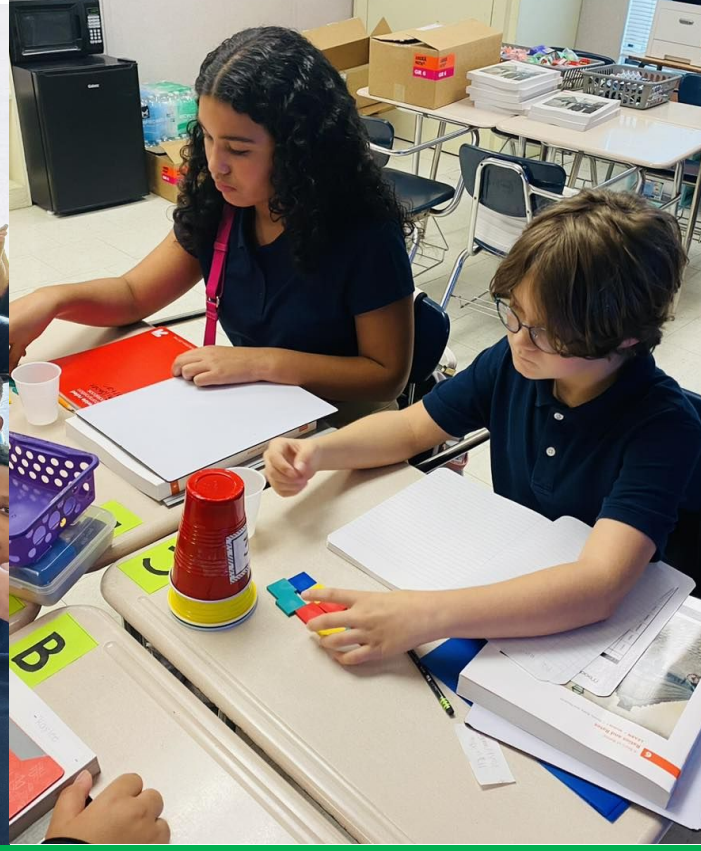
***Student Agenda**

Gonzales Middle School World Languages









School Performance Data

School Performance:
Understanding LEAP Achievement Levels

LEAP 2025 is divided by five levels of achievement.
Our goal is for every student to reach at least “Mastery”which signals readiness for the next grade level.

LEVEL 5	**ADVANCED**	**Exceeded Expectations**
LEVEL 4	**MASTERY**	**Met Expectations**
LEVEL 3	**BASIC**	**Approached Expectations**
LEVEL 2	**APPROACHING BASIC**	**Partially Met Expectations**
LEVEL 1	**UNSATISFACTORY**	**Did Not Meet Expectations**

BIG LEAPS on LEAP
2025 5% points or more % M+...

- **GOPS- 5**
- **GOMS- 6**
- **PVPS- 5**
- **PGPS- 5**



Gonzales Middle School
HOME OF THE MIGHTY BULLDOGS

Gonzales Middle School - Parent / Family Compact for Achievement

APSB Middle District Goals

By May 2026, Ascension Parish School District will increase our Performance Score by 3.8% through a focus on increasing teacher knowledge of students in order to meet student needs.

Gonzales Middle School 2025 - 2026 School Goal

By May 2026, Gonzales Middle School will increase our School Performance Score by 4% through a focus on increasing teacher knowledge of students in order to meet student needs.

ACHIEVE: Gonzales Middle School will increase the percentage of students scoring Mastery or Advanced on all statewide assessments, including LEAP 2025, LEAP Connect, ELPT, and ELPT Connect by 4%.

GROW: Gonzales Middle School will increase the percentage of students meeting their growth goals by 4%.

Gonzales Middle School Focus Areas

ELA:

Improving students' reading comprehension skills so that they are better able to use the text to support their responses.

Math:

Applying fluency concepts in real world scenarios, as well as improving students' ability to comprehend and solve complex math problems.

EL Students:

Implement intentional, scaffolded support in core content classes to promote both language and academic achievement.

BIG, BIG LEAPS on LEAP!!
Student Growth from Year to Year

Gonzales Middle School
LEAP Academic Index Year-to-Year Comparison

	Spring 22 Academic Index	Spring 23 Academic Index	Spring 24 Academic Index	+/-	Spring 25 Academic Index	
6th ELA	57.61	58.31	63.30	+ 4.99	71.67	+ 8.37
6th Math	40.95	30.40	42.36	+ 11.96	51.39	+ 9.03
6th Science	29.59	29.11	40.29	+ 11.18	44.45	+ 4.16
6th Soc St	26.01	28.89	40.29	+ 11.40		
	Spring 22 Academic Index	Spring 23 Academic Index	Spring 24 Academic Index	+/-		
7th ELA	61.04	57.01	66.90	+ 9.89	68.39	+ 1.49
7th Math	38.09	43.38	43.38	0	47.67	+ 4.29
7th Science	44.36	43.72	44.55	+ 0.83	53.41	+ 8.86
7th Soc St	43.40	44.15	44.55	+ 0.40		
8th ELA	66.10	64.71	65.56	+ 0.85	64.19	- 1.37
8th Math	34.13	34.39	41.50	+ 7.11	44.24	+ 2.74
8th Science	36.80	40.56	39.80	- 0.76	46.08	+ 6.28
8th Soc St	42.20	44.05	39.80	- 4.25		
Overall AI	45.37	45.05	49.64	+ 4.59		

Gonzales Middle School
LEAP Academic Index Cohort Comparison

Comparing Students to Students

	2022 - 2023 6th Graders	2023 - 2024 7th Graders	Change (+/-)	2024 - 2025 8th Graders	Change (+/-)	Change from 6th-8th Grade
ELA	58.31	66.91	+ 8.59	64.19	- 2.72	+ 5.88
Math	30.4	43.38	+ 12.98	44.24	+ 0.86	+ 13.84
SCI	29.11	44.55	+ 15.44	46.08	+ 1.53	+ 16.97
SS	28.88					

Comparing Students to Students

	2023 -2024 6th Graders	2024 - 2025 7th Graders	Change (+/-)	2025 - 2026 8th Graders	Change (+/-)	Change from 6th Grade-8th Grade
ELA	63.31	68.39	+ 5.08			
Math	42.36	47.67	+ 5.31			
SCI	40.29	53.41	+ 13.12			
SS						

Comparing Students to Students

	2023 -2024 5th Graders	2024 -2025 6th Graders	Change (+/-)	2025 - 2026 7th Graders	Change (+/-)	2026 -2027 8th Graders	Change (+/-)	Change from 6th Grade-8th Grade
ELA	75.92	71.67	- 4.25					
Math	64.95	51.39	- 13.56					
SCI	64.74	44.45	- 20.29					
SS								

Gonzales Middle Expectations

GONZALES MIDDLE SCHOOL

2025 - 2026 DRESS CODE

- **Navy collared shirt**
- **Khaki Shorts or Pants**
  - **no holes or tears**
  - **NO Leggings**
- **Black, Brown, or Navy Belt**
- **Socks**
  - **white, black, navy or khaki**
- **Jewelry**
  - **small studs allowed, no large or hoop earrings, no necklaces or bracelets, <u>NO NOSE RINGS</u>**
- **Shoes - Must have backs**
  - **No slippers, no slides, no sandals, no open toe shoes, no crocs**
- **Tuck in your shirt**
- **No sagging, pull up your pants**
- **Skirts and Shorts must be appropriate length**

GONZALES MIDDLE SCHOOL
2025 - 2026 DRESS CODE

No sweatshirts with hoods
No jackets with hoods





Navy sweatshirts with no logo



Sweatshirts with any Bulldog or GoMS logo may be green, gold, white, grey, black or navy



8th graders may wear EA sweatshirts

GONZALES MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cell Phone, Smart Watch, Air Pod and Headphone Expectations

- Students are NOT ALLOWED to use cellphones or smart watches on school property during the instructional day.
- If a student brings a cellphone it must be turned off and properly stowed away at school.



- Students are NOT ALLOWED to use Air Pods or Ear Buds on school property during the instructional day.
- Headphones may only be worn in class when approved by the teacher for instructional use.
- Headphones SHOULD NOT be worn in hallways, the cafeteria, restrooms, or during transitions.
- Students may not contact their parent/guardian by cellphone or mobile device during the school day.



Our School Improvement Plan

Gonzales Middle School 2025 - 2026 School Improvement Plan

Given the data we've shared, Gonzales Middle School is focused on the following priorities for the 2025 - 2026 school year:

- Math interventions to improve numeracy and math problem solving skills
- Literacy Enhancement Elective
- Accelerated Tutoring will begin in October for MATH and ELA
- School-Based Literacy Coach to provide student interventions and teacher support
- Sub group PLC's (EL and SPED) will collaborate to create and implement goals that will be monitored through analyzing students written responses to ensure students are growing in all content areas.





WELCOME to 6th Grade Academy





WHAT IS 6TH GRADE ACADEMY?

The goal of our 6th Grade Academy is to ensure all students are accounted for and supported.

Teachers meet weekly in teaming to discuss students and identify student needs and possible interventions.

Point of Contact: Dr. Bridget Lemoine, Assistant Principal

bridget.lemoine@apsb.org

(225) 391-6450

All 6th grade students will have an 8th grade mentor. They will meet with mentors once a month to engage in a character building activity and have the opportunity to ask questions about their mentor's middle school experience at GOMS. (Sports, clubs, classes, etc.)



LOUISIANA STUDENT STANDARDS

Educational Standards:

- set clear and consistent learning expectations for students and teachers;
- define what students should know and be able to do in a particular subject at each grade level; and
- help set high goals for all students.

Standards help students to:

- **Develop** deep understanding, skill, and fluency in mathematics
- **Think** critically in mathematics through speaking, writing, and solving problems
- **Apply** mathematics to real-world problems and tasks
- **Build** knowledge, discuss, and write about topics, themes, and ideas in complex texts
- **Support** thoughts and opinions about complex text using evidence

www.louisianabelieves.com/academics/academic-standards

Why are standards important?

The Louisiana Student Standards assure that all students, regardless of their address, background, or ability, have a clear roadmap to success in college or a career.

Clearly defined goals help families and teachers work together to ensure that students succeed, have access to extra assistance when they need it, and are challenged appropriately.



OUR CORE CURRICULUM RESOURCES

CONTENT	CURRICULUM	WHY DO WE USE IT?
Mathematics	Eureka Squared (Tier I Curriculum)	• Builds number sense • Helps students learn to apply mathematics to real-world situations • Builds efficiency with mathematics problems • Incorporates Digital Lessons
English Language Arts	SpringBoard (Tier I Curriculum)	• Provides engaging texts • Integrates reading and writing so students write about what they read • Provides ample opportunity for student conversations
Science	IQWST/ Open Sci Ed	• Provides ample opportunities for students to investigate scientific questions • Helps students use science to explain real-world happenings they are familiar with • Research-based and supported by National Science Foundation
Social Studies	Bayou Bridges Gallopade	• Provides primary sources • Engages students in writing about history • Student-friendly unit readers and resources create a consistent structure across all grades and lessons. • Helps advance Louisiana Literacy by building explicit content knowledge and disciplinary literacy.

School - Community Partnership:

Working Together for School Improvement



We are committed to providing families with meaningful, two-way communication about GONZALES MIDDLE'S plan and your child's academic progress throughout the year.

Here are ways we can partner to meet our plan's goals:

- **Communicate with us:** Contact your child's teacher or principal with questions about your child's progress, learning needs, or school events/programs through the Remind app, e-mail or phone.

- **Support learning at home:**
  - Attend Family Nights at School
  - Check your child's student agenda
  - Check Powerschool to monitor your child's grades and missing assignments
  - Monitor your child's Interim Reports / Report Cards

- **Support extended learning opportunities:** If your child is identified as someone needing after school tutoring or summer school, please encourage them to attend.
  - Our after school Accelerated Tutoring Program will begin in September, after Labor Day.

- **Other ways to stay connected:**
  - Monthly Newsletters / Calendars emailed to parents
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled as needed
  - School Messenger Emails / Remind Group Texts from Principal Lori Charlet
  - Social Media (Facebook)





THANK YOU!

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