

TALENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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BEGINNING WITH HOPE

To know I believe ♥
in them and their potential.

I hope every student feels included
and builds confidence to take risks, grow,
and stand up for themselves and others.

That they have hope—
and if not, that they
can learn to ♥

I hope our scholars
find their trusted person...
staff or student... to remind
them that they are NOT
alone on their journey!

I hope
our students
feel safe enough
to be themselves,
take risks, and
grow!

I hope students
know they are capable
of doing hard things

- ... they belong
- ... they are loved
- ... they feel safe

A GREAT DAY TO BE A BULLDOG!



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Current Enrollment: 491 (486 in 24-25)

39% Hispanic

50% White

6% Multiracial

1% American Indian/Alaska Native

1% Black/African American

<1% Asian

1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

~22% ELL

~19% students
receiving Special
Education services

>95% free/reduced
lunch

EVERY CHILD DESERVES
A CHAMPION,
AN ADULT WHO WILL
NEVER GIVE UP ON THEM,
WHO UNDERSTANDS THE
POWER OF CONNECTION,
AND INSISTS THAT THEY
BECOME THE BEST THAT
THEY CAN POSSIBLY BE.

- RITA PIERSON





DIGGING INTO THE DATA

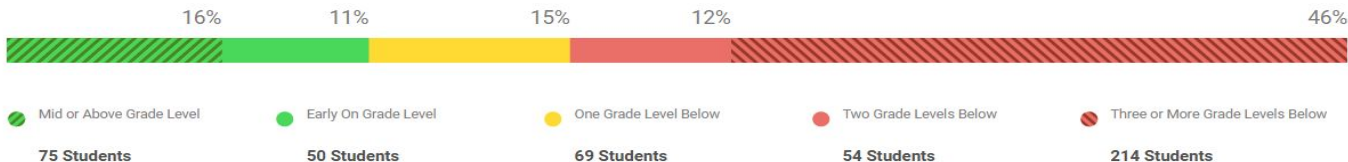
IREADY SCORES

Fall Diagnostic:

- For the Fall Diagnostic, 27% of our students were at or above grade level in Reading

Overall Placement

Students Assessed/Total: 462/491



- For the Fall Diagnostic, 14% of our students were at or above grade level in Math

Overall Placement

Students Assessed/Total: 458/491



ZOOMING IN ON 8TH GRADE

Connecting to our Strategic plan and 8th Grade Math:

Fall Diagnostic (2024-2025 School Year): 5% at or above grade level

Fall Diagnostic (current year): 12% at or above grade level

ATTENDANCE

% Present

90-100

73% of students

80-89

20% of students

<80

7% of students

**SUPPORTING
OUR REALITY**

**“I will not let you move
through this..school...
and be forgotten”**

“There’s Always This Year: On
Basketball and Ascension
Hanif Abdurraqib

OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS: SUPPORTING THE WHOLE STUDENT

Tier 1 Support

- ▶ Homeroom SEL lessons
- ▶ Culture, history, and heritage month lessons
- ▶ Overall systems/supports around academics



Tier 2 and 3 Support

- ▶ Small Group Support
- ▶ Academic Workshops
- ▶ Crisis Support
- ▶ Skill Building

Other

Programs/Interventions:

- ▶ Sources of Strength
- ▶ First Gen College Day
- ▶ W. E. B.

Focus on instructional moves...

- ▶ District adopted curriculum
- ▶ Observations and Intentional Feedback
- ▶ Building up our instructional leaders to support teaching teams
- ▶ More intentionality around math intervention within our Bulldog Block classes
- ▶ Focus on writing and foundational reading skills
- ▶ Building motivation around grades/attendance

... to increase student learning.

TMS DAILY SCHEDULE



- 8 classes over a two-day rotation
- 5 core subject classes (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, Health/PE)
- 3 enrichment/support/specialty classes
- Math and ELA meet every day, all other classes meet every other day

TMS DAILY SCHEDULE

A FOCUS ON MATH + LITERACY:

- Students are receiving 60 minutes of math and 60 minutes of ELA each day.
- 233 Students currently enrolled in a Bulldog Block math intervention class which meets every other day.
- New addition of Algebra 1 class at TMS.



TMS DAILY SCHEDULE

ENRICHMENT:

- Art, Advanced Art
- Band, Choir & Music
- Career and Technical Exploration
- Community Leadership -Community 101
- Ecology and Culture (Part of our TWI)
- Beginning Spanish
- Yearbook
- Advanced PE
- STEM





CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULARS



111 kids in band this year

23 students in our new Choir program!

Some of the Events/Highlights this Year:

- Band Concerts
- Varsity Band and Choir Festivals
- 16 middle school students doing Winter Guard. Can't compete but will performing at high school games
- Rogue Valley Symphony work with our students
- All District Band Concert
- Parades
- General music collaboration with CTE to make instruments

TALENT MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

- Reposted and filled all 25 TMS coaching positions for this school year
- Continued to offer seven sports to all TMS, PTR, and homeschooled students within district boundaries
- Registered 150 athletes for at least one sport
 - 25 3-sport athletes (2 will play 4 sports!)
 - No-cut policy across all programs
- Maintained partnerships with local athletics groups: Southern Oregon Runners, Rogue Valley Volleyball Club, and Manny's Basketball Leagues
- Received grant funding from the Dave Kitchell Endowment Fund and support from Figaro's Pizza in Phoenix.



IMPACT CLUB

LIFE ART

SCAVENGER HUNT

BRAIN BOWL

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

PIRATES TO RAIDERS



**STUDENT AFFINITY
GROUPS**

BSU, LSU, QSA,

OBOB

TRIO

TALENT MAKER CITY

RV MENTOR CIRCLES



OTHER THINGS TO HIGHLIGHT

- ▶ Family Engagement
 - Registration
 - Family Meetings
 - Positive Phone Calls and Postcards
 - Latino Family Nights
 - Newsletters
 - Student-led Conferences
 - Parent Volunteers
- ▶ MTSS/SST
- ▶ ASAP
- ▶ Attendance Team and new Attendance System



Join us for
lunchtime
activities

Guest Speaking
in our leadership
class



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

Check Ins

Presence at
events

Champions of
our schools



BELIEF IN HOPE