



ST. MICHAEL - ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

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Dear MSE Parent or Guardian,

We would like to invite your child to be a part of the Youth Matters program, also known as Targeted Services. Youth Matters is designed to build independence and confidence through the development of positive habits and skills. This program will provide a learning environment for students needing extra support to improve their academic performance, organization, and study skills. Licensed teachers will teach study skills, problem-solving skills, and mentor your child to encourage academic success through mini-lessons, feedback, and homework help. Students who complete their assigned work will increase their Math and Language Arts skills using the IXL program. IXL is designed for students to work both during ELA and Math classes, as well as outside of the school setting, to work on skill improvement.

Important Links

[Registration Form](#) *Includes required Continual Learning Plan. Once the registration form is submitted, students may immediately start.

[Targeted Services Calendar](#)

[MSE Targeted Services Website](#)

[Targeted Services Roles and Expectations](#)

Students selected for one of our Targeted Services Programs must exhibit a need for academic, self-advocacy, social and/or study skills assistance. Students will need to:

- Come prepared with all needed materials, including their agenda planner with assignments recorded.
- Bring personal StudentVUE login and password so students and teachers can use this as a tool to organize their academics. Parents will also be required to access the ParentVUE program in order to monitor their student's progress. Youth Matters staff will meet with students on a regular basis to monitor their progress.
 - If you have not accessed ParentVUE, please contact the Middle School East office, 763-497-2655 ext. 3000.
- Have a book with them to read in the event they complete their tasks prior to the end of the scheduled time.
- Students will not be able to leave their assigned room during Youth Matters unless other arrangements have been made.
- Be prepared to log into IXL and work on the Math or Language Arts assigned skills.
- Set goals in collaboration with Middle School East staff, Targeted Services staff and parents as part of each student's Continual Learning Plan. When the students have met their goals on their Continual Learning Plan, they may be discontinued from the program.

	Tuesdays	Thursdays	Friday
5th & 6th Grade Students	Ms. Schiro's Room (6th grade pod)	Ms. Ronsen's Room (7th grade pod)	Ms. Schiro's Room
7th & 8th Grade Students	Ms. Keller's Room (6th grade pod)	Ms. Thompson's Room (7th grade pod)	Ms. Schiro's Room

Parents are responsible for transportation. Students must be picked up at the end of the Youth Matters program. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times during Targeted Services. If there is a behavior concern regarding your child, you will be notified by a staff member. Disruptive behavior, inappropriate actions, lack of cooperation with staff, or the Targeted Services Program guidelines may result in removal from the program.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please call Mr. Holler at 763-497-2655 ext. 3542 or email him at davidh@mystma.org.

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Targeted Services FAQ's

Is Youth Matters a required program?

No, it's an opportunity for additional academic instruction and support. Some families will receive an email in early November, stating that their child was recommended for the program, but it is completely a parent/guardian choice to enroll. Receiving an invitation to Targeted Services is not necessarily a reason to be concerned about your child's performance at school. It's an opportunity for an additional resource. If you have specific questions regarding why the recommendation was made, you may reach out to your child's team of teachers for more information.

Can I register my child for only certain days of the week?

Yes! You can sign up for Youth Matters on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, Friday mornings before school, or both. You will indicate this on the registration form.

Is there a deadline to register?

There is no deadline to register, and you can certainly take advantage of this option later in the school year if the need arises.

What does a typical session look like?

Students will typically start with a few minutes of having a snack, silent reading and/or checking grades in StudentVUE while the teacher takes attendance. The rest of the class consists of a combination of skill building, lessons designed to build specific academic skills, time to get organized, working in IXL.com and an opportunity for guided homework completion with teacher support. Students are encouraged to bring a book and schoolwork that they need to prioritize.

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