



SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Grades: 6-8

Building Hours:
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

School Hours:
9:25 a.m. - 4:05 p.m.



Jay Hancock
Principal

The Basement
(Before and after
school care)

Hours:
7 - 9:25 a.m.
4:05 - 6 p.m.

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BELIEVE. BELONG. BECOME.

Welcome to Sandburg Middle School, a nurturing community where students learn to navigate a larger world and increase their independence. As they develop social and academic skills, they also become critical thinkers and citizens of the world.

A BIGGER WORLD

Sandburg Middle School feels like a large extended family, with staff who encourage students to be who they really are as individuals – and to work with others as a community. We hold each other accountable, understanding that mistakes can be teachable moments.

Sandburg is dedicated to using restorative practices and valuing our students' voices, emotions, and feelings.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS

In the important period between childhood and the teenage years, Sandburg Middle School offers a wide range of classes that help young people discover new interests. The format of the school day helps them develop self-reliance, perseverance, and habits that will serve them as they continue in school and after.

SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A full-service community school (FSCS) builds partnerships and organizes resources to help students and families thrive. Full-service community schools focus on academics, health, social services, youth development, and engagement – all to improve student learning and strengthen families.

Sandburg Middle School, a FSCS, is a resource center open to everyone, with extended evening and weekend hours.

Our mission is to build a stronger, braver support system for our students and families within the neighborhoods our schools serve. We cannot do this alone: we need your voice. If you have a need and/or questions, ideas, or suggested partnerships, please connect with us.



MISSION

The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.

SPANISH IMMERSION

Sandburg Middle School continues the district's dual language Spanish Immersion program. Our Spanish Immersion Program includes three classes taught entirely in Spanish: Science, Social Studies and Advanced Spanish. The program helps students continue to develop their bilingual, biliterate, bicultural fluency.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

SMS offers several leadership programs that empower students to build community, promote inclusion, and strive for academic excellence.

- **WEB (Where Everybody Belongs):** This program helps incoming 6th grade students successfully transition to middle school. WEB Leaders guide and support younger students, fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring a positive start to their secondary school experience.
- **Student Leadership Group:** Leadership members lead school-wide inclusion activities such as spirit days, kindness initiatives, and provide student voice in school improvement efforts. They help build a welcoming school culture.
- **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS):** NJHS recognizes students who demonstrate high academic achievement, leadership, and character throughout middle school. Members uphold the values of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Sandburg Middle School students may choose to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities including programs in athletics, fine arts, service, and academics. These activities provide excellent experience in learning teamwork, leadership development, social growth, team spirit and respect to others.

AVID COLLEGE READINESS

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college readiness program that helps students develop the skills they need to be successful in high school and college. The program is designed to increase overall academic performance, success in rigorous curriculum and participation in activities at school. AVID helps students become better educated, responsible citizens and leaders in society. This program serves students in grades 7-12.

THE BASEMENT - MIDDLE SCHOOL CARE, CONNECTION

The Basement is a fee-based program created just for middle schoolers, offering a safe and flexible space before and after school, as well as on non-school days throughout the school year and summer.

Designed to support students as they grow into independent and responsible teens, The Basement offers a balance of freedom and structure. At times, students will be allowed to spend time outside of direct adult supervision—with clear expectations, safe boundaries, and guidance to help them make good choices.

We encourage independence while providing the support students need to thrive.

For more information, contact Community Education at 763-504-6990.