



SCHOOLS TO WATCH MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

Tri-Valley Middle School



Designated in 2007

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2005-07 School Statistics

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Community: Size/characteristics

Enrollment: 381

Grade Levels: 4-8

School Schedule: 10 Period

Student Demographics

1.6% Hispanic

94.2% White

2.4% African American

1.6% Asian

0.3% Pacific Islander

9% Free/Reduced Lunch

1.6% English Learners

2005 AYP: Y

2006 AYP: Y

2007 AYP: Y

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- 94.6% of students met or exceeded State Standards in 2008
- Students are at the core of every academic decision
- Differentiated instruction
- Standards-aligned classrooms
- Alternative assessment
- Curriculum mapping
- Academic support networks for students
- Flexible schedule
- Daily team collaboration
- Learning community concept
- Goal oriented professional development
- Co-teaching for special education
- Progressive technology training and practice
- Teacher mentoring program
- Gifted program

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Academic Excellence *(continued)*

- Interdisciplinary units
- State of Illinois Academic Excellence Award

Developmental Responsiveness

- Daily Advisory
- Small group instruction via guidance counselor on various topics
- Outsourced units of instruction via community agencies
- District Nurse
- Month of the Young Adolescent
- Student assistance team
- Quarterly student surveys
- Team building activities
- Health instruction

Social Equity

- Character education program
- Advisory program
- Team and school based philanthropies
- Many forms of cultural awareness
- Transition programs
- Academic extracurricular activities
- Athletic extracurricular activities
- Fine arts extracurricular activities
- Student council
- Quarterly assemblies recognizing student achievement
- Shared vision amongst learning community
- Tutoring program
- Academic booster organization
- History Fair
- Science Fair

Organizational Support

- Mentoring program
- Building leadership team
- Frequent data analysis on progress
- Handbook team
- School improvement team
- PTO
- Weekly Principal communication to staff
- Weekly team communication to parents
- Round table
- Textbook adoption team
- Learning community
- Professional development site
- Teacher/Team websites
- Strong community relations
- Quarterly parent surveys