



# Excelsior Springs Middle School

*our Collective Commitments – August 2015*

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- Integrate use of technology into our lessons.
- Stay current with changing technology through professional development.
- Expect student use of technology to enrich or complete assignments.

## **INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES**

- Connect curriculum to real-life applications of knowledge and skills that will extend beyond the school campus.
- Promote service programs and student activities, providing opportunities for all students that support and extend educational, social, physical and cultural learning.
- Help students link their education to the future and to the community.
- Connect school, home, and community through various educational avenues.

## **GOAL-SETTING**

- Utilize formative assessment to help students set goals.
- Provide opportunities and encourage students to share their work in variety of venues.
- Teach and model how to set and assess learning goals based on posted objectives.
- Provide rubrics and opportunities for reassessment, self assessment, and reflection.

## **ENGAGEMENT**

- Provide differentiated instruction such as problem-driven instruction, choice in assignments, cooperative and collaborative learning, problem-based learning, and student-led learning to ensure that all students succeed.
- Provide immediate and specific feedback to our students on their academic and social development.
- Collaborate to build a foundation where student learning is the focus.
- Create an environment in which learning is a shared responsibility amongst all stakeholders.

## **RESPONSIBILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY**

- Support each others decisions and have respectful conversations with peers.
- Establish positive, safe environment by modeling appropriate behaviors.
- Maintain high expectations and provide timely feedback to all stakeholders.
- Use collaboration and data to drive instruction that is focused on student learning.
- Intervene with students academically and behaviorally when needed to ensure success.

## **SAFETY**

- Consistently implement PBIS.
- Supervise, take action and respond immediately to inappropriate behavior
- Maintain an organized and clean environment.
- Greet people with positive attitudes.
- Model appropriate behavior and use a calm demeanor.
- Model digital citizenship and safety.
- Be vigilant and consistent in the supervision of student technology usage.

*Our Mission is to maximize student learning and personal responsibility through a rigorous standards-based curriculum, a safe and respectful climate, and the collaborative efforts of staff, students and parents.*