School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence
- Teaming structure across both grade levels
- Modified Block/Rotational schedule, 60 minute classes
- 100% of teachers trained in Differentiated Instruction
- Enrichment program built into students schedules based on student interest
- Supplemental AIS classes built in students schedule
- Nationally recognized K-12 Physical Education program
- 5 year curriculum review cycle in all subject areas
- Acceleration opportunities for students in both 7th and 8th grade
• Activity Period provided at end of each school day for advisory, extra help, clubs and intramural sports program
• Bullying Prevention Program designed and delivered by Junior High staff and Administration

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Developmental Responsiveness
• Extensive transition program for incoming 7th grade students to visit the program
• Full compliment of clubs and activities based on student interest
• Enrichment program offered to all students and built into a students schedule for a semester
• Student dances provided and staffed by student council
• Parents as Partners annual goal of shared decision making team to make parents a more active part of the junior high program
• Principals weekly list-serve newsletter delivered to over 1000 email addresses
• 88% of teachers maintain personal websites and many post student grades on-line
• Every classroom outfitted with ceiling mounted projectors, and staff have own laptop
• Currently have a 2 Mac labs and 12 rolling IBM laptop carts

Social Equity
• Maintain a very low suspension rate year to year and high attendance rate
• Accelerated classes offered at both grade levels and open to all students. Currently approx. 50% of the 8th grade are successfully completing Integrated Algebra and over 45% are enrolled in Earth Science.
• Studio Art is available for 8th grade to complete for high school credit.
• English 8C course enrichment course
• All students have equal access to after school activities
• All students can take advantage of any club or activity offered
• All Students can enroll in enrichment offerings
• Awareness week offered for students to gain appreciation for students diversity and differences
• All students are eligible for modified sports program and selective classification opportunities
• Full continuum of special education offerings for students with disabilities
• BOOST program offered for Students at Risk and are not identified as having a disability

Organizational Support
• Philosophy statement developed through shared decision making process and posted in every classroom
• School Vision is aligned with NYS and District philosophies and incorporates aspects of the Essential Elements of Middle Level Education documents
• Principal and Assistant Principal coordinate department meetings, team meetings, curriculum meetings, department chair meetings, PPS staff, and guidance staff
• Three team structure at each grade level and encore team
• Teachers have common core team planning time
• Co-teachers have common planning time built to plan for modification of instruction for SWD’s
• District mentor program provided for all first year teachers
• Victor Teacher center provides over 100 professional development opportunities to district teachers annually
• Core teachers meet as 7-8 and 7-12 departments monthly
• 5 year curriculum review process for all subject areas
• After school help, evening homework help, tutoring, and boost program offered for struggling students