

# Bill Roberts Middle School



Bill Roberts Middle School focuses on the Whole Child and provides an optimal environment for emotional and social stability, fostering a true sense of community during what is often a sensitive time in adolescence. The walls of our school seed meaningful relationships with mentors and friends, character development and a genuine passion for learning.

Over the past six years, Bill Roberts has established itself as a leader among the state's middle school programs. Our overall academic performance places us in the top 6% of all middle schools in the District. We are one of the top boundary schools and rated Meets Expectations according to the DPS School Performance Framework.

As the only ECE-8 school in the area, our students have leadership opportunities that are otherwise not available in a traditional 6-8th grade middle school. Through their experiences as Buddies, Teacher's Aides/Assistants, Student Council and more, our students learn traits such as role modeling and integrity, all while practicing respect, compassion, and generosity.

Our Middle School Advisory team, comprised of parents and teachers, is an integral part of planning clubs and specials from year to year. Decision-making is based on our students' wants and needs. In the past few years, students have developed a girls' engineering club, student-run tutoring, advanced drama program, and service-learning initiatives.

We believe day and overnight field trips are essential in integrating learning and continuing character development. We are committed to every student having the opportunity to go on our trips. Past trips have included Avid 4 Adventure, Snow Mountain Ranch, Sea Camp in San Diego, and a trip to the Florida Keys to study marine biology.

## Our Schedule

Our unique schedule is responsive to the developmental needs of students as they progress through middle school. As students become adolescents our schedule shifts in ways that maximize student learning and engagement.

### Sample 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

Advisory/Morning Meeting	8:15 - 8:35
<b>Literacy</b>	8:40 - 10:05
<b>Math</b>	10:10 - 11:35
Enrichment (power hour)	11:40 - 12:25
Lunch	12:30 - 1:10
<b>Science/Social Studies</b>	1:15 - 2:25
Specials (alternating days)	2:30 - 3:15

Academic Prep/ Study Hall 3:15 - 4:00

\*Random Acts of Kindness curriculum takes place 2x week



## Going Beyond the Basics

Current and past activities include:

### Specials & Clubs

- ◆ Art
- ◆ Bobcat News Team
- ◆ Climbing at Ubergrippen
- ◆ Creative Thinking (Gifted & Talented)
- ◆ Debate
- ◆ Drama & Advanced Drama
- ◆ Gay-Straight Alliance
- ◆ PE/Dance/Yoga
- ◆ Robotics and Engineering
- ◆ PBS Super School News
- ◆ Semantics
- ◆ Service Learning
- ◆ Student Aide
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Technology

### Sports

#### Early Fall

Cross Country  
Boys Soccer  
Girls Softball

#### Winter

Boys Basketball (7th/8th)  
Girls Basketball (7th/8th)

#### Late Fall

Girls Volleyball  
Flag Football

#### Spring

Girls Soccer  
Boys Baseball  
Boys Floor Hockey

## Why an ECE-8 school?

A growing body of research identifies the benefits of K-8 schools for middle school students, especially when compared to the traditional middle school model of grades 6-8. Research shows that adolescent students (ages 12-14) who attend K-8 schools perform at higher levels than their traditional middle school peers, with both the academic and social/emotional needs of students better met at K-8 schools. Research shows that students who attend K-8 schools:

- ◆ Experience higher levels of self- esteem
- ◆ Feel safer, with less discipline and behavior problems threatening their education
- ◆ Have a positive attitude toward school
- ◆ Have higher levels of academic achievement
- ◆ Have significantly higher scores in reading, language arts, and mathematics
- ◆ Do not experience loss of achievement because of disruptive transitions
- ◆ Experience better outcomes in 9th grade



**We are among the highest performing Middle Schools in the district**