

# MAKING SCHOOLS WORK



## Key Practices for Middle Grades

- 1 High Expectations** — Inspire each student to complete intellectually demanding courses that prepare them for success in high school.  
— *Leadership for Continuous Improvement*
- 2 Aligned Curriculum** — Design and deliver instruction that helps each student achieve the full intent of state standards.  
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- 3 Integrated Literacy** — Help teachers in all disciplines integrate literacy strategies into their instruction, assignments and assessments.  
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- 4 Access and Equity** — Ensure each student, including underrepresented and nontraditional students, has access to high-quality courses, instruction and resources.  
— *Career Pathways*
- 5 Student Engagement** — Use research-based instructional strategies and innovative technology practices to actively engage each student.  
— *Engaging Instruction*
- 6 Teacher Collaboration** — Provide teacher teams with the training, time and support they need to work together to improve instruction.  
— *Engaging Instruction*
- 7 Quality Career and Technical Education** — Provide career exploration experiences that prepare each student to make informed career pathway choices.  
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- 8 Guidance and Advisement** — Provide guidance programs that empower each student to transition successfully to the next grade.  
— *Systems of Support*
- 9 Interventions and Enrichments** — Personalize supports for each student based on their unique identified needs.  
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- 10 Culture of Continuous Improvement** — Engage the whole school community in continuously analyzing data to identify problems and developing action plans to solve them.  
— *Leadership for Continuous Improvement*

# Making Schools Work Problem-Solving Process

(Based on Deming Model)

