

# WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Shelbyville, KY

West Middle School

Grades 6 & 7

551 Students

30.10 Certified Staff

Rural Setting

Socioeconomic:

41.2% free lunch

5.3% reduced lunch

Ethnicity:

11.6% African American

0.5% Asian

15.1% Hispanic

67.9% White

\$6,524 per student spending



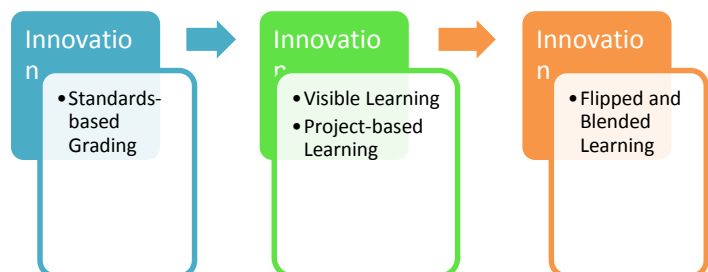
*Preparing Every Student to be  
College or Career Ready*

## Innovation Snapshot

### Learning from Each Other; Leading by Example

Shelby County West Middle School will use innovative delivery of instruction, assessment-capable learners, who will not only be able to attain mastery of standards, but will also be able to contribute to the world around them through leadership. The school will employ innovative scheduling, high-quality technology integrated instruction, and collaborative service learning projects to provide students opportunities to achieve personalized academic goals.

## Key Elements



## kid-FRIENDLY Supports

- Data Retreat
- Leader In Me
- FRSYC Funds
- Personalized Learning Symposium



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INNOVATION SNAPSHOT 2015-2016

## LEARNING AND LEADING THROUGH A VISION OF INNOVATION

**Learning** from each other. **Leading** by example. This mission represents the central vision for all Shelby County West Middle School students. Through innovative delivery of instruction, assessment-capable learners will not only be capable of demonstrating mastery of the standards in a variety of ways, but will also contribute to the world around them through servant leadership.



### INNOVATIVE SCHEDULING

WMS faculty and staff are currently exploring innovative scheduling structures that would enable students to experience high-quality, technology-integrated instruction through workshop, as well as engage in collaborative service learning projects (Leader In Me). One option currently under consideration is "Flex Friday" (similar to 20%

### LEARNING THE WARRIOR WAY

Through our continued growth toward the use of Standards Based Grading, our goal of every student being an assessment-capable learner is within reach (Visible Learning). In tandem

### LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Students will continue to contribute to the world around them through student-initiated service learning projects. Local agencies and retirement facilities have already benefited from student initiatives

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time. *Juliani*) where students could access intervention/enrichment resources and be able to continue work on project-based learning. Teachers could possibly hold office hours allowing them to support students in their personalize learning. (Planning Stage)

with students becoming more equipped to discuss their learning progression, our teachers shall participate in high quality professional development on how to personalize the learning of their students. Currently, teachers are in the work of integrating educational technology in their instruction and providing instruction support beyond the walls of the building. Personalization of learning will include Flipped & Blended learning opportunities, as well as Project-based Learning. WMS teachers will require continued professional development to build efficacy in affording all students *truly* personalized learning experience. (Ready to Launch)

and students have requested more opportunities to reach out to others. In the coming months and new academic year, students will seek out opportunities to address current issues and fulfill a variety of identified needs. Warriors will craft a plan and collaborate with their peers, staff, and community for implementation. We believe that servant leadership is a powerful way for students to make connections between lessons and the world around them. (Ready to Launch)

## A WORK IN MOTION

### NEXT STEPS TO ENSURE SUCCESS

West Middle School will continue to craft and refine our innovation focus plans throughout the coming months. We are still very much in the learning phase of personalization of learning and effective integration of technology within instruction so that learning transcends the confines of traditional school. A middle school Standards Based Grading Committee has been formed with the intent of producing a plan for implementation and support.

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER. LEADING BY EXAMPLE.