

What Are Schools to Watch?

"Schools to Watch" is an initiative launched by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform in 1999. The National Forum is an alliance of more

than 60 educators, researchers, and officers of national associations and foundations dedicated to improving schools for young adolescents across the country.

Through the state Schools to Watch initiative, schools are identified across the United States that are well on their way to meeting the criteria for high performance. Forum members believe that three things are true of high-performing middle-grades schools:

- They are **academically excellent**—these schools challenge all students to use their minds well.
- They are **developmentally responsive**—these schools are sensitive to the unique developmental challenges of early adolescence.
- They are **socially equitable**—these schools are democratic and fair, providing every student with high-quality teachers, resources, and supports.

To achieve this level of performance, high-performing schools establish norms, structures, and organizational arrangements to support and sustain their trajectory toward excellence. They have a sense of purpose that drives every facet of practice and decision-making.

State Program

As part of its continuing effort to identify and learn from high-performing middle schools, the National Forum, in collaboration with The National Middle School Association (NMSA), The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and The National Staff Development Council (NSDC), launched its **Schools to Watch State Program** in 2002.

Each year the National Forum invites state middle-grades associations, state departments of education, post-secondary institutions, and other collaborating organizations to join in expanding the STW program through a state application process. States have the opportunity to participate in a unique professional learning opportunity and identify middle-grades schools that are on a solid upward trajectory. Current STW states are **Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia**. Over 75 schools have been identified through 2006.



On June 22-24, 2006, the annual **Schools to Watch Conference** will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in the DC area. Through this conference Schools to Watch practitioners learn from one another and share signature practices. All participants gain valuable knowledge and accelerate their possibilities for continuing improvements. Schools that are designated as "Schools to Watch" are recognized and celebrated for their achievements. The conference is for educators from schools interested in becoming high-performing, middle grades schools, education experts, professors, policymakers, and teams from Schools to Watch sites across the nation.

For further information on the Schools to Watch Program, becoming a Schools to Watch State, or the Annual Conference, visit the Schools to Watch Web site at www.schoolstowatch.org.



CALIFORNIA

Alvarado Intermediate School (2004)

1909 South Desire Ave.
Rowland Heights, CA 91748
Phone: (626) 964-2358
Fax: (626) 810-5579
Principal: Nancy Padilla

Castaic Middle School (2003)

28900 Hillcrest Parkway
Castaic, CA 91384
Phone: (661) 257-4550
Fax: (661) 297-9714
Principal: Marcia Dains

R.H. Dana Middle School (2006)

13500 Avation Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250
Phone: (310) 643-6165
Fax: (310) 643-0208
Principal: Matthew Wunder

John Glenn Middle School of Int'l Studies (2004)

79-655 Miles Ave.
Indio, CA 92201
Phone: (760) 200-3700
Fax: (760) 200-3709
Principal: Jean Carroll

John F. Kennedy Middle School (2005)

900 N. Sixth Street
El Centro, CA 92243
Phone: (760) 352-0444
Fax: (760) 353-0325
Principal: Ranato Montano

Medea Creek Middle School (2004)

1002 Doubletree Road
Oak Park, CA 91377
Phone: (818) 707-7922
Fax: (818) 865-8641
Principal: Laurel Ford

Rancho Milpitas Middle School (2005)

1915 Yellowstone Ave.
Milpitas, CA 92673
Phone: (408) 945-5561
Fax: (408) 945-2492
Principal: Michael Madalinski

Bernice Ayer Middle School (2005)

1251 Sarmentoso
San Clemente, CA 92673
Phone: (949) 366-9607
Fax: (949) 366-1519
Principal: Cheryl Baughn

Culver City Middle School (2003)

4601 Elenda Street
Culver City, CA 90230
Phone: (310) 842-4200
Fax: (310) 842-4304
Principal: Jerry Kosch

Gaspar de Portola Middle School (2006)

11010 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92124
Phone: (858) 496-8080
Fax: (858) 576-4419
Principal: Elizabeth Gillingham

Toby Johnson Middle School (2006)

1009 Franklin High Road
Ek Grove, CA 95758
Phone: (916) 714-8181
Fax: (916) 714-8177
Principal: Patrick McDougall

McKinleyville Middle School (2006)

2285 Central Ave.
McKinleyville, CA 95519
Phone: (707) 839-1508
Fax: (707) 839-2548
Principal: Doug Oliveira

Millikan Middle School (2005)

5041 Sunnyslope Ave.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
Phone: (818) 788-5020
Fax: (818) 990-7651
Principal: Derek Horowitz

Silverado Middle School (2003)

2525 Country Club Drive
Roseville, CA 95747
Phone: (916) 780-2620
Fax: (916) 780-2635
Principal: Russ Weikle

COLORADO

Casey Middle School (2004)

2410 13th Street
Boulder, CO 80304
Phone: (303) 442-5235
Principal: Ellen Miller-Brown

Holmes Middle School (2006)

2455 Mesa Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Phone: (719) 328-3800
Fax: (719) 448-0358
Principal: Brenda LeBrasse

Conrad Ball Middle School (2005)

2660 Monroe Ave.
Loveland, CO 80538
Phone: (970) 613-7300
Fax: (970) 613-7341
Principal: Diane Lauer

Prairie Creek Middle School (2004)

12600 East Jewell Ave.
Aurora, CO 80012
Phone: (720) 747-3000
Principal: Kandy Cassady

GEORGIA

Chapel Hill Middle School (2004)

3989 Chapel Hill Road
Douglasville, GA 30135
Phone: (770) 920-4230
Fax: (770) 920-4242
Principal: Bill Foster

Gladden Middle School (2006)

700 Old Dalton Ellijay Road
Chatsworth, GA 30705
Phone: (706) 695-7448
Fax: (706) 517-2479
Principal: Dr. Marcia Bradley

Mercer Middle School (2004)

201 Rommel Ave.
Garden City, GA 31408
Phone: (912) 965-6700
Principal: Penny Maestretti

Rising Starr Middle School (2004)

183 Panther Path
Fayetteville, GA 30215
Phone: (770) 486-2721
Fax: (770) 486-2727
Principal: Mrs. Len Patton

Upson-Lee Middle School (2005)

101 Holstun Drive
Thomaston, GA 30286
Phone: (706) 647-6256
Fax: (706) 647-3631
Principal: Patsy Dean

Crabapple Middle School (2003)

10700 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
Phone: (770) 552-4520
Fax: (770) 552-4524
Principal: Dr. Kimothy Jarrett

Hart County Middle School (2004)

176 Powell Road
Hartwell, GA 30643
Phone: (706) 376-5431
Fax: (706) 376-207
Principal: Eulin Gibbs

Rabun County Middle School (2006)

108 Wildcat Hill Drive
Tiger, GA 30576
Phone: (706) 782-5470
Principal: Kent Woerner

River Trail Middle School (2005)

10795 Rogers Circle
Duluth, GA 30097
Phone: (770) 497-3860
Fax: (770) 497-3866
Principal: Dawn Melin

Webb Bridge Middle School (2006)

4455 Webb Bridge Road
Alpharetta, GA 30005
Phone: (770) 667-2940
Principal: Elizabeth Fogartie

ILLINOIS

Gregory Middle School (2004)

2621 Springdale Circle
Naperville, IL 60565
Phone: (630) 428-6300
Principal: Stephen Severson

Indian Creek Middle School (2004)

425 S. Elm Street
Waterman, IL 60556
Phone: (815) 264-7712
Fax: (815) 264-7826
Principal: Beth Wackerlin

Kennedy Junior High School (2004)

2929 Green Trails Drive
Lisle, IL 60532
Phone: (360) 420-3220
Principal: Don Perry

Thayer J. Hill Middle School (2004)

1836 Brookdale Road
Naperville, IL 60563
Phone: (630) 428-6200
Principal: Mike Raczak

Ingersoll Middle School (2005)

1605 East Ash Street
Canton, IL 61520
Phone: (309) 647-6951
Fax: (309) 647-6959
Principal: L. Eberle

Thurgood Marshall Middle School (2005)

3900 N. Lawndale Ave.
Chicago, IL 60618
Phone: (773) 534-5200
Principal: José Barillas

KENTUCKY

Adairville Elementary School (2004)

226 School Ave.
Adairville, KY 42202
Phone: (270) 539-7711
Fax: (270) 539-3121
Principal: Chris Allen

Auburn Elementary School (2004)

221 College Street
Auburn, KY 42206
Phone: (270) 542-6689
Fax: (270) 542-7921
Principal: David Ward

Crosby Middle School (2006)

303 Gatehouse Lane
Louisville, KY 40243
Phone: (502) 485-8424
Fax: (502) 485-8424
Principal: Kirk Lattimore

Northern Pulaski Middle School (2005)

650 Oak Leaf Lane
Somerset, KY 42503
Phone: (606) 678-5230
Fax: (606) 678-2729
Principal: Angela Murphy

James T. Alton Middle School (2006)

100 Country Club Road
Vine Grove, KY 40175
Phone: (270) 877-2135
Principal: Jama Bennett

F.T. Burns Middle School (2005)

4610 Goetz Drive
Owensboro, KY 42301
Phone: (270) 852-7400
Fax: (270) 852-7410
Principal: Mark Owens

Mahaffey Middle School (2004)

585 South Carolina Ave.
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223
Phone: (270) 439-3792
Fax: (270) 439-3472
Principal: Floyd Hines

Olmstead Elementary School (2005)

1170 Olmstead Road
Olmstead, KY 42265
Phone: (270) 726-3811
Fax: (270) 726-1591
Principal: Ben Kemplin

South Oldham Middle School (2006)

6403 W. Hwy 146
Crestwood, KY 40014
Phone: (502) 241-0320
Fax: (502) 241-1438
Principal: William Wells

NORTH CAROLINA

Alexander Graham Middle School (2006)

1800 Runnymede Lane
Charlotte, NC 28211
Phone: (980) 343-5810
Principal: Kandace Williams

Brawley Middle School (2005)

664 Brawley School Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117
Phone: (704) 664-4430
Principal: Roberta Ellis

Dixon Middle School (2004)

200 Dixon School Road
Holly Ridge, NC 28445
Phone: (910) 347-2738
Principal: Dr. Laurie Spring

East Burke Middle School (2004)

3519 Miller Bridge Road, PO Box 1150
Icard, NC 28666
Phone: (828) 397-7446
Principal: Jim Childers

East Yancey Middle School (2005)

285 Georges Fork Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Phone: (828) 682-2281
Principal: Rick Tipton

John Griffin Middle School (2004)

5551 Fisher Road
Fayetteville, NC 28304
Phone: (910) 424-7678
Principal: Cindy McCormic

Reid Ross Classical School (2004)

3200 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301
Phone: (910) 488-8415
Principal: Diane Antolak

Seventy-First Classical Middle School (2006)

6830 Raeford Road
Fayetteville, NC 28304
Phone: (910) 864-0092
Principal: Joann Pearce

South Charlotte Middle School (2004)

8040 Strawberry Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277
Phone: (980) 343-3670
Principal: Christine Waggoner

Ashe County Middle School (2003)

255 Northwest Lane, PO Box 259
Warrensville, NC 28693
Phone: (336) 384-3591
Principal: Bobby Ashley

Carmel Middle School (2005)

5001 Camilla Drive
Charlotte, NC 28226
Phone: (980) 343-6705
Principal: Nancy Hicks

Durant Road Middle School (2003)

10401 Durant Road
Raleigh, NC 27614
Phone: (919) 870-4098
Principal: Robert Smith

East Lincoln Middle School (2004)

4137 Highway 73
Iron Station, NC 28080
Phone: (704) 732-0761
Principal: Diana Carpenter

Jay M. Robinson Middle School (2005)

5925 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy
Charlotte, NC 28277
Phone: (980) 343-6944
Principal: Dr. Maureen Fur

Mint Hill Middle School (2006)

11501 Idlewild Road
Charlotte, NC 28105
Phone: (980) 343-5439
Principal: Denise Watts

Rugby Middle School (2003)

3345 Haywood Road
Hendersonville, NC 28791
Phone: (828) 891-6566
Principal: Don Dalton

South Brunswick Middle School (2006)

100 Cougar Drive, BSL
Southport, NC 28461
Phone: (910) 845-2771
Principal: Patricia Underwood

Walter Johnson Middle School (2006)

701 Lenoir Road
Morganton, NC 28655
Phone: (828) 430-7340
Principal: Jack Leonard

OHIO

Bexley Middle School (2006)

300 S. Cassingham Road
Bexley, OH 43209
Phone: (614) 237-4277
Principal: Harley Williams

Erwine Middle School (2005)

1135 Portage Lakes Drive
Akron, OH 44319
Phone: (330) 644-2281
Principal: Tina Norris

Monticello Middle School (2006)

3665 Monticello Blvd.
Cleveland Heights, OH 44121
Phone: (216) 371-6520
Principal: Renee Cavor

Spinning Hills Middle School (2006)

5001 Eastman Ave.
Dayton, OH 54532
Phone: (937) 259-6635
Principal: Ronald Holbrook

Wantz Middle School (2006)

122 S. Sixth Street
Miamisburgh, OH 45342
Phone: (937) 866-3431
Principal: Susan Jandes

Bridgetown Middle School (2006)

3900 Race Road
Cincinnati, OH 54211
Phone: (513) 574-3511
Principal: Jeff Langdon

Kilbourne Middle School (2006)

50 E. Dublin-Granville Road
Worthington, OH 43085
Phone: (614) 883-3500
Principal: Pamela Van Horn

Rapid Run Middle School (2006)

6345 Rapid Run Road
Cincinnati, OH 45233
Phone: (513) 467-0300
Principal: Robert Sehlhorst

Van Wert Middle School (2006)

305 W. Crawford Street
Van Wert, OH 45891
Phone: (419) 238-0727
Principal: Mary Reipenhof

Frank L. Wiley Middle School (2006)

2181 Miramar Blvd.
University Heights, OH 44118
Phone: (216) 371-7270
Principal: Denine Goolsby

VIRGINIA

Azalea Gardens Middle School (2005)

7721 Azalea Gardens Road
Norfolk, VA 23518
Phone: (757) 531-3000
Principal: Sharon Byrdsong

Lynnhaven Middle School (2004)

1250 Bayne Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Phone: (757) 496-6790
Principal: Michael Kelly

Rachel Carson Middle School (2004)

13618 McLearen Road
Herndon, VA 20171
Phone: (703) 925-3600
Principal: August Frattali

Tabb Middle School (2005)

300 Yorktown Road
Yorktown, VA 23693
Phone: (757) 898-0320
Principal: Berry Beers

Franklin Middle School (2004)

3300 Lees Corner Road
Chantilly, VA 20151
Phone: (703) 904-5100
Principal: Dr. Michelle Peyser

Marsteller Middle School (2005)

14000 Sudley Manor Drive
Bristow, VA 20136
Phone: (703) 393-7608
Principal: Roberta Knetter

Saunders Middle School (2004)

13557 Spriggs Road
Manassas, VA 20112
Phone: (703) 670-9188
Principal: Pat Puttre