



HOWARD LAKE • WAVERLY • WINSTED

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Welcome to Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Middle School. We are a school of 335 students in 5th through 8th grade. We are extremely proud and excited to be in our new facility. The HLWW Middle School is located on the High School campus at 8700 County Road 6 SW between Howard Lake and Winsted.

HLWW Middle School has a staff of 27 teachers, 7 paraprofessionals and 8 educational support staff. This truly is a middle school staff that has the passion, energy and a strong belief in our schools mission and values. *“HLWW Middle School will provide a supportive transitional environment in which students achieve their full potential through a variety of opportunities”. This We Believe...*

- *Educators who value working with this age group and are prepared to do so*
- *Courageous, collaborative leadership*
- *A shared vision that guides decisions*
- *An inviting, supportive, and safe environment*
- *High expectations for every member of the learning community*
- *Students and teachers engaged in active learning*
- *An adult advocate for every student*
- *School-initiated family and community partnerships*
- *Curriculum that is relevant, challenging, integrative, and exploratory*
- *Multiple learning and teaching approaches that respond to student diversity*
- *Assessment and evaluation programs that promote quality learning*
- *Organizational structures that support meaningful relationships and learning*
- *School-wide efforts and policies that foster health, wellness, and safety*
- *Multifaceted guidance and support services*

Our 5th and 6th grade program is designed to transition students from the elementary to middle school. Each grade level is comprised of a four teacher team. Each student has an advisory teacher. Their advisory teacher also serves as their reading teacher. Students then rotate to math, science social studies and language arts. In addition to the core subjects, 5th grade has computer keyboarding, and physical education. 6th grade has art, STEM and physical education. Both grades have band and choir as electives.

Our 7th and 8th grade program is designed to prepare students for success in high school. Like 5th and 6th grade each student has and advisor, but moves through seven 49 minute periods throughout the day. Core subjects are: language arts,

math, science, social studies and physical education/health. Students also receive a trimester of art, computers and industrial technology. Band and choir are offered as electives.

We also offer gifted and talented programs in math and reading in addition to accelerated math classes. Students in need of reading remediation benefit from the interventions provided by our reading specialist. To meet the unique social and emotional needs of our students we have a full time social worker and a comprehensive advisory curriculum that focuses on character education, bullying prevention and school values.

At HLWW Middle School we are focused on your students learning. We utilize instructional strategies that are proven to be effective. Chromebook, Smartboard, Google and several other technologies are integrated into our curriculum to engage our students in 21st century learning and give them the needed skills to be successful in the unknown future of technology.

If you have any questions about HLWW Middle School or would like to arrange a tour, please feel free to contact me at jschimelpfenig@hlww.k12.mn.us or 320-543-4660. You are also welcome to simply stop by for a visit.