



# Sandburg Middle School

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## The Sandburg Middle School Experience

Sandburg Middle School (SMS) is dedicated to career and college readiness. SMS believes that all students can perform at rigorous academic levels with appropriate support and prepares students to embrace the challenges of Advanced Placement courses at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School. Students engage in AP preparation in all core courses. SMS utilizes CollegeBoard's SpringBoard® English curriculum program with all students in grades 6-8. Students are prepared for high intellectual performance by starting the development of critical literacy skills as early as possible.

SMS students are placed on grade level teams which allow them to be a part of smaller learning communities. These smaller learning communities help students successfully transition from elementary to middle school.

## Advancement Via Individual Determination

SMS provides Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) in both a school-wide model and as an elective course for qualifying students. AVID is a college readiness program that supports research-based methods for instruction for all students. The elective course is designed to help students in the academic middle—especially those who will be the first in their family to attend college—prepare for and succeed in college.



## Outstanding Curriculum

### Core Curriculum

The core courses at SMS include math, science, social studies, SpringBoard® English, reading, Spanish and French. Support is available for students who need a little extra help.

### Allied Arts Curriculum

SMS allied arts courses include visual arts; technology education, including Gateway to Technology (GTT), the middle level of the Project Lead the Way Engineering Program; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID); health and physical education; band, choir and orchestra.

### After-School Activities

SMS offers clubs and other extra-curricular activities—from chess club to yearbook to theatre to athletics. Transportation is available for these after-school activities.



**Grades: 6-8**  
**Opened: 2017**  
**Enrollment: 570**  
**School Hours:**  
**8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.**



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