



SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome to Sandburg Middle School!

The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools and Sandburg Middle School is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community. At Sandburg, we are a family. We believe strong, caring relationships are the foundation on which we build learning. Our staff is committed to ensuring the best education for every student in a safe and positive environment. We strive to provide rigorous learning and unique opportunities for students to learn about themselves, others, and the world. Partner with us, we are in this together.

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 Armstrong High School or Cooper 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 (AVID)

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.



Grades 6-8

Opened: 2017

Enrollment: 640

**School Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

Outstanding Curriculum

Core Curriculum

The core courses at SMS include math, science, social studies, SpringBoard® English, reading, Spanish and French.

CollegeBoard

SpringBoard®

Support is available for students who need a little extra help.

Allied Arts Curriculum

SMS allied arts courses include visual arts; Family Arts and Consumer Sciences (FACS), woodshop, technology education, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), health and physical education, band, choir and orchestra.

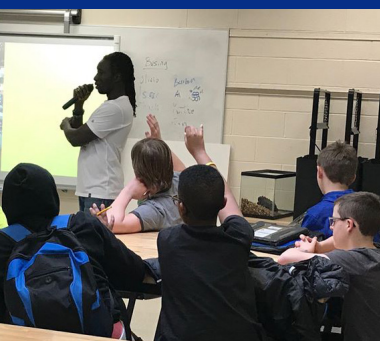
After-School Activities

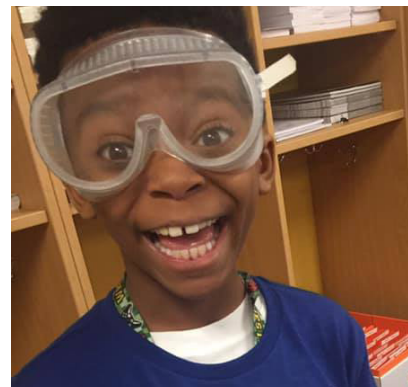
SMS offers clubs and other extra-curricular activities—from chess club to yearbook to theatre to athletics. Transportation is available for these after-school activities.

John Groenke

Head Principal
Sandburg Middle School

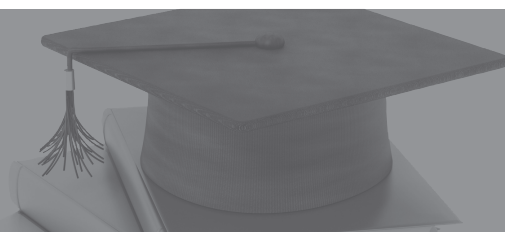
Principal Groenke brings a broad range of principal experience across the K-12 spectrum to our district. He has served as principal at the elementary, middle, and high school level, and earned his superintendent licensure in Superintendent and Educational System Administration from Minnesota State University Mankato in 2016.





EXCELLENCE

is the Standard



Unified District Vision: High Intellectual Performance Through Equity

Our Mission

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Unified District Vision

Robbinsdale Area Schools is committed to ensuring every student graduates career, *articulated skilled trades and college ready. We believe each student has limitless possibilities and we strive to ignite the potential in every student. We expect high intellectual performance from all our students. We are committed to ensuring an equitable and respectful educational experience for every student, family and staff member, focusing on strengths related to:

- Race
- Culture
- Ethnicity
- Home or First Language
- National Origin
- Socioeconomic Status
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Age
- Ability
- Religion
- Physical Appearance

The Unified District Vision Consists of Four Key Goals:

1. Implement policies and practices that open pathways to academic excellence for all students
2. Utilize culturally responsive teaching and personalized learning for all students
3. Engage family and community members as partners
4. Engage and empower students by amplifying student voice



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Asterisk (*) indicates
School Board approved
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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Kindergarten Readiness:

Provide high-quality early learning programs to ensure all students are kindergarten ready.

Measures: Formative Assessment Systems for Teachers (FAST)

Third Grade Reading Proficiency:

Provide differentiated learning experiences to ensure all third grade students achieve grade level literacy.

Measures: MCA and *FAST

High School Graduation:

Ensure every student graduates from high school career, *articulated skilled trades and college ready.

Measures: High School Graduation Rate

Standards:

All staff will teach the state standards

*Pre-K-12, *adult academic

***Measures:** Danielson Model

Central Office Capacity:

Build central office capacity to deliver services in a timely manner to influence student academic achievement.

Measures: *Downey Walk-Through, *implementing efficient operational strategies and *customer service training

Middle School *Transition:

Ensure a smooth academic and social-emotional transition to and from middle school.

Measures: **"Where Everyone Belongs" (W.E.B.) transition program and *College Board recommended curriculum (SpringBoard)