

Welcome to GCVS Middle School!

It is my pleasure to be part of a learning community that strives to make learning engaging and meaningful for students in grades 6–8. I am honored and privileged to be the middle school vice principal and to be part of a team whose mission is to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our GCVS community.

Our faculty and staff spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to set goals for growth and improvement. We believe that every student can find success through this learning model.

The GCVS middle school curriculum guides high quality instruction that takes place each and every day in our live traditional and small group virtual classes. Our curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and the Common Core Standards, which promote 21st Century educational skills.

Besides striving to provide the best possible educational experience for our students, we also believe it is important to promote positive social-emotional development. At the GCVS middle level, we use the Responsive Advisory Classroom philosophy as a guide for our daily morning homeroom period. Responsive Advisory provides a space and support structure for teachers to support middle school students, both individually and as a group, as they develop their sense of self and identity in connection to their relationships with peers.

For middle schoolers, consistency is key. Whether navigating a new learning platform, adjusting to a new schedule, or making new friends, we are all here to help students find comfort and consistency while becoming active participants in their learning community.

The GCVS middle school encourages all parents and learning coaches to become active participants in their student's experience. With opportunities to participate in school sponsored in-person events such as attending the middle school open house and participating in the twice annual parent-teacher conferences, parents and learning coaches are a critical aspect of student success.

With a commitment to strong home-school partnerships, providing open lines of communication, and continuing to strive to make our educational programs and services stronger for our students, GCVS middle school promotes a collaborative learning environment to ensure our students find success.

Respectfully,

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