



Lansing Middle School

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Hello Lansing Parents and Students! I am honored to serve as the Principal of Lansing Middle School. I have been a part of Lansing Middle School since 1997 and have held several different roles in the school – I was a 7th grade classroom teacher, an athletic coach, Vice Principal, and I have been Principal since 2020. Lansing Middle School is a great place to be and that is the reason for my continued commitment to the school.

The mission statement at Lansing Middle School is – “to provide a safe environment in which students **L**earn, **M**ature, and **S**ucceed”. These are important words that we work very hard to uphold and fulfill. We truly understand that the middle school years are a time of great change. Students come to us just out of elementary as 6th graders and by the time they leave after their 8th grade year, they enter their high school career. In between, we do our very best to provide the framework for changes to take place. The middle school years can be challenging for adults to understand; however, our staff truly comprehends this age level and the changes students are experiencing. They recognize the crucial role that failure and mistakes play in the ongoing process of improvement. At LMS, we do our best to celebrate successes, while helping students through problems with empathy and support.

For students to be successful in their academics, we believe social-emotional needs must be a priority. Students must feel safe, secure, and respected. A primary tenet of Lansing Middle School is our set up in inter-disciplinary teams. Teaming ensures that students on the same inter-disciplinary team have the same four to five teachers for their core classes – language arts, literature, math, science, and social studies. Teaming creates a “family-like” atmosphere and it allows the student to have a smaller school feeling. It also allows the teachers to collaborate and do more problem-solving to meet students’ needs. Academically, Lansing Middle School has great expectations and is a high-achieving school. We have traditionally scored above the state average in all areas on the Kansas Assessment Program. Our teachers work hard in their Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to make sure their instruction is aligned and meeting students’ needs. Teachers are also working towards an end-product of a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) for each academic area.

School is a partnership between parents, students, and educators. Communication is a key factor in the success of any student. We encourage parents to use resources available, with Skyward being at the top of the list. Parents and students have access to up-to-date grades and can receive e-mails and notifications through this program. Additionally, we invite parents to attend Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences during the year to meet teachers and have conversations. The most primary and important thing that parents can do though is to ensure that their child is present and prepared for learning each day. There is no substitute for missed instructional time. For students, the most crucial step toward success is learning to advocate for oneself. We want students to talk to adults about what is going on in their lives and when they have questions or problems.

We look forward to working with each of you. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the teachers, social worker, assistant principal, or myself. It’s great to be a Lion and I am grateful to serve as the principal at Lansing Middle School.

Respectfully,
Brooks Jenkins
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