

# Welcome to K-P Middle School!

Welcome to **Kingsley-Pierson Middle School**, home to our 5th–8th grade students in Pierson. These middle years are an exciting time of growth — academically, socially, and personally — and we are proud to provide an environment that both challenges and supports our students as they prepare for high school and beyond.

## Academic Program

Our 5th grade classrooms are primarily self-contained, with a few departmentalized opportunities. Students continue building strong foundations in:

- Reading / Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Art
- Technology
- Music
- Physical Education
- Guidance

Students also gain additional opportunities in **band and keyboarding**, expanding their experiences beyond the elementary level.

Beginning in 6th grade, students transition into an **eight-period schedule**, learning from multiple teachers throughout the day. Core and exploratory classes include:

- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Keyboarding/Coding/Technology
- Art
- Guidance

We continue to provide strong academic supports through:

- **Title I Reading**
- **What I Need (WIN) Time**

- **Special Education Services**
- **Talented & Gifted (T.A.G.) Programming**

Our staff works collaboratively to implement innovative teaching strategies and meaningful multi-disciplinary projects that engage students in real-world learning experiences.

## **A Culture of High Expectations & Character**

Just like in our elementary building, our middle school operates under our district-wide PBIS framework. Students are expected to live out our **PAWS Expectations** each day:

- **Practice Safety**
- **Act Responsibly**
- **Work to Succeed**
- **Show Respect**

Middle school is a time when students grow in independence and responsibility. We intentionally teach and reinforce positive behaviors, leadership, and accountability. We also continue to emphasize the importance of choosing kind each day, recognizing that character matters just as much as academics.

Our goal is to help students grow into respectful, responsible young adults who are prepared for high school success.

## **Unique Middle School Experiences**

The middle school years are filled with memorable and meaningful experiences, including:

- Annual Food Drive supporting those in need
- Educational field trips
- The 6th Grade “Survivor Trip”
- Student Council
- American History Projects
- Egyptian Fair
- Math Bee Competitions
- Talented & Gifted experiences, including Lego League
- 8th Grade Hero’s Day

- And many additional educational opportunities throughout the year

These experiences help students build leadership skills, collaboration, creativity, and confidence.

## **Activities & Involvement**

We strongly encourage students to get involved beyond the classroom. In 7th and 8th grade, extracurricular opportunities include:

- Music & Band
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Football
- ESports
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Track

Participation in activities helps students develop teamwork, perseverance, and Panther pride. Giving your best effort in the classroom and in activities is always encouraged.

## **Preparing for the Future**

Our curriculum aligns with the Iowa Core and is continuously strengthened to ensure students develop 21st-century learning skills. Our highly qualified teachers and staff care deeply about each student and are committed to helping them grow academically and personally.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our families and the communities of Pierson and Kingsley. Most importantly, our middle school continues to live out our mission:

**“Excellence in Education.”**

We are proud of our Panthers and excited to partner with families during these important middle school years.

**Go Panthers!** 

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