

MJHS Playbook

2017-2018



1. Why do we exist?

- MJHS exists to create a safe and challenging environment where students grow and learn in order to become contributing members of our society.

2. How do we behave?

- MJHS staff members behave with empathy, open-mindedness, and high expectations.

3. What do we do?

- We teach seventh and eighth grade students through academics and extracurricular activities.

4. How will we succeed?

- We will differentiate ourselves by providing high-quality academic instruction, responsive support services for struggling students, and diverse activities beyond the classroom for whole-child development.

5. What is most important, right now?

- Rallying cry
 - Improve the academic culture.
- Defining objectives
 - Teachers will utilize the POTTER Way language and tool.
 - Students will complete the POTTER Way self-assessment in each of class.
 - Implement team and school-wide recognition of positive academic culture.
 - Teachers will only accept students' best work.
- Standard operative objectives
 - Consistent high-quality instruction in the classrooms
 - Higher standardized test scores than similar districts
 - Engaged and motivated learners
 - Positive staff morale
 - Students prepared to be successful as freshman in high school

6. Who must do what?

- Teachers
 - Have students complete POTTER Way self-assessments at least twice each quarter.
 - Design content activities to challenge all students at their level.
 - Hold students accountable for high-quality work.
- Administrators
 - Collect data to assess improvement in academic culture.
 - Hold teachers accountable for high-quality instruction.
 - Design professional development activities to challenge and inform teachers regarding instructional practices and classroom culture.
- Aides
 - Provide support for students while maintaining rigor.