

**Abington Middle School  
School Improvement Plan  
2022-2023**



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# Abington Middle School School Council Members

Matthew J. MacCurtain	Principal/Chair	
Jessica Sullivan	Assistant Principal/Secretary	
Allison Ferrigno	Teacher	Term ends September 2022
James Gorman	Teacher	Term ends September 2022
Renee Lindo	Parent	Term ends September 2022
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# Abington Public Schools

## **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Abington Public Schools is to provide all students with relevant, challenging educational experiences to prepare them to be engaged, responsible citizens and members of the global community.

## **Guiding Principles:**

We believe in...

- making decisions in the best interests of students.
- supporting all students in achieving success.
- fostering the physical, intellectual, technological, social, emotional, and artistic development of our students.
- creating a safe, tolerant, supportive, organized, and equitable learning environment.
- providing challenging educational experiences that build character.
- developing self-discipline and personal responsibility.
- promoting creativity, problem solving, effective communication, and critical thinking skills.
- cultivating the educational partnership among home, school, and community.
- nurturing a culture of collaboration, collegiality, and mutual respect.
- encouraging staff initiative and innovation.
- implementing professional development that is essential for effective instruction and improved student learning.
- reviewing and updating curriculum, instruction, and assessment in a regular cycle.
- recognizing that effective and appropriate technology is essential for teaching and learning.
- inspiring all students to become life-long learners.

# Abington Middle School Recent Highlights

- Addition of STEAM teacher
  - Increased the number of sections of math/science at 7-8 grade
- Added a full time School Adjustment Counselor
- Created a partial inclusion program to meet the needs of special education students in grades 7&8 who require more intensive supports for portions of their day
- Created a new bell schedule that allows for a homeroom extended by 25 minutes one day per week, allowing for advisory instruction in grades 5-8, with plans to expand this into a multiple day per week advisory program
- Created Boost After School Tutoring
  - Meets twice a week providing tutoring and advisory services for students experiencing academic difficulties
  - First run in spring 2021 and reduced anticipated summer school enrollment by almost 2/3.
- Worked with AHS National Honor Society Advisors to create an after-school tutoring opportunity open to all students
- Worked with AHS Athletic Director to include grade 8 students in AHS Athletics.
- Utilized Compass social work interns to expand after school offerings to include Girls Group and Alliance club
- Implemented Best Buddies program for grades 5-8, an inclusive and supportive after school peer support and activity groups
- Implemented student recognition programs including Wave Awards and Student of the month
- Hosted Chris Poulos guest speaker, who provided life lessons in core values, anti-bullying, and character education

**Abington Middle School**  
**School Improvement Goals for 2022-2023**

<b>Goal 1</b>	Increase student achievement through enhancements to Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
<b>Goal 2</b>	Continue to cultivate a safe, welcoming, and inclusive school community, that builds on existing strengths and increases students' social emotional and executive functioning skill level

## Abington Middle School Improvement Goal #1

<b>Goal #1</b>	Increase student achievement through enhancements to Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment		
<b>Activity and/or Professional Development</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible</b>	<b>Indicator of Accomplishment</b>	<b>Expected Completion Date</b>
Analyze local, common and statewide assessments and curricular progress.	School Administration  Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment  Department Heads & Directors  Faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the use of grade level standards progress tracker</li> <li>• Analyze MCAS data through data team meetings</li> <li>• Develop grade level and school wide student learning goals, priorities and areas for ongoing focus.</li> </ul>	June 2023
Utilize a coaching and professional development model to continue work focused on grade 5 ELA and	School Administration  Director of Curriculum,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule specific Professional Development and coaching days with consultants for ELA and Mathematics to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide opportunities for identification of best practices and curriculum resources</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	June 2023

<p>grade 5-8 Mathematics</p>	<p>Instruction, &amp; Assessment  Department Heads/Curriculum Coordinators  Faculty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allow teachers to participate in best practice coaching and immediate feedback</li> <li>○ Develop and implement up to date curriculum based on most current learning standards and available high quality resources</li> </ul>	
<p>Build upon and strengthen existing extracurricular intervention programming</p>	<p>School Administration  Faculty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue and strengthen “Boost” after-school tutoring and AHS mentor tutoring as available</li> <li>● Explore after school social emotional support programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Social Work Interns</li> <li>○ After School Clubs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>June 2023</p>
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<p>Continue to provide professional development and resources to faculty and staff to build capacity in SEL and cultivate executive functioning skills in the classroom</p>	<p>School Administration  Faculty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide regular opportunities for staff to engage in activities that address their own social-emotional needs during faculty meetings and pd opportunities</li> <li>• Identification of executive functioning programming with aligned staff professional development</li> </ul>	<p>June 2023</p>
<p>Continue to collaborate with Woodsdale Elementary School to enhance the student transition from elementary to middle school</p>	<p>School Administration  Guidance  Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologists</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transitioning planning group</li> <li>• Move-Up/Visit Days</li> <li>• Orientation program to include tour, school/classrooms visits, meet with administration, meet with teachers, counselors, student panel presentation</li> <li>• Transition opportunities available throughout the summer</li> </ul>	<p>September 2022</p>