



# Kennedy Middle School (6-8)

## Community School with neighborhood boundaries

**Principal:** Warren Sedar  
**Vice-Principals:** Chuck Krause, Kathy Parara  
**2007-08 Enrollment:** 993

### Overview

Kennedy Middle School is fully equipped for the world of multimedia and telecommunication. Students use technology as a tool for creatively presenting their academic work. The curriculum is geared to integrating mathematics, reading, and writing into all areas of the middle school program.

The program at Kennedy is empowered by a staff that is dedicated to the Middle School students and to the community by providing a caring, consistent, academically challenging and safe environment geared to assist all students to realize their maximum potential.

Kennedy students are provided an educational experience that facilitates the transition between elementary and high school. Kennedy's program offers a challenging curriculum for all students. There are expectations of high standards, task commitment, and development of students physical and mental talents also occur through the daily exploratory and PE classes offered at Kennedy.

### CORE VALUES

- Kennedy values a healthy, positive, physically and emotionally safe environment.
- Kennedy values a strong, challenging standards-based curriculum, which emphasizes literacy and establishes high expectations for students.
- Kennedy values the strong moral and civic development of students, encouraging accountability, leadership, and responsibility for learning and behavior.
- Kennedy values an environment where teachers and staff are treated and respected as professionals.
- Kennedy values a curricula and support services that nurture the creative and physical talents of the whole child.

### ACADEMICS

- Algebra • Opportunity to participate in high school Geometry • Advance standing classes in Language Arts and Math • Intervention classes required by the State for students scoring low on the State exam in Math and Reading • Daily PE program with highly popular square dance and ballroom dancing units • After school Homework Center program • Saturday Math Academy • Honor Roll rewards Academic Achievement • Spanish Immersion Program

### EXPLORATORY WHEEL

Exploratory classes include: Study Skills • Computer Skills • Leadership Training • Earth Matters • Web Page Design • Orchestra/Band • Choral Music • Drama • Art • Video • Spanish • Dance • Student-produced Morning TV Show

### TECHNOLOGY

- New Library with internet resources and public library access • Two main computer labs, one instructional, and one for projects • Two rolling laptop labs with notebook computers • Computers in each classroom connected to school server and to internet • Student-run daily TV show • Student-run radio show • Video Surveillance Cameras keep school safe •

### GROWTH/GUIDANCE

- Community Service Opportunities • Peer Mediation Program • Support Services-Teen Talk, Cougar's Den, Counselor, Kennedy Family Center: Mental Health Therapist, Benefit Analyst and Community Schools Coordinator

### ANNUAL TRIPS

- Washington, DC (8th) • Grand Canyon (7th) • Camping trip (7th) • Marine Science Institute (6th)

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

Football, golf, basketball, cross country running, soccer, chess, jazz band, debate, drama-school play, talent show, Citizen School from 3-6pm, Youth Engaged in Leadership and Learning, Student Council, Monthly Dances, Student of the Month, Honors Night, Hall of Fame.