Building Healthy Communities

Joseph T. Henley Middle School seeks to equip all students with the broad range of skills and competencies that will prepare them for high school, college, and a successful and rewarding life.

School Highlights

J. T. Henley Middle School prides itself on developing the whole child through a combination of focus areas on academics, electives and the fine arts, community building, and building healthy lifestyles that will last a lifetime.

Henley’s dedication to student wellness can be seen in its state-of-the art fitness facility. This facility has helped to transform the school’s physical education program from a traditional, game-based model to one that places a focus on a lifetime of sustainable fitness. Teachers use highly engaging physical activities that are coupled with the latest advances in fitness technology to help students set fitness goals and monitor their progress as they work to meet their individual goals. This focus on health and wellness has also moved beyond P.E. classes and into the entire school through teacher’s commitments to integrating movement into their classrooms on a daily basis.

The school’s commitment to healthy communities can also be seen in its integration of the Development Designs model of community building. Through Development Designs, students participate in regular classroom meetings that help them to get to know their fellow students, discuss any major school issues that may be taking place, and make sure every student in the school feels a sense of purpose and belonging. This program strives to blend students’ academic, social and emotional growth into one driving goal.

Henley’s elective program shows its commitment to well-rounded students. Elective offerings in the school are robust, and include a strong fine arts program. These programs are open to all students, and use fine arts as a way to connect to the greater community. The Henley bands conduct several public performances each year, the art department puts on shows both within the school and out in the community, and the drama department partners with a local elementary school for workshops. All students have an opportunity to explore their interests and begin to develop their passions.

Facility Information
- Built in 1966
- 123,626 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation—2016