



TRANSITIONS

Elementary School
To
Middle School

STUDENT CONCERNS

- Getting to class on time.
- Finding lockers.
- Keeping up with work.
- Finding the lunchroom.
- Finding the bathroom.
- Getting on the right bus.
- Getting through the hallways.
- Remembering which class is next.
- Personal safety.

Source: Kid Source Online

[Back to Website](#)

TEACHER CONCERNS

- Changing classes.
- Reduced parent involvement.
- More teachers.
- No recess.
- New grading standards.
- More peer pressure.
- Differences in gender development.
- Cliquishness.
- Longer range assignments.
- Social immaturity.

Source: Kid Source Online

[Back to Website](#)

THE THREE R'S OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. Relationships

2. Relevance

3. Rigorous expectations

Source: Rick Melmer – Sec. Of Ed. South Dakota

[Back to Website](#)

RESEARCH RESULTS

- ✓ On average, children's grades drop dramatically during the first year of middle school compared to their grades in elementary school.
- ✓ After moving to middle school, children become less interested in school and less self-assured about their abilities.
- ✓ Compared to elementary schools, middle schools are more controlling, less cognitively challenging and focus more on competition and comparing students' ability.

[Back to Website](#)

PARENT INTERVENTIONS

- ❖ Encourage child to try new things, learn new skills.
- ❖ Let child know that it is OK to fail and support them when they do fail.
- ❖ Teach child that learning takes effort, time and practice.

TRANSITION PROCEDURES AT MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ☐ Counselors and ambassadors visit 5th gr. Classrooms.
- ☐ Fifth graders tour the middle school and visit exploratory classes.
- ☐ Open house in the fall for students and parents.