

# Mission-Related Indicators – Middle School

## **Self Directed Learner**

*As I continue to become a responsible, self-directed learner, I:*

- arrive prepared for class.
- plan and budget time to meet deadlines.
- follow through on commitments.
- attend to and follow directions.
- manage my behavior so that I remain focused.
- organize time and materials.
- persevere in challenging situations.
- take ownership of work and actions.
- strive to do my best work in all situations.
- strive for accuracy.
- am able to undertake independent study.

*As I continue to become a resourceful, self-directed learner, I:*

- ask a variety of questions in order to clarify my understanding.
- know when and how to seek help and assistance.
- find and use information from a variety of sources.
- evaluate information for reliability, accuracy and credibility.
- demonstrate a willingness to take risks in order to learn.
- use reasoning strategies, knowledge and common sense to solve problems.
- apply prior knowledge to new situations.

*As I continue to become a reflective, self-directed learner, I:*

- am thoughtful, open-minded, and curious.
- assess my work in order to identify areas of strength and weakness.
- assess the strengths and weaknesses of how I learn in order to make appropriate adjustments.
- generate and employ strategies to improve weaknesses.
- respond to new information by reflecting on experience and reconsidering my opinion and sources of information.
- listen to and respect the contributions of others.

## **Responsible and Involved Student/Citizen**

*As I continue to strive toward being a responsible student/citizen, I:*

- demonstrate skill in decision-making which reflects that my choice is informed and based on ethical behavior rather than peer-pressure.
- understand and accept responsibility for my actions.
- resolve conflicts peacefully without compromising personal values.
- respect the rights and feelings of myself and others.
- respect school property as well as the environment.
- make healthy choices.

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*As I continue to strive toward being an involved student/citizen, I:*

- participate in a variety of school activities beyond the school day.
- productively contribute to the community.
- demonstrate dependability, productivity and initiative.

## **Creative and Practical Problem Solver**

*As I continue to strengthen my ability to become a creative and practical problem solver, I:*

- carefully observe situations to identify a problem.
- define problems clearly and accurately.
- brainstorm solution strategies using reasoning, prior knowledge, common sense, creativity.
- identify and gather relevant information to support solution strategies.
- apply the steps necessary to carry out the solution strategy.
- identify patterns, trends, and relationships that apply to the solution(s) of the problem.
- evaluate the effectiveness of the process(es) and solution(s).
- extend and/or transfer the learning to new situations.

## **Effective Team Member**

*As I continue to strengthen my ability to collaborate with others, I:*

- understand and commit to the goal of the group
- share ideas with others
- accept ideas/opinions from others
- actively participate in brainstorming sessions
- demonstrate respect for myself and others
- positively interact with group members
- demonstrate flexibility in group decisions (compromise)

*As I continue to strengthen my ability to cooperate with others, I:*

- follow directions
- accept responsibility for my role in the task at hand
- demonstrate dependability and reliability
- contribute to accomplishing the goal in a timely manner

*As I continue to strengthen my ability to develop interpersonal skills, I:*

- assist in resolving conflicts
- am knowledgeable about individual roles of group members
- actively listen to others
- provide constructive feedback to others
- utilize feedback from others

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