



# Middle School for Young Adolescent Learners

## A Defining Period

The middle years (ages 10 - 14) represent the defining period when young adolescents develop their identity, values and worldview. It is vitally important that middle schools provide educational experiences that will guide students successfully through these formative years.

### According to Research, the Young Adolescent:

- Wants to believe in him/herself as a successful person.
- Wants to be liked, recognized and respected by adults and peers.
- Wants to do and learn things that are worthwhile, relevant and important to them.
- Needs vigorous physical activity.

## Values, Vision and Mission

In Chilliwack, we believe that all young adolescent learners will succeed through developmentally appropriate educational experiences. Our Middle Schools are committed to high quality instruction through a variety of meaningful learning experiences, creating strong connections within a safe and inclusive community and providing access to multiple support systems to meet the diverse needs of young adolescents.

### Our Pillars:

*Teaming* – working with one or two other teachers to support a core group of students

*Exploratory* – providing students the opportunity to sample high interest courses

*Advisory* – dedicated instructional time with students to foster connectedness and positive relationships

*Collaboration* – ongoing inquiry based team work



### Our Supports:

*Family and Community Partnerships* remain critical to the success of every student.

*School Based Team* – specialist and core educators meeting to support individual students.

*Response to Intervention* – instructional interventions to support diverse student learning needs.

*Quality and Focused Professional Development* to further delve into middle learning and support evidence based practices.



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## Chilliwack Middle Schools (Gr. 6 - 8)



*AD Rundle Middle School*  
Principal: Scott Wallace  
Vice Principal: Salvina Sharp  
P. 604-792-4257



*Chilliwack Middle School*  
Principal: Paula Gosal  
Vice Principal: Ryan Pastorchik  
P. 604-795-5781



*Mt. Slesse Middle School*  
Principal: Danielle Wicker  
Vice Principal: Cheryl Lightle,  
Michael Kotanko  
P. 604-824-7481



*Rosedale Traditional Community*  
Principal: Erin McAstocker  
Vice Principal: Brooke Janzen  
P. 604-794-7124



*Vedder Middle School*  
Principal: Gabe D'Archangelo  
Vice Principal: Sharon Bernard,  
Sarah Gamboa  
P. 604-858-7141



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