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The Empower Academy



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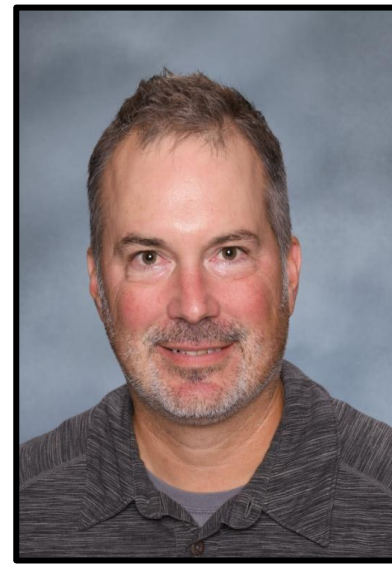
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The Empower Balance

Empower is perfect for me, there is a lot of flexibility, but also clear goals and topics so I won't get confused or off track."

–Current 7th Grade Student



The EMPOWER Mission

Students in the EMPOWER Academy will be...

- Problem Solvers
- Curious Learners
- Effective Communicators
- Thoughtful About Their Learning
- Engaged Community Members
- Empowered Individuals

EMPOWER Days

Empower Crew Groups



Students work with an Empower Crew Teacher weekly to work on learning activities, goals and to design projects.

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Weekly Portfolio Learning Reflections

Focused on themselves as learners...

Building Better Habits

Learning Styles

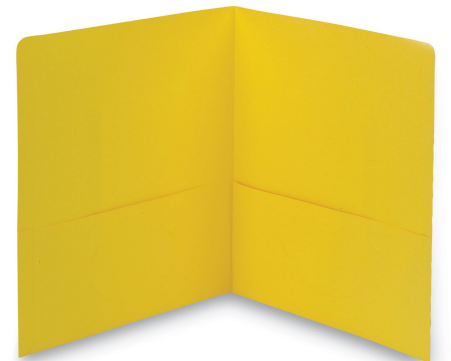
Test Anxiety

etc.

Thinking Styles

Giving Feedback

Study Tips



EMPOWER Days

WOOP Goal-Setting

Focused On:

- *Class Learning*
- *Academic Behaviors*
- *Achievement (NWEA Reflection and Analysis)*
- *Home Communication*



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Leadership Time

- 6th Hour–7th and 8th graders
- Leadership activities
 - Plan field trips
 - Plan team building activities
 - Plan portfolio learning activities
 - Hallway decorations and improvements
 - Etc.!



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Project Create

Students apply their learning to real-life problems, explore their interests, and make deeper curricular connections:

Student designed projects

- Invention Convention
- Community Service
- SPARK Projects
- National History Day and MLK Day Projects

EMPOWER Science

Middle school science curriculum is a three year program where students experience different topics in life, physical, and earth science each year. On Empower, all grade levels will learn the same science concepts on a three year rotation. How we approach each depends on each student's level of learning.

Rotation A	Rotation B	Rotation C
Light and Matter	Chemical Reactions & Matter	Contact Forces
Thermal Energy	Chemical Reactions & Energy	Sound Waves
Weather, Climate & Cycling of Water	Metabolic Reactions	Forces at a Distance
Plate Tectonics & Rock Cycling	Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis	Earth In Space
Natural Hazards	Ecosystem Dynamics	Genetics
Cells & Systems	Earth's Resources & Human Impact	Natural Selection & Common Ancestry

EMPOWER ELA

6th Grade (only 6th graders in class)	7th and 8th Grade (Mixed grade level classes)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Book Clubs● Narrative, informative, argumentative writing● Structured classes and projects● Speaking and listening skill practice	<p>The same general practices as 6th grade, but also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● more choice topics and work products● moving toward independence● cross-curricular topics and opportunities

EMPOWER Social Studies

3-Year Rotation



2025-2026: World Geography

2026-2027: Early United States History

2027-2028: World History

6th Grade	7th and 8th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exposure to multiple SS skills, materials, resources.● Reading Strategies/Primary Sources● Projects: <i>guided</i> options and application● Range of assessment methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● More complex SS materials/resources● Increased Reading Strategies/Multiple Sources● Projects: increased options/applications/multiple pathways● Range of assessment methods

EMPOWER Math

6th Grade	7th and 8th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Classes composed of only 6th grade students.● Lessons will be more structured at the beginning of the year, with a gradual release of responsibility moving towards the end of the year.● Math 6/7 will be taught using Math 7 curriculum (faster pace).● Big focus on voice and choice (many activity options to show their learning).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Classes will be composed of BOTH 7th and 8th graders.● Students will focus on taking responsibility for their own learning and begin working more at their own pace within a 90 minute period.● Big focus on voice and choice (many activities options to show their learning).

EMPOWER might be a good fit if...

- You enjoy open ended learning opportunities with options for student choice
- You welcome and apply constructive feedback (peer and adult)
- You accept challenges and value goal setting towards growth
- You understand the importance of time management and taking responsibility of YOUR learning process
- You are willing to reflect on yourself as a learner, both your strengths and areas for improvement

Empower to Me...The Student View



Questions About Empower?

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Thank you!

