

# MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## WHAT IS ASPIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL?

ASPIRE Middle School gets students and their families thinking about career and college readiness.

The program covers career exploration, college financial planning, high school graduation requirements and course rigor, financial literacy, and the importance of extracurricular and community activities.

The curriculum and activities all fit within the site's schedule.

Screened and trained volunteers, site staff, and near peer mentors will work with individual students, groups, classes, and lead assemblies.

## TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS

- ★ **Traditional Volunteer:** An adult volunteer, eighteen years or older, recruited and screened by ASPIRE sites.
- ★ **Episodic Volunteer:** An adult volunteer, eighteen years or older, who leads college and career focused presentations and activities for groups of students in the presence of site staff.
- ★ **Peer Mentor:** An ASPIRE high school junior or senior who has participated in the ASPIRE peer mentor training.





## MODELS

**Classroom Model:** ASPIRE curriculum is delivered by volunteers or teachers in a classroom setting. Students complete college and career focused activities with assistance from ASPIRE volunteers.

**One-on-One or Group Mentoring Model:** Students with signed permission forms meet one-on-one or in groups with mentors to complete curriculum worksheets, research careers and training options, and do hands-on activities related to college and career access.

**Special Event Model:** Students attend college and career focused presentations given by episodic volunteers, participate in job shadows, go on fieldtrips to college campuses, and participate in other ASPIRE activities.

**College Partnership Model:** Volunteers from nearby colleges meet regularly with ASPIRE middle school students in groups or one-on-one.

**Peer Mentoring Model:** ASPIRE students from nearby high schools meet with ASPIRE middle school students, lead group discussions, and work with students to complete curriculum worksheets.



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