

McLoughlin Middle School

McLoughlin Middle School's mission is to 'make a connection with student academically and socially and with families to create opportunities for a successful future.' McLoughlin's RTI Core Team, composed of administrators, teachers and support staff, monitors and develops student support programs. The team meets weekly and uses a variety of tools to evaluate progress, including parent and teacher input and a comprehensive data system to gather real-time data for attendance, grades, assessment scores and discipline.

McLoughlin's Family Community Resource Center (FCRC) provides a multitude of supports for their families without social stigma, for providing something as simple as pencil or paper, or more complex and impacting needs such as clothing, toiletries and nutrition. The FCRC coordinator networks with community members and business partners to provide basic need supplies (food, clothing, toiletries, school supplies, etc.) as well as emergency dental care, gas and utility support. They collaborate regularly with their PTSA to offer numerous fun and educational family activities, informational workshops and celebrations. The FCRC coordinator partners with the city library to offer conversation circles for ELL parents, as well. An ELL Coordinator and 3 bilingual interpreters work closely with the FCRC to ensure access and effective communication at every family/school event. A W.A.T.C.H.D.O.G. program has been implemented to recruit male family members to volunteer at school.

Students are identified and selected for specific academic support based on their performance on the MSP. McLoughlin has tier 3 and tier 2 reading support classes for students who did not pass the MSP. In math, students who scored level 1 or 2 receive an additional math support class. Level 1 and 2 students for math and reading are also invited to an after-school intervention called Mac Pack. Students rotate through reading, math, study skills and math-embedded cooking classes twice each week. During lunch, any student who needs additional help on an assignment is assigned 'Lunchbox' until their assignment is completed. Approximately 75 students are assigned advocates who mentor them weekly, checking grades and discussing how to improve in their classes. They also have an Academic Team that monitors students' grades and provides mentorship and tutoring to students who are failing, or at-risk of failing.