

PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATION

In addition to the basic instructional program, Gilbert Paterson Middle School also provides the following programs and services to Middle Level students:

- Homeroom, Dyad and Departmental programming at all grade levels
 - Homeroom - one teacher teaching all 4 core subjects
 - Dyad - 2 teachers sharing the teaching of the 4 core subjects
 - Departmental – 4 teachers sharing the teaching of the 4 core subjects
- Middle School Athletic programming
 - Club – Our junior teams are chosen through try-outs. This program has one practice time per week. The focus of this program is to develop technical skills and to introduce very basic strategies. There will not be any games scheduled with other schools, but scrimmage will occur amongst the students who take part in the program.
 - Developmental- Our development teams are chosen through try-outs. This program has two practice times per week. These teams do not compete in an organized league, but exhibition games are scheduled throughout the season. The focus of this program is to develop technical skills and teach basic strategies of the game in an environment that is positive and supportive.
 - Rep - Our rep teams are chosen through try-outs and compete in the Lethbridge Schools Athletic Association. The time commitment for this program is every day and some weekends. This is a competitive environment. The focus of this program is to develop technical skills while at the same time teaching the strategies of the game in a positive and supportive environment.
 - Hockey Development Program (PHD) – The aim of the Paterson Hockey Development program is to develop each player’s technical skills in a positive environment. The focus is on students achieving their potential. This includes developing the knowledge, skills and attributes which are necessary to be successful in the sport of hockey.
- Fine Arts programming
 - Art – Fines Arts programming as an option and club.
 - Band – Full Band program beginning in grade 6. Stage Band also offered at lunch time. Participation in Kiwanis Festival.
 - Choral – Choral programming. Select Choir also offered at lunch time. Participation in Kiwanis Festival.
 - Drama - Dramatic Arts programming as an option and club. Small and large theatre productions during the school year.
- Consultative “L-Team” support for all students

- Bi weekly meetings with all partners present to brainstorm on program planning for students in need of extra support
- Student Academic Intervention Center
- SAIC room for small group support, test writing and alternate short term programming
- Child and Youth Care Worker Services
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit Liaison Mentor
- Teacher Counselor Services
- Voyage Quebec Trip (Gr. 8 French Immersion students)
- Student Leadership Training
- Co-curricular Programming. Lunch hour activities organized for students.
- ALERT Police Officer Services
- Chinook Health Nurse Services (upon request)
- Bussing for children living beyond 2.4 kilometers from the school
- Visitation from AADAC counselor (on request)
- ESL support
- Student Academic Support System Plan. A plan describing and encouraging strong partnerships between home and school to support student learning
- Paterson Hockey Development Program (PHD)