

Fox Middle School
Arnold, Missouri
Grades 7-8

Team-Building Fridays

Twice a month, all students and staff at Fox Middle School promote a culture of collaboration, respect, teamwork, and integrity by participating in Team Building Friday, which consists of a 40-minute block of time every other Friday dedicated to students working together. A Character Council class meets every day during first hour, and, along with an instructor and school administrator, develops the Team Building Friday activities. These are then distributed to the teachers at the beginning of the week so they can prepare. The activities foster discussions and open communication between staff and students, and create an environment of caring and mutual trust. Teachers form a closer relationship with their students by connecting on a more personal level with them, which helps students feel more comfortable talking about personal issues and challenges. An extension of the school-wide commitment to character education, students know the school does not only deal with good character during character education lessons or team building activities. Compared to the previous year, there were 11 fewer out-of-school suspensions and 26 fewer in-school suspensions during the first semester of this year.

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