

PAMLE Best Practices Article

Titusville Middle School is focused on the MLE core practice of providing Curriculum that is relevant, challenging, integrative, and exploratory. The advisory program at our school, renamed *Catalyst* in the summer of 2022, is the engine which drives most other initiatives. Our team of teachers is committed to the importance of advisory at the middle level and uses multiple tools including SEL education, team building, and integrated curricular approaches to foster a climate of care and support for all. In the summer of 2023 a group of teachers expanded the reach of our Catalyst program as they created grade-level essential questions that serve to drive educational programming and student learning. The focuses that our school now has at each grade level are:

6th Grade-What is your role?

7th Grade- What is your journey?

8th Grade – What is your why?

These essential questions, which provide focus for the year and each grading period, allow for meaning and purpose to easily be presented to students. Titusville Middle School is in the process of using this integrated curricular approach to build connections between the live-experiences of students and educational offerings. The development of our Catalyst program continues as a dedicated group of teachers working within a committee to continually refine the program. Our obligation to the development of the entire student through our Catalyst advisory program serves as an example of our commitment to the middle-level philosophy and our desire to continue to provide the best educational experience for the students that we serve.