

Jump to the Middle Everitt Middle School Wheat Ridge, CO



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Each year, the school administration from Everitt Middle School go to the elementary schools in the area to promote Jump to the Middle. The Jump to the Middle program is an informational night designed to engage families of incoming elementary students and provide an opportunity to see and better understand the middle school experience.



The night provides an introduction of the programs and classes at Everitt Middle School. The evening also allows students and their families to have conversations with teachers, administration, counselors, and other staff about concerns they may have regarding the elementary-to-middle school transition.

During the night, students and their families first meet according to grade level. Staff present topics such as the daily bell schedule, locker rules and usage, homework policies, lunch and recess procedures, and problem-based learning.

After the information session, students and their families tour the school. During this tour, they see current student work, practice opening a locker, and stop by the library to speak with the school principal.

Everitt Middle School's family liaison attributes many factors to the program's success. The planning committee advertise early and often. School administrators go to feeder elementary schools to speak with students and get them excited about attending Jump to the Middle. Finally, Everitt's entire school community participated in the evening and helped students and families feel comfortable about transitioning to middle school.

