

## Specialty Areas

Art / Technology / STEM:

Mr. Busse

Band & General Music Program:

Mr. Babiarcz

Orchestra:

Ms. Armwood

Physical Education: / Health:

Mr. Lewicki

Ms. Kasher

Spanish / SEL:

Mrs. Tumilty

Math Specialist:

Ms. Thomas

## Support Services

Social Worker: Mrs. Rumbaugh

Psychologist: Mrs. Johnson

Reading Support: Mrs. Vargas

Speech: Mrs. Langlo

Speech Assistant: Ms. Cho

English Language Learners (ELL):

Mr. Miner

Occupational Therapist: Ms. Stoner

Learning Resource:

Mrs. Jordan

## Homework

Students should expect homework on a regular basis. Assignments are to be completed by the following day or a given due date.

## Assessments

Eighth grade students will take local assessments: MAPS, AimswebPlus; and state assessments: IAR (Reading and Math) and ISA (Science).

## Field Trips

We go on field trips throughout the year that correspond with our curriculum.

Past field trips have included:

- Shakespeare Theater
- College of DuPage

## Extra Curricular Activities:

- Art / Tech Club
- Cheerleading - Coed
- Improv Club
- Basketball - Boys & Girls
- Volleyball - Boys & Girls
- Homework Club
- Newspaper Club
- Soccer - Coed
- Student Council
- Cross Country - Coed
- Girls on the Run
- Yearbook

## Second Step

Social/Emotional (SEL) Curriculum

- Mindsets and Goals
- Values and Friendships
- Thoughts, Emotions and Decisions
- Serious Peer Conflicts

# Albright Middle School

*Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders*



## 8th Grade Curriculum

Mrs. Grippo

Mrs. Olsen

Ms. Thomas

Mr. Yung

**2019-2020**

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**Assistant Principal: Mrs. Monroe**

**Secretary: Mrs. Busse**

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# Language Arts

*Text: myPerspectives*

## Topics of Study

- Word studies (roots, base words, affixes, etymologies, etc.)
- Expressions (green thumb, in the red, etc.)
- Narrative writing
- Expository/Informational Writing
- Argumentative essay
- Research Paper
- Speech / Communications / Debate
- Visual Literacy (use of media)

# Reading/Literature

*Text: myPerspectives*

*Novels: Board Approved*

## Topics of Study

- Literature studies
- Vocabulary (contextual and structural analysis)
- Literary periods
- Fiction / Non-fiction
- Poetry
- Drama (Shakespeare's Hamlet)
- Literary Devices
- Independent reading

# Mathematics

## Pre Algebra

*Text: Glencoe McGraw-Hill  
Math Connects Course 3*

## Topics of Study

- Integers and Expressions
- Powers and Exponential Rules
- Real Numbers/Pythagorean Theorem
- Scientific Notation
- Solving Equations
- Angle Relationships With Polygons
- Transformations
- Two and Three-Dimensional Geometry
- Rational numbers
- Graphing and Solving Linear Equations
- Systems of Linear Equations

## Algebra (Assessment placed)

*Text: Algebra 1, McDougal Littell*

## Topics of Study

- Expressions, Equations, and Functions
- Properties of Real Numbers
- Solving Linear Equations
- Graphing Linear Equations and Functions
- Writing Linear Equations
- Solving and Graphing Linear Inequalities
- Systems of Equations and Inequalities
- Exponents and Exponential Functions
- Polynomials and Factoring
- Quadratic Equations and Functions

# Science

*Text: STEMscopes*

- Hands on investigation
- Exploration of the Scientific Method
- Data Collection

## Integrated Curriculum

### Topics include:

- Earth Science
- Physical Science
- Life Science

**Students will participate in a school-wide S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering Math) activity.**

# Social Studies

*Text: History Alive!*

### Theme: Power

*The United States Through Industrialism*

## Units of Inquiry

Students will examine units under the C3 framework through the lens of Civics, Economics, Geography & History.

- Colonization/Revolution
- Civil War
- U.S. and Illinois Constitutions
- Great Depression
- Civil Rights
- Holocaust