Turning Points 2000

Recommendations

**Ensuring success for every student is the overall goal of the *Turning Points 2000* design.**

- Teach a curriculum grounded in rigorous, public academic standards for what students should know and be able to do, relevant to the concerns of adolescents and based on how students learn best.

- Use instructional methods designed to prepare all students to achieve higher standards and become lifelong learners.

- Staff middle grades schools with teachers who are expert at teaching young adolescents, and engage teachers in ongoing, targeted professional development opportunities.

- Organize relationships for learning to create a climate of intellectual development and a caring community of shared educational purpose.

- Govern democratically, through direct or representative participation by all school staff members, the adults who know the students best.

- Provide a safe and healthy school environment as part of improving academic performance and developing caring and ethical citizens.

- Involve parents and communities in supporting student learning and healthy development.