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The Long Branch Middle School is a state-of-the-art facility that provides all students with outstanding educational experiences and was designed with the child in mind. The school is made up of 3 academic floors where over 1100 students are educated. The building consists of a state of the art auditorium, 2 gymnasiums, 2 cafeterias, and flexible seating in certain areas of the building.

Technology is an integral part of each school day, with all students utilizing 1:1 personal Chromebooks.

Technology is utilized in several capacities to assist in student success. All students have access to Google Chromebooks which promotes opportunities for teachers to integrate technology throughout the curriculum. Additionally, teachers utilize Google Classroom and its capabilities to promote collaboration and increase connectivity with students outside of the classroom.

The Long Branch Middle School has embraced the three pillars of being a National Green Ribbon school throughout our community by reducing environmental impact and costs, promoting environmental education, and helping to improve health and wellness. As a result, the Long Branch Middle School has earned silver level certification from the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, as well as the Sustainable Champion Award for the middle school category.

As our mission statement explains, one of the areas on which we focused was our strong relationships with students in order to help them learn. In order to help provide a sense of family within the larger school community, our students and teachers are divided into cohort teams on each grade level. A cohort is a group of students who share the same group of teachers for their core academic subjects. Each team had approximately 100 students which is in line with the recommendations of the National Middle School Association. These small learning communities also help to provide regular communication between teachers and parents. Complimenting this, the school counselors, child study team and administrators regularly met with the teams to provide further communication about student needs.

Long Branch Middle School students are immersed in creative programming and superior educational experiences. The mission of the Long Branch Middle School is to provide students from grades 6 - 8 with a unique educational experience and to utilize our diverse learning community to foster mutual respect and social responsibility. Our school uses the Big Ideas Math program; a balanced instructional approach of discovery and direct instruction. Additionally, Algebra I is offered to seventh and eighth graders to satisfy high school graduation requirements. Geometry is also offered to students who have completed Algebra I in grade 7. ELA instruction is taught using the comprehensive, researched-based literature program Into Literature and Read 180 is used as an intervention program. Science electives offer Introduction to Engineering, Robotics and Medical Detectives under the PLTW Gateway Program. Our school also maintains a rich emphasis on Bilingual and Special Education by utilizing a wide-range of diagnostic and assessment components to target instruction to students' individualized needs. Our programs use research-based curricula which are taught and supervised by highly-qualified, highly-specialized teachers and administrators. The District is committed to providing empowering strategies to maximize student success at every level of student achievement.

The Long Branch School Middle School believes athletics and extracurricular activities are an integral part of the students' education. We strive to meet high standards of sportsmanship, responsibility, dedication, and devotion to the sport, school, and family. The Long Branch Middle School offers the following exciting clubs and extracurricular activities for students: African American Culture Club, Debate Club, Drama Club, Morning Concert Band, Basic Belief in All People, Book Store, Choral Music, Cooking Club, Dance Club, Gay/Straight Alliance, Drug Free Club, National Junior Honor Society, Peer Leadership, Young Astronauts, Yearbook, Student Council, and Natural Helpers.

No education would be fully satisfied without a deep connection to health, well-being, and physical fitness. Understanding that obesity and stress-management are serious issues plaguing the students of the U.S., the District has committed itself to educating our students about healthy-living. The Middle School offers a daily, free breakfast to every child, and is committed to including a multitude of healthy lunch choices, including our Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program, to our students. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) will be a major initiative during the 2021-2022 school year. We have also partnered with the Rutgers School Climate Project to increase staff, student, and community awareness of SEL. Additionally, several small groups of students meet on a regular basis with a focus on making positive choices and self care. Our School Based Youth Program provides the following support services for our students: counseling for teens and family, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, support services, anger management, staying drug free, referrals to support and treatment programs, drug and alcohol prevention education programs, health support services by a nurse practitioner, family planning information and education, nutrition counseling, teen parent support services, and parenting workshops.

Parents are an integral part of the team at the Long Branch Middle School. Monthly meetings are held for parents and staff to participate in our STPO, where fundraising, extra curricular activities, and class trips are planned. Throughout the year, families are invited to attend various functions such as Orientation, Back to School Night, Conferences, Theater Productions, Educational Nights, Parades, and Concerts. Student grades are accessible through the Genesis Parent Portal, which is updated daily.

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

Regular school hours for students are 8:00a.m. to 2:48p.m.

\*Breakfast is served daily from 7:30a.m-7:55a.m.\*

Half Day hours are 8:00a.m. - 1:03p.m.

\*Breakfast is served daily from 7:30a.m-7:55a.m.\*

2-Hour Delayed Opening hours are 10:00a.m. - 2:48p.m.

\*Breakfast is served from 9:30-9:55a.m.\*

**List of what to bring the first day of school**

Individual teachers will provide lists for each class during the first week of school.