The primary responsibility of MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM is that it is *challenging, integrated, and exploratory.*

**CHALLENGING**

**INTEGRATED**

**EXPLORATORY**

“If our focus is truly on young adolescent learners then we will see to it that our emphasis is on their challenge and being challenged by their schoolwork, their successfully integration of new learnings into their continuously modified existing knowledge, and their exploration of the ideas and questions that interest them.”

Our curriculum should offer the middle school child

- Competence
- Responsibility
- Affiliation
- Awareness
- Ethical perception of self

What percentage of curriculum should be designed around the expressed needs and interests of middle school students?