



Student Engagement and Opportunities to Learn

AcadeMir Charter School Middle

Video Reflection Guide

This video shows how AcadeMir Charter School Middle provides opportunities for students to learn both in and outside of the school day, including through electives classes that reinforce instruction from core classes. For educators interested in applying lessons learned from the video to their district or school context, this accompanying reflection guide offers questions to consider after watching the video, as well as some additional resources.

Opportunities to Learn

"[W]e try to meet [students] where they're at by giving them multiple opportunities. If it's not through their English language arts course, it's through their intensive reading course, through after school tutoring, through Saturday academy tutoring." - Teacher

"All of these extra support programs that we have in school are always open to change throughout the year, mostly based in data . . . [W]e can open a specific tutoring session for a specific group, and then if we see improvement, we can change the students, change the setups, change the subject." - Teacher

Staff at AcadeMir describe different academic interventions available to meet the diverse needs of students. These programs, groupings, and participants are based on the analysis of data.

- What supports are available to students in your school?
- How are these interventions designed?
- Which students participate and why?
- Who makes these decisions?

Student Engagement

"One of the things that also makes a difference . . . is the balance. In addition to academics, you have electives that complement you . . . in this school, we have eight periods. So you have four core classes, and four electives. We can use some of those electives for additional support in the subjects, but we also have fun things." - Teacher

- How are electives structured in the school schedule?
- How do electives connect to core academic classes?
- Which electives are the most popular and why?

Additional Resources

Read [AcadeMir Charter School Middle](#)'s National Blue Ribbon Schools [program application](#) to learn more about the different programs to both engage and support students.

National Blue Ribbon Schools: [Student Engagement and Motivational Practices](#) & [Intervention Practices](#) – Learn more about effective practices from other National Blue Ribbon Schools.