





## WHO WE ARE

University Middle is a totally new kind of school. A school that reflects the demands of the dynamic, high-tech, diverse world in which we live. A school where students don't just see people of different races, genders and religions – they work with them, learn from them and come to understand them. A school that teaches students to take ownership of their learning through projects they care about, with results they can touch, display, market, broadcast or give back to the community. A school where education starts in classrooms, but ultimately ends up in the world. A school that values and practices hands-on learning. A school that builds its curriculum around the interests of the students who walk its halls. A school that isn't just different – it's fun.

### **OUR MOTIVE**

To develop the mindset of a lifelong learner and problem solver.

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# OUR METHODS

#### **University Partnership**

> University Middle students work with leading scholars and practitioners at the University of Memphis to expand their horizons.

#### **Project-Based Learning**

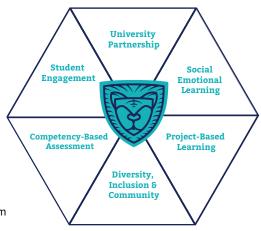
At University Middle, students experience immersive project-based learning. What does this mean? Students engage in active experimentation and hands-on learning in all areas of the curriculum and centered on questions and problems that inspire them.

#### **Competency-Based Assessment**

Our students work to demonstrate proficiency across a range of "competencies." These competencies correlate with the same skills, knowledge blocks and habits of mind that today's high schools, universities and employers are seeking in their next generation of leaders. In addition to traditional grades, students are assessed bi-annually using competencies they master throughout the year.

#### **Student Engagement**

University Middle provides co-curricular organizations and activities that enhance our school's instructional culture. Clubs and partnerships like Girls on the Run, Facing History & Ourselves, Tigers for Equity & Justice Alliance and Youth in Government are just a few opportunities our students have to deepen their understanding and positively impact the world around them.



#### **Social Emotional Learning**

Middle schoolers change ... a lot. That's why every student at University Middle participates in social emotional learning alongside traditional subjects like math and history. Social emotional learning is woven throughout curricular and co-curricular experiences – students not only engage in topics in the classroom, but also learn to navigate life's challenges in a safe environment.

#### **Diversity, Inclusion & Community**

In our amazingly diverse world, progress depends on a commitment to mutual respect, a strong sense of shared responsibility and sophisticated cultural awareness. Thankfully, the students won't be alone. Regular family meetings at University Middle will remind us – all of us – that progress depends on everyone.

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