

Transition to Middle School

5 Key Takeaways from this session:

#1

There are several differences between elementary and middle schools. Service delivery, communication, and classes in middle school were discussed.

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ID Mild regional and EBS regional programs are not available in middle schools but student's IEPs are supported through Essentials classes and the AST/BST support program.

#3

The EL Curriculum overview was illustrated and a sample lesson provided, including the list of anchor books and topics for sixth grade. What it means to be college and career ready in 2017 was discussed and the capacity of a literate student in middle school was described.

#4

A sample math lesson was given which engaged learners – even those not overly interested in math. The definition, symptoms and recommendations for Dyscalculia were provided. The “Big Ideas” should be focused on in math.

#5

Allow students to express understanding, creativity, questioning in whatever way necessary. Have high expectations for students and DEMAND your teachers do too.

