

Manitou Springs Middle School
“Relationships, Rigor, Opportunity”
“Core Beliefs”

We Believe.....

- **Students will be treated with dignity and respect at all times.**
- **Problems are really opportunities to learn and grow.**
- **Adults are always available to help, not judge.**
- **There is a logical connection between choices and consequences.**
- **Students will be responsible for solving their own problems, with guidance.**
- **Teachers will stimulate critical thinking and encourage academic risk-taking, while fostering a willingness to try and try again.**
- **Meaningful feedback and growth reporting facilitates learning far more than grades alone.**
- **Students will seek out opportunities to learn, rather than solely receiving what the teacher directs.**
- **Teachers are responsible for facilitating differentiated learning.**
- **Students are active participants and responsible for their own learning.**
- **Practice is an essential component of a rigorous education, and should be consistently relevant and individualized.**
- **Reading, writing, discussion, and debate are essential components of rigorous learning in EVERY classroom.**
- **Students will be challenged to exceed their own expectations and individual learning goals.**
- **Education in the Arts is an integral part of a well-rounded, highly intelligent student experience.**
- **Students should be encouraged to experience many opportunities, before choosing a path of interest.**
- **Students who regularly “have fun” and enjoy the opportunities provided will excel in meaningful ways.**

.....Manitou Middle School is the BEST!!!