Leadership through Extracurricular and Academic Development (L.E.A.D.)

Altona Middle School's Mission:
Altona Middle School is a place where each individual student will create their own opportunities through Core, Enrichment, and Extracurricular achievement! Educators, parents and students have an equal responsibility to prepare every Altona student to be a leader and obtain key 21st century skills such as self-reliance and academic competence so they are able to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Leadership at the Middle
Leadership is a key trait we want to develop in every student at Altona. The specific characteristics that we will strive to impart on each Altona students are:
- Advocacy for self and others
- Service to and ownership of school and greater community
- Communication skills
- Teamwork
- Ownership of one’s actions
- Modeling positive behavior

Altona Middle School's Vision
“The middle level educational program in St. Vrain schools must develop a clear academic focus which prepares students with learning skills to make their high school experience successful. This must be done through all instructional activities. The middle level educational program must be structured in such a way that students who need more basic skill development receive it, even if some content or enrichment opportunities are limited, for those students, in order for this to occur.”

Standards-Based Education
Our school is a standards-based school. Standards-based education is not a new fad, nor is it a reconstruction of past attempts at educational reform. Standards-based education is a system for teaching and learning that focuses on students becoming proficient in clear, measurable standards. For students and teachers in the day to day teaching-learning process, standards-based education means teaching and learning with the “end in mind”.

Altona Middle School's Academic Goals
Altona Middle School will sustain a SAR rating to maintain an Excellent Ranking through the next year.
This goal requires a two pronged approach:
1. A plan for advanced learners: Altona Middle School will sustain or increase Advanced Scores in Reading, Writing, and Science to 25%, and Math to 40%.
2. A plan for at-risk students: Altona Middle School will decrease Unsatisfactory Scores in all areas to less than 3%.

Altona Middle School's Affective Goals
- Develop leadership skills
- Develop individual self-reliance
- 6th Grade – Project Alert and Bully-proofing
- 7th Grade – Social and Cultural Diversity Awareness
- 8th Grade – Defense Awareness Response Training – Adolescent dating and harassment
- Health during CSAP week

**Literacy & Numeracy Focus**

**Advanced Learners**
- 3 Math Pathways (Regular Path, Algebra Path, Geometry Path)
- 3 Language Arts Pathways (Regular Path, Advanced Path, GT Path)
- 50% Time on Task

**At-risk Learners**
- Lit Lab
- Math Lab
- Intensive Interventions
- Homework Club
- Summer School

**Silver Creek Leadership Academy Focus**
- Community Service
- Civic Ideals

**Our Goal** - 100% student involvement in at least one extracurricular activity.

**Extracurricular Opportunities**

**Leadership**
- WEB
- NJHS
- Student Council

**Performing Arts**
- Band
- Choir
- Orcheutr

**Intramural Sports**
- Volleyball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Wrestling
- Coed Track
- Bolder Boulder MS Challenge
- Soccer

**Academic**
- Math Counts
- Math Olympiad
- MESA
- Geography Club
- Spelling Bee
- Homework Club

Altona Middle website: [http://ams.stvrain.k12.co.us/](http://ams.stvrain.k12.co.us/)