

## The Middletown Township Public Schools' Assessment Committee

### Purpose Statement

The Middletown Township Public Schools' Assessment Committee is a voluntary group of dedicated educators who are passionate about education and continuous improvement for teaching and learning. This committee is open to all district educators and includes Board of Education and parent representation. Educators can attend any or all meetings and can serve as members of subcommittees to develop procedures for best-practices regarding assessment district-wide.

### Mission Statement

The Middletown Township Public Schools' Assessment Committee will offer recommendations that facilitate higher level thinking and **empower** students to take responsibility for their **own** learning, so that all students may achieve their highest potential. Moreover, the committee will support **all stakeholders** in developing common practices that provide fair, equitable measures of student progress; include academic, as well as social and emotional factors; and yield meaningful data to drive future teaching and learning.

### Middletown Township Public Schools' Assessment Committee Goals

This committee endeavors to:

1. Develop multiple measures of student performance to determine students' strengths and weaknesses.
2. Provide clear, common expectations that are purposeful, flexible, and realistic.
3. Evaluate both formative and summative assessment practices.
4. Offer feedback for systematic procedures of ongoing assessment.
5. Ensure that assessments are rigorous, reflect authentic learning, and facilitate student progress toward state and national standards.
6. Promote reflective teaching and learning, supporting metacognition.
7. Offer recommendations that facilitate higher level thinking for heuristic learners.
8. Support students so they may take responsibility for their learning and achieve their highest potential.