

Mission and Purpose:

Advisory in Middle School plays a key role in supporting the academic and socio-emotional well-being of students during an important stage of development. Students work to develop the character traits and life skills necessary to understand and fulfill their purpose, interact mindfully within their community, build relationships based on trust, empathy, compassion, and respect, and reflect on their actions and contributions to the world.

Objectives:

Middle School students meet in small advisory groups throughout the year and are supported by a dedicated Middle School Advisor. Advisors and students work together to:

- Help students to reflect about their learning.
- Develop the necessary Approaches to Learning Skills (ATL) that transfer between subject areas and throughout grade levels at Robinson, and beyond.
- Empower students as they learn and know more about themselves and their learning.
- Give students voice to express the process of growth and /or needs.
- Facilitate safe conversations where students share experiences, support their peers, and build relationships among classmates.
- Develop an environment of respect where students feel comfortable expressing their needs.

Advisory Topics:

While Advisors and students engage with the many teachable moments and themes that arise throughout the course of the school year, core topics essential to all Middle School students include:

7 th and 8 th Grade	9 th Grade
Self-Management Skills	Values and Decisions
Time Management Skills	Goals for the Future
Communication Skills	Transitioning to Upper School
Note-taking, Writing and Study Skills	College Readiness Portfolio
Academic Honesty	Academic Honesty

