

Who can participate?

- mid-career switchers
- military retirees
- highly qualified teaching assistants
- recent graduate without a teaching background



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*Interested in a
change?
Looking for
something new?*

Middle Matters

Hopewell City
Public Schools

*Partnering with James
Madison University, Fort Lee
and the
Virginia Department of
Education*

*Enjoy working with
middle schoolers?*

*Enjoy Science,
Technology and
Mathematics?*



M₂ Overview

Middle Matters year **ONE** is primarily devoted to forming teams to design, deliver and evaluate professional development opportunities and recruitment and retention practices.

Middle Matters years **TWO** and **THREE** will build on this foundation by expanding the professional development opportunities, providing support to M2 recruits and completers as well as other teachers.

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Change a child's life for the better...

Middle Matters partners include James Madison University, Hopewell City Schools, Fort Lee, and Virginia Advanced Study Strategies. The goals for Middle Matter include:

- 1) Teacher candidates will achieve full middle school science and/or mathematics teaching certification status within two years of beginning the Middle Matters project.
- 2) Hopewell City Public Schools will increase its successful recruitment and retention of highly qualified teachers.
- 3) Hopewell City Public Schools will increase the rigor and effectiveness of instruction offered at the Middle School level.
- 4) Middle Matters' alternative licensure teacher preparation model will be substantially replicable in school divisions in rural areas, particularly those that serve children of military families.