

Eastern Illinois University
Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, & Middle Level Education
MLE 5110 - Principles and Procedures in the Middle-Level School
Mondays 7-9:30 in 1441 Buzzard

Credit Hours: 3 semester hrs.

Prerequisites: ELE 3000 and ELE 3280; SED 3000 or SED 3330 and EDP 3331; completion of the Alternate Certification Program; or permission of department chair.

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Unit Theme: Educator as a Creator of Effective Educational Environments: Integrating Students, Subjects, Strategies, Societies, and Technologies

Graduate Mission Statement: The Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education seeks to advance scholarly preparation by providing quality teaching and promoting excellence in research/creative activity in order for graduate students to exemplify best teaching practices for children from birth through age fourteen. The Department is dedicated to the preparation of knowledgeable citizens of the 21st century and seeks to empower individuals to meet the challenges faced by professional educators in a rapidly changing society. Candidates for the Master of Science in Education Degree will be prepared to teaching diverse environments recognizing multiple pathways of learning. The Department is committed to enhancing the graduate academic experience in order to create educators who can function effectively in a culturally diverse, technologically advanced, and global environment in order to engage learning at all levels.

Outcomes for all Graduate Students at Eastern Illinois University:

Graduate students will:

1. possess a depth of content knowledge including effective technology skills and ethical behaviors;
2. engage in critical thinking and problem solving;
3. exhibit effective oral and written communication skills;
4. engage in advanced scholarship through research and/or creative activity;
5. demonstrate an ability to work with diverse clientele, recognizing individual differences; and
6. collaborate and create positive relations within the school, community, and profession in which they work.

Course Description: Definition and rationale for middle level education, historical development, components of the middle school, curriculum and organizational patterns, teacher's role in middle level education, and planning for instruction. This course partially fulfills the ISBE requirements for middle-level endorsement.

Rationale/Purpose: The purpose of this course is for students to develop an understanding of the middle school concept and the historical development of the middle level movement. In addition, students will enhance their understanding of curriculum for middle school children and increase their knowledge and perceptions of the unique problems and concerns of the middle school child.

Outcomes Specific to the Course:

- Student will establish a conceptual understanding of the history, philosophy, and future development of middle level education.
- Student will be able to characterize the developmental stages of the emerging adolescent.
- Student will analyze the unique domains of the middle school.
- Student demonstrates an ability to integrate theory and practice by surveying alternative instructional models as a basis for a middle school curriculum proposal.
- Student will foster an awareness of societal influences on the emerging adolescent.
- Student will develop a concerned citizenry of middle level students by connecting students to the community.
- Student examines curricular modifications for special populations.

Textbooks:

Knowles, T. & Brown, D. (2007). *What every middle school teacher should know*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Assigned Extra Readings

- Dobbs, D. (2011). Beautiful Teenage Brains. *National Geographic*.

Supplemental materials: None

Model of Teaching: Social Models: Building the Learning Community

When we work together, we generate a collective energy that we call *synergy*. The social models of teaching are constructed to take advantage of this phenomenon by building learning communities. Essentially, “classroom management” is a matter of developing cooperative relationships in the classroom. The development of positive school cultures is a process of developing integrative and productive ways of interacting and norms that support vigorous learning activity. (pp. 28-30)

Joyce, B., Weil, M., & Calhoun, E. (2009). *Models of teaching* (8th ed.). Boston: Pearson.

Course Requirements and Demonstrated Competencies are Aligned with the Standards:

<http://www.iste.org/Content/NavigationMenu/NETS/ForStudents/2007Standards/NETSforStudents2007.htm>

<http://www.iste.org/Content/NavigationMenu?NETS/ForTeachers/2008Standards/NETSforTeachers2008.htm>

Plagiarism and Standards of Student Conduct

The Department of EC/ELE/MLE is committed to the learning process and academic integrity as defined within the Student Conduct Code Standard I. “Eastern students observe the highest principles of academic integrity and support a campus environment conducive to scholarship.” Students are expected to develop original and authentic work for assignments submitted in this course. In short, **plagiarism is the process of copying another person's idea or written work and claiming it as your own.** “Conduct in subversion of academic standards, such as cheating on examinations, plagiarism, collusion, misrepresentation or falsification of data” or “submitting work previously presented in another course unless specifically permitted by the instructor” are considered violations of this standard. *Please ask me questions if you are confused.*

Although graduate courses may have common assignments (e.g., critiques of journal articles, literature reviews, or research papers), the overall goal of the program is to provide a “spiral curriculum”. The class assignments submitted by a graduate student must provide evidence of growth and advancement by building upon, **but not duplicating, prior coursework, projects, experiences, or materials.** For help with APA 6th Edition, please see:

[Owl at Purdue, APA formats](#)

[Owl Ref. List -- periodicals](#)

[Owl Ref. List -- books](#)

<http://citationmachine.net>

<http://webster.commnet.edu/apa/index.htm>

www.easybib.com

Course (Core) Requirements	Demonstrated Competencies (NMSA Master's Standards)	Graduate Standards
Group Presentation (components of the middle school)	I. Young Adolescent Development 1. knowledge of major concepts, principles, & theories 2. knowledge of health & sexuality issue 6. comprehend implications of young adolescent development for school organization & components of successful middle level programs & schools II. Middle Level Philosophy & School Organization 2. have practiced professional knowledge about historical & contemporary models of schooling for young adolescents & advantages VII. Middle Level Professional Roles 1. understand role as a middle level professional 2. understand the importance of their influence on young adolescents 5. understand advisory/advocate theories, skills & curriculum 6. have a comprehensive understanding of teaming/collaboration	1.a. depth of content knowledge in the discipline 1.b. effective use of technology as appropriate 1.c. ability to apply content knowledge to practice 1.d. an understanding & respect for professional ethics 1.e. respect for the professional environment through their honesty, integrity, and professionalism 2.a. critical thinking & problem solving 2.b. ability to effectively evaluate situations & identify an appropriate course of action 3.a. effective oral communication skills 3.b. effective written communication skills 3.c. effective, fair, & honest communication considering not only the message but also the audience 5.d. an ability to provide evidence of differentiation of curricula 5.e. an ability to provide evidence of inquiry based instruction 5.f. an ability to engage in reflective practice 6.a. ability to collaborate with other professionals to promote the success of their clientele
Research Paper	I. Young Adolescent Development 4. understand range of individual differences and evaluate their effects on teaching & learning III. Middle Level Curriculum & Assessment 5. knowledgeable about curriculum standards & models 7. understand roles & responsibilities in the total school curriculum 9. understand the major curriculum theories	2.a. critical thinking & problem solving 2.b. ability to effectively evaluate situations & identify an appropriate course of action 3.a. effective oral communication skills 3.b. effective written communication skills 3.c. effective, fair & honest communication considering not only the message but also the audience 4.a. an understanding of the role of research in the discipline 4.b. ability to conduct research & apply it to practice 5.d. an ability to provide evidence of differentiation of curricula 5.e. an ability to provide evidence of inquiry based instruction 5.f. an ability to engage in reflective practice

<p>Oral presentation on Research Paper</p>	<p>II. Middle Level Philosophy & School Organization 1. understand philosophical foundations of developmentally responsive middle level programs and schools</p> <p>IV. Middle Level Teaching Fields 3. possess a depth & breadth of knowledge of a range of technologies</p> <p>VI. Family & Community Involvement 1. understand the variety of family structures 3. understand the challenges that families have today 4. know how to communicate effectively 6. have extensive knowledge about resources & where to obtain them</p> <p>VII. Middle Level Professional Roles 8. understand the need of continual reflection on young adolescent development, the instructional process, & professional relationships 9. are knowledgeable about the skills of research</p>	<p>1.a. depth of content knowledge including effective technology skills & ethical behaviors 1.b. effective use of technology as appropriate 1.c. ability to apply content knowledge to practice 1.d. understanding & respect for professional ethics in the discipline 1.e. respect for the professional environment through honesty, integrity, and professionalism 2.a. critical thinking & problem solving 3.a. effective oral communication skills 3.b. effective written communication skills 3.c. effective, fair, & honest communication considering not only the message but also the audience 5.d. an ability to provide evidence of differentiation of curricula 5.e. an ability to provide evidence of inquiry based instruction 5.f. an ability to engage in reflective practice</p>
<p>Computer Enhancement & Website Development</p>	<p>IV. Middle Level Teaching Fields 3. possess a depth & breadth of knowledge or a range of technologies</p>	<p>1.a. depth of content knowledge including effective technology skills & ethical behaviors 1.b. Effective use of technology as appropriate 1.c. ability to apply content knowledge to practice 1.d. understanding & respect for professional ethics 1.e. respect for the professional environment through honesty, integrity, & professionalism 2.a. critical thinking and problem solving 5.d. an ability to provide evidence of differentiation of curricula</p>
<p>Bibliography Notebook of Research Articles</p>	<p>I. Young Adolescent Development 3. comprehend that the development of all young adolescents occurs within the context of families, peer groups, communities, & society</p> <p>II. Middle Level Philosophy & School Organization 3. comprehend rationale & characteristic components of developmentally responsive middle level schools 4. distinguish best practices & organizational settings 5. understand the team process 6. understand flexible scheduling</p> <p>VII. Middle Level Professional Roles 8. understand the need of continual reflection on young adolescent development, the instructional process, and professional relationships 9. are knowledgeable about the skills of research</p>	<p>1.a. depth of content knowledge in the discipline 1.b. effective use of technology as appropriate</p> <p>1.c. apply content knowledge to practice 1.d. respect professional ethic in the discipline 1.e. respect for the professional environment through their honesty, integrity, & professionalism 2.a. critical thinking and problem solving 3.a. effective oral communication skills 3.b. effective written communication skills 3.c. effective, fair, & honest communication considering not only the message but also the audience 4.a. understanding of the role of research in the discipline 4.b. ability to conduct research & apply it to practice 5.d. an ability to provide evidence of differentiation of curricula 5.e. an ability to provide evidence of inquiry based instruction 5.f. an ability to engage in reflective practice</p>
<p>Examinations</p>	<p>I. Young Adolescent Development 3. comprehend that the development of all young adolescents occurs within the context of classes, families, peer groups, communities, and society</p> <p>III. Middle Level Curriculum & Assessment 2. know how to select & adapt curriculum 10. understand effective assessment strategies</p>	<p>1.b. effective use of technology as appropriate 1.c. ability to apply content knowledge to practice 1.d. understanding & respect for professional ethics in discipline 1.e. respect for the professional environment through honesty, integrity, & professionalism 2.a. critical thinking and problem solving 3.a. effective written communication skills 5.d. an ability to provide evidence of differentiation of curricula 5.e. an ability to provide evidence of inquiry based instruction 5.f. an ability to engage in reflective practice</p>
<p>Class participation</p>	<p>V. Middle Level Instruction & Assessment 1. understand principles of instruction & assessment including theories & research that support them</p>	<p>2.a. critical thinking and problem solving 5.d. an ability to provide evidence of differentiation of curricula 5.e. an ability to provide evidence of inquiry based instruction 5.f. an ability to engage in reflective practice 6.a. ability to collaborate with other professionals to promote the success of their clientele</p>

Course (Core) Requirements	Brief Description of Assignments	Points & %	Due Dates
(1) Class Attendance & Participation	Through active, constructive, and positive participation in class, students demonstrate understandings of content	20 pts. 10%	Ongoing
(2) Group Work on Middle School Components	Students, as a group, will demonstrate and present knowledge about one of the major components of the middle school	50 pts. 25%	10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18
(3) Websites for Research Topic	Students will demonstrate proficiency in searching, locating, and using web resources that supplement content within research paper	10 pts. 5%	9/9
(4) Annotated Bibliography for Research Topic	By collecting a variety of articles pertaining to research topic, students will develop a better understanding of issues of adolescence.	40 pts. 20%	9/23
(5) Research Paper	Through synthesis of research (based on #3 & #4 above), students will develop a better understanding of issues/problems unique to adolescence	50 pts. 25%	Rough draft: 10/7 Final: 12/2
(6) Oral Presentation on Research Paper	Students will use technology to assimilate & present research knowledge in a coherent, clear, well-defined format to peers	10 pts. 5%	10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2
(7) Examination	Students demonstrate content knowledge of various components of middle school and the development of adolescents	20 pts. 10%	July 5

- **Instructions & expectations for each assignment are on WebCT.**
- **All assignments are to be turned in digitally to jbickford@eiu.edu.**
- **All assignments are reduced 5% for every day that they are late.**
- **Grading Scale: A= 100-93%, B = 92 – 85%, C = 84 – 77%, D = 76-69%, F = 68 and below (200 points total)**

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. **Attendance/Participation:** Attendance and class participation are essential. Students will participate in guided discussions during class, take comprehensive notes, and read the text in its entirety. **2 points will be taken off for each unexcused absence. To be excused, prior approval or a doctor's note is necessary.**
 ⇒ Participation will be assessed through both students' attendance and professor's opinion about students' positive and constructive contributions. **20 points total**
2. **Group Work on Middle Level Schools:** With a focus on significant components of a middle school, students will work cooperatively and in small groups. Students will meet (on own time & during class) to research one component of MS, present that in class (20-30 minutes), prepare a (***digital***) handout for each class member, and facilitate peers' active participation in a meaningful activity to illustrate the component. During the presentation, the group will:
 - Explain the component; offer different examples; strengths/weaknesses/challenges; tell why this component is essential/important to the middle school concept
 - Prepare a handout for each class member explaining the component
 - Create an activity about this component in which the class participates
 ⇒ Students will be assessed by professor and (anonymously) by peers. **50 points total:**
 - **20 points** for presentation (of which 10 for accuracy of content; 10 for delivery & activity)
 - **10 points** for accuracy and usefulness of (***digital***) handout
 - **20 points** for (anonymous) peer review (of which 10 for group members' assessment of other members; 10 for class members' assessment of group's presentation; the professor reserves the right to raise or lower a student's grade ***beyond these 20 points*** according to work put forth)
 - These take place **10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18**

3. **Websites for Research Topic:** With a focus on the research paper's content, students will individually locate 10 websites that enhance your understanding about your research topic. Explain/summarize in *at least a paragraph (5-6 sentences minimum) the content and importance for each website*. Digitally submit the web address and summary.
- ⇒ Students will be assessed by **digital** submission (due on 9/9). **10 points total.**
4. **Annotated Bibliography for Research Topic:** To demonstrate new understandings about issues of adolescence, students will individually develop an annotated bibliography of five research articles that are **current** (published in the last ten years, although exceptions can be made for consequential studies), **substantive** in length (each article must be 5 pages minimum, 10-20 pages is typical), and from **scholarly journals/books** (research-based, peer-reviewed journals; the textbook; or from "extra" readings). A chapter from a research-based book counts the same as a research article. Online journals can be used, but they must have an assigned DOI and/or Volume/Issue #. Use only scholarly sources such as *Educational Leadership, Phi Delta Kappan, Middle School Journal, Adolescent Journal of Reading, etc.* Sources such as *Instructor, Teacher, Time, Oprah, U.S. News and World Reports, Newsweek, Consumer Reports* are not scholarly, peer-reviewed journals and are not appropriate.
- ⇒ Students will be assessed by **digital** submission. **40 points total:**
- Review **three** sources tied to research paper. What are the findings? How do these findings connect to other research? (Each of the aforementioned questions should be addressed in no less than ½-1 page for each article, so this assignment will be 6-8 pages total) **30 points** (10 points for each article)
 - Fully cited articles using APA 5th or 6th edition. **5 points.**
 - Submission of **digital** (electronic or scanned) copies of actual articles. **5 points.**
 - This is due on **9/23**
5. **Research Paper:** Prepare a 6-8 page paper that identifies a topic/problem common to middle level students. Construct a narrative that demonstrably details the research literature, background information, current trends, suggestions for intervention or resolution, and then (**at the end**) the writer's opinions about the particular problem.
- ⇒ Students will be assessed by **digital** submission. **50 points total:**
- **APA:** 6th edition (**7 pts.**)
 - **Title page:** title of paper, your name, my name, & date (**3 pts.**)
 - **Introduction:** explain why this topic is important (**10 pts.**) (1 page minimum)
 - **Literature Review:** what does the research suggest about background information, current trends, suggestions for intervention or resolution, or *other things that may be specific to your topic*. *Cite your research frequently* (**20 pts.**) (3-4 pages minimum) (**Keep personal comments or opinions out of this section**)
 - **Opinions (and conclusion):** What do you think? How might this emerge in your classroom? What would be your responses? How does what you learned impact your ideas? How can you apply your learnings to your own classroom? (**5 points**) (2-3 pages minimum)
 - **Bibliography:** A minimum of 10 sources: 5 from annotated bibliography (see #4 above) and *at least* 5 from website list (see #3 above). (**5 pts.**)
 - **ROUGH DRAFT** is due 10/7 & **FINAL** is due 12/2
6. **Presentation of Research Paper:** Using PowerPoint, PhotoStory3, Prezi, or other technologies, your presentation will be evaluated on clarity, accuracy, and brevity. **15 minutes maximum.**
- ⇒ Students will be assessed by the professor and (anonymously) by the audience. **10 points.** (7 points for professor's assessment; 3 points for peers' evaluation)
- ⇒ These will take place on **10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2**
7. **Examination:** Final exam. **20 points.**
- This will take place on **12/9**

Group Work on Middle School Components (#2 above)

1. Teacher teaming
2. Inter-disciplinary/Intra-disciplinary teaching
3. Advisory units
4. Exploratory classes (technology, art, music, etc.)
5. Enrichment classes (learning for sake of learning)
6. Differentiation & inquiry-based learning
7. Grouping during project work (mixed ability, similar ability, random, student-selected, etc.)
8. Extracurricular activities (competitive sports and participation levels)
9. Scheduling (blocks; 8 period days; year round)
10. Technology in the classroom
11. Peer Counseling
12. Investigative work with career options
13. Transitions (from ele school and to hs school)

Research Topics that affect Adolescents (#5 above, but related to #3, #4, & #6)

- 1. Different social/school contexts:**
 - a. Rural/farm,
 - b. Suburbia,
 - c. Urban/city
 - d. Teaching in a transient context
 - e. Teaching near a prison
 - f. Teaching near a military base
 - g. Teaching in another unique context
- 2. Adolescents' socialization:**
 - a. Types of bullying:
 - i. Physical,
 - ii. Relational,
 - iii. Cyberbullying/social networking
 - b. Violence in schools
 - c. Bullying prevention
 - d. Fitting in
 - e. Gangs
- 3. Familial issues:**
 - a. Physical abuse,
 - b. Sexual abuse,
 - c. Emotional abuse,
 - d. Chemical abuse
 - e. Divorce,
 - f. Poverty,
 - g. Transiency,
 - h. Parental pressure
- 4. Sexuality/Sexualities:**
 - a. Pregnancy
 - b. GLBT/confusion
 - c. Sexual experimentation
 - d. Sexual harassment
 - i. By teacher,
 - ii. By peers
 - e. Sexual education
 - f. The "myth of the slut"
- 5. Media & adolescents:**
 - a. Skewed images of female body
 - b. Violence in media/video games
 - c. The "pornification" of America
 - d. Sex predators on-line
- 6. Social-Psychological issues**
 - a. Obsessive/Compulsive Disorder
 - b. A/A Spectrum
 - c. Meds for ADD/ADHD/BD/ODD
 - d. Depression & self esteem
 - e. Self-harm:
 - i. Suicide
 1. Boys
 2. Girls
 - ii. Cutting
 1. Boys
 2. Girls
 - f. Disordered eating
 - i. Anorexia
 - ii. Bulimia
 - iii. Compulsive overeating
 - iv. Obsessive over-exercise
 - v. Obesity
- 7. Maturation rates & impact on development:**
 - a. Girls
 - b. Boys
- 8. Interactions with chemicals:**
 - a. Inhalants
 - b. Meth
 - c. Illicit drug abuse
 - d. Prescription drug abuse
 - e. Alcohol abuse
 - f. Tobacco (smoking & chewing)
- 9. Other topics may be chosen with Dr. Bickford's permission**

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Week 1 – 8/19

- Get to know each other/personal history sheet; Course expectations & syllabus & due dates; Discussions of topic selections for: Group work (#2 above) and Individual research (#5, but connected to #3, #4, & #6);

Required Reading: Dobbs, D. (2011). Beautiful Teenage Brains. *National Geographic*. & Chapter 1 (Intro)

HW Assignment: Request/select a topic for Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2); Request/select a topic for individual Research Paper (#5, but also connected to #3, #4, and #6)

Week 2 – 8/26

- Case studies on types of adolescent students; Strategies/rational for connecting with adolescent learners & building social bonds (with students & between students) to create a classroom community

Required Reading: Chapter 2 (Physical and Cognitive development)

HW Assignment: Work on Websites (#3); Begin work on Annotated Bibliography (#4)

Week 3 – 9/2 – No Class (Labor Day)

Week 4 – 9/9

- **WEBSITES (#3 ABOVE) ARE DUE** (submit *digitally* to jbickford@eiu.edu)
- Understanding adolescents' physical, emotional, social, and cognitive changes; Strategies/rationale for establishing positive connections with families & community; [Group Work on Middle Level Schools \(#2\) for 45-60 min](#)

Required Reading: Chapter 3 (social, emotional, and identity)

HW Assignment: Work on Annotated Bibliography (#4)

Week 5 – 9/16

- Common social/emotional issues for boys (Homophobic/heteronormative expressions in the classroom); Common social/emotional issues for girls (body image, eating disorders, & cutting); [Group Work on Middle Level Schools \(#2\) for 45-60 min](#)

Required Reading: Love and Logic (posted to WebCT & distributed by professor)

HW Assignment: Work on Annotated Bibliography (#4); Work on Research Paper (#5) and Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2)

Week 6 – 9/23

- **ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY (#4) IS DUE** (submit *digitally* to jbickford@eiu.edu)
- Social hierarchies and student-conflicts in school (social positioning, “gender wars”, various forms of bullying, relational aggression in girls) & Intervention techniques; Using Love/Logic to address students' social mistakes, academic apathy, the F-bomb, etc.

Required Reading: Chapter 4 & Chapter 5

HW Assignment: Work on Research Paper (#5) and Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2)

Week 7 – 9/30

- Middle Schools vs. Junior Highs (and how they approach adolescents' social, moral, emotional, and identity development & how to cultivate a safe haven for learning)

Required Reading: Chapter 6

HW Assignment: Work on Research Paper (#5) and Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2 above)

Week 8 – 10/7

- **ROUGH DRAFT OF RESEARCH PAPER (#4 ABOVE) IS DUE** (submit *digitally* to jbickford@eiu.edu)
- Curricula: interdisciplinary/intradisciplinary units, curriculum development of multidisciplinary units (126)

Required Reading: Chapter 7

HW Assignment: Work on Annotated Bibliography (#4); Work on Research Paper (#5) and Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2)

Week 9 – 10/14

- Facilitating meaningful learning; Types of learners; Strategies/rationale for adjusting the curriculum for struggling students (learning, behavioral, and emotional disabilities) and for challenging higher level learners through academic enrichment; [Group Work on Middle Level Schools \(#2\) for 2nd ½ of class](#)

Required Reading: Chapter 8

HW Assignment: Work on Research Paper (#5) and Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2)

Week 10 – 10/21

- Assessment: differentiated, authentic, &/or tech-based assessment (newspapers, visual slide shows, original political cartooning); Evaluating “apples & oranges”; [Group Work on Middle Level Schools \(#2\) for 2nd ½ of class](#)

Required Reading: Chapter 9

HW Assignment: Work on Research Paper (#5) and Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2)

Week 11 – 10/28

- Service learning;
- Group Presentations on Middle Level Schools (#2) (1 group);
- Individual Research Presentations (#6) (1-2);

Required Reading: Chapter 10 & 11

HW Assignment: Work on Research Paper (#5), work on Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2)

Week 12 – 11/4

- Middle school concept: understandings and misunderstandings
- Group Presentations on Middle Level Schools (#2) (1 group);
- Individual Research Presentations (#6) (1-2);

Required Reading: TBA

HW Assignment: Work on Research Paper (#5), work on Individual Research Presentations; Work on Group Work on Middle Level Schools (#2)

Week 13 – 11/11

- Interactions between adolescents & media part 1
- Group Presentations on Middle Level Schools (#2) (1 group);
- Individual Research Presentations (#6) (1-2);

Required Reading: TBA

HW Assignment: Work on Individual Research Presentations

Week 14 – 11/18

- Interactions between adolescents & media part 2
- Group Presentations on Middle Level Schools (#2) (1 group);
- Individual Research Presentations (#6) (1-2);

Required Reading: TBA

HW Assignment: Study for final & work on Individual Research Presentations

Thanksgiving Week 15 11/25

Week 16 – Week of 12/3

- **RESEARCH PAPER (#4 ABOVE) IS DUE (submit *digitally* to jbickford@eiu.edu)**
- Group Presentations on Middle Level Schools (#2) (1 group);
- Individual Research Presentations (#6) (1-2);

HW Assignment: Study for final

Final Exam Week 17 Mon, 12/9 @ 7:30 pm

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