The Mezzo Academy is an academic program created especially for our middle school students (6th – 8th grade). Through this program, we will engage our students through four key offerings:

**Tutoring** - Tutoring occurs during the academic year on Mondays at McNeel Intermediate School, Tuesdays at Aldrich Middle School and Wednesdays at Cunningham Intermediate School from 4:00-4:45 PM. College students will be available to assist our students in any subject area. Students are also welcome to attend additional tutoring sessions Beloit College. These sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

In addition to bettering their understanding of core subject areas, students who attend tutoring will be able to increase their skills in such areas as writing, critical analysis, time management, study skills, and organization. Tutors can help guide younger students through the transition from middle school to high school. Tutoring has something to offer every student, regardless of their abilities.

All students are more than welcome to attend any or all tutoring sessions. The following are **minimum** attendance requirements for tutoring:

- 3.0 G.P.A. and above: check in at tutoring weekly
- 0.00-2.99 G.P.A.: at least one hour of tutoring per week

All new program participants must complete at least 1 hour of tutoring weekly for the entire first semester of participation, regardless of their GPA. If any student is participating in athletic study tables or receiving out-of-class help from a teacher, this time can count toward their tutoring requirement. Students will need to stop in to tutoring and check in with the tutors or Program Assistant to let them know of the arrangement.

**Monthly Educational Workshops** - Each month, students are required to attend a workshop relating to such topics as study skills, stress management and financial aid for college, among other things. Many of these workshops are led by Beloit College faculty and are designed to expand the students’ academic knowledge.

**Thursday Workshops** – Nearly every Thursday during the academic year, there will be educational workshops for students to attend. These workshops are led by Beloit College students and held on the Beloit College campus. Students are bussed from their schools to the campus. Parents are responsible for picking their children up after the workshops at 6:00 PM. The Thursday workshops are centered on our three Mezzo Values: Mutual Respect, Open-mindedness and Enthusiastic Participation.

**Summer Academic Programs** - Mezzo Academy students will have the opportunity to participate in our annual summer program, held on the Beloit College campus. Students will commute to the campus each day, where they will participate in daily academic classes as well as college visits and cultural activities during the program. The focus of the academic curriculum will be on the reinforcement of basic skills and competencies of core academics, concentrating on math, science, history, computer science, and language arts. Students will take courses designed to put them at an advantage in the core subjects needed for college entry.

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