# Cottage Grove Middle School

## Grades 6-8

Our collaboration develops inquisitive, lifelong learners with strong, positive character, who strive for excellence.

ACADEMICS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COTTAGE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**School Hours: 7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m. • 651.425.6800 • 7447 65th Street S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016**

## School Facts

**1200** students in grades 6-8

Opened in Fall 1995

132 teaching and support staff members

**69%** Staff with Masters Degrees

12th highest of all state middle schools in MMR rating (6th in large Metro schools)

## Technology

Our staff integrates technology into all curriculums through the use of Chromebook carts, three computer labs and I-pads. CGMS has a very strong teacher technology team that collaborates with teaching and learning and the district technology teams to assist with classroom integration of technology for learning.

## What we offer

- Wide variety of courses including acceleration in math and science, Critical Thinking, College and Career Readiness, Art, STEM and World Language
- Choice programming including AVID and Spanish Immersion
- "Flex Time" offered in response to Intervention Model
- Monthly "Cougar Pride" assemblies and "Cougar Cash" incentives for positive behavior

**83%** of students participate in extra-curricular activities.

## 2015-2016 Goals

1. **Academic Goal:** To increase student proficiency on the MCA standardized tests in both reading and math by at least 5%
2. **Staff Development Goal:** Through ongoing staff development systematic teaching and implementation of AVID strategies for student success will be used in all classrooms
3. **School Culture Goal:** To increase student connectedness, positive student development, and ethical values by increasing emphasis on our School Character Education to ensure all students get the support and help they need to reach their full potential

## Academics

MCA Results for the 2015 school year in-grades 6-8:

**66%** reading proficiency

**72%** math proficiency

**60%** science proficiency

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District 833: An east metro school district serving all or parts of the communities of Cottage Grove, Newport, St. Paul Park and Woodbury, and Afton, Denmark and Grey Cloud Townships, Minnesota.