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South Dakota Association for Middle Level Education



SDAMLE's Annual EdCamp March 5, 2022

The Annual SDAMLE EdCamp is a one-day event for Middle Level Educators that follows the organic, teacher-driven model of all EdCamps where participants are able to pursue topics most important to their professional development. The topics at the SDAMLE EdCamp center around middle school concerns, practices, and innovations. There will be opportunities to connect with middle school educators from around the state and share insight and experience.

This year's EdCamp will be held at O'Gorman Jr. High in Sioux Falls on Saturday, March 5.

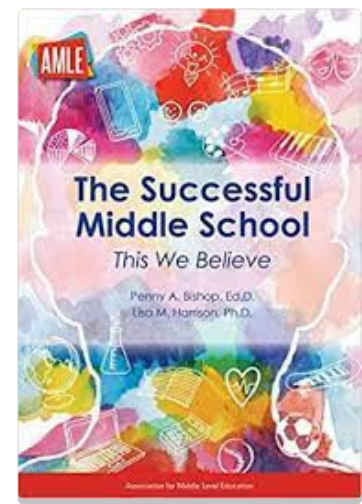
Sign up with this link: <https://tinyurl.com/SDAMLE-EdCamp22>



Book Study Upcoming!

February 1st - April 15th SDAMLE will be offering a book study on the newly released *Successful Middle School: This We Believe*.

DESCRIPTION: For educators committed to success for every student, this updated edition of AMLE's position paper offers a set of attributes and characteristics that define successful middle schools. Rooted in research cited throughout the book, you will find a framework for creating the learning environments and opportunities that all young adolescents deserve. When its concepts are embraced, students are prepared for success in school and career. Successful middle schools exhibit 18 characteristics to support an education for young adolescents that is responsive, challenging, empowering, equitable, and engaging. The fifth edition of *This We Believe* provides a narrative of beliefs and practices today as well as the challenges schools will face in the coming years. A study of this book will frame a common understanding of the middle school concept and build a foundation for an honest evaluation of current middle grades practices in your school. It also will generate rich conversations around current challenges that will serve as a basis for targeted professional learning to meet those challenges.



Graduate credit through the University of Sioux Falls will be offered, as well as CEUs. The book study will run approximately eight weeks from the beginning of February to the middle of April. The book study will be asynchronous, but paced each week with discussion posts on Google Classroom and an action paper being the primary assignments.

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APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN! SDAMLE GRANTS & AWARDS '22

SDAMLE Sponsors four grants & awards (described individually below).

- "This We Believe" Award
- Innovation Grant
- Emerging MS Educator Scholarship
- Outstanding Middle Level Educator (OMLE)

"THIS WE BELIEVE" AWARD - \$500

SDAMLE is committed to recognizing fellow educators who are outstanding leaders dedicated to improving the middle school experience and focused on implementing the "This We Believe" middle school philosophy.

This year SDAMLE will be presenting (1) \$500 award to a deserving individual or group in recognition of his/her/their work implementing a process, project, or activity that honors the middle school philosophy.

This nomination can be submitted by an individual teacher to recognize her/his own work or by a colleague wishing to recognize his/her peer(s). [CLICK HERE for the APPLICATION.](#)

These applications are due by Friday, February 11th Awards will be announced at the SDAMLE EdCamp on March 5th. Please join the SDAMLE Board of Directors and teachers from throughout the state as we grow as professional educators through this PD session and join together in recognizing exceptional educators during this awards ceremony.

For more information regarding "This We Believe" please access http://www.amle.org/portals/0/pdf/twb/TWB_StudyGuide_Aug2013.pdf.

SDAMLE INNOVATION GRANT - \$500

As an organization, we are committed to recognizing teachers for being outstanding leaders who are committed to finding innovative ways to enhance the educational experience for students in their classrooms.

This year there will be one grant awarded by SDAMLE for innovation in the classroom. One teacher will be awarded \$500.00 to use as seed money for a project that they would like to implement during the 2022-2023 school year.

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Emerging MS Educator Scholarship - \$250

These scholarships show SDAMLE's commitment to helping undergraduate students achieve their goals of becoming a teacher and outstanding leaders.

This year there will be two scholarships awarded by SDAMLE to be used by undergraduate students pursuing a teaching degree and anticipating to teach in a middle-level school upon graduation. Each student will be awarded \$250.00 to use towards tuition or books during the 2022-2023 school year.

Applicants must submit an application - [CLICK here to access the APPLICATION.](#)

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PRINCIPALS: Nominate an Outstanding Middle Level Educator (OMLE)

Thank you for taking the time to submit a nomination for an exceptional teachers for the SDAMLE OMLE. As an organization, we are committed to recognizing teachers who are committed to middle-level learners.

[CLICK here to NOMINATE.](#)

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NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness

One of NAMI's main goals is to ensure that people get help early. Since mental health conditions typically begin during childhood, adolescence or young adulthood, we have compiled essential information and resources intended to help young people get the mental health support they need.



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South Dakota Association for Middle Level Education (SDAMLE) is the professional association of teachers, administrators, parents, and other stakeholders who have joined together to support the development of quality programs that serve the needs of young adolescents. SDAMLE exists to promote a better understanding of middle grades education in our state. SDAMLE is the source of ideas, information, and support for middle level educators in South Dakota.

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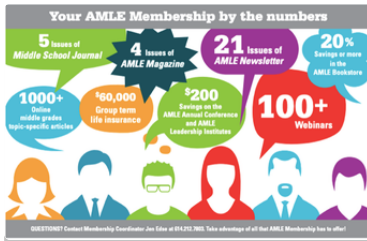
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SDAMLE BOARD MEMBERS 2021-22

SDAMLE is a group of educators who love everything about middle school students (even on full moons!). Our purpose is to make connections between educators across the state, provide professional development and support, and understand the needs of our middle school educators. The SDAMLE board is more than willing to work on the needs presented to us so please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the board members for 2021-2022.

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Association for Middle Level Education

You are a passionate middle grades educator.

You appreciate the uniqueness of every student in your classroom. You advocate for your students every day while helping them along their individual path to achievement. You chose the middle grades because you understand the impact one teacher can make on the lives of 10 to 15 year olds. ***You are AMLE!***

AMLE Membership Information:

<https://my.amle.org/Membership/Join>

AMLE is the only international organization of its kind for middle school educators. With a community more than 35,000 members strong, AMLE is the go-to source for middle level education peer-reviewed research, best practice, and professional development. Explore our content and resources to learn why we are so passionate about young adolescents and get a sense of what's possible when middle school educators support each other with a shared vision of success. <https://www.amle.org/>