

# SDAMLEmail \*

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South Dakota Association for Middle Level Education

Welcome to SDAMLE! We are a group of educators that 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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## Re-learning and Re-assessing..... the middle school way

<https://www.amle.org/re-learning-and-re-assessing-practical-tips/>



## Defining Grades: A Middle School's Approach to Grading Reform



## MS Educator in the news

### Congrats MS teacher Stephanie Ballard as a finalist

Meet South Dakota's Regional Teachers of the Year. One of these outstanding educators will be named 2022 State Teacher of the Year on Oct. 12.

**Region #1:** Stephanie Ballard, Special Education – Math, George S. Mickelson Middle School (Brookings)

<https://youtu.be/e5hkrd7KDZY?list=PLkUJH7Q9xWfE8UVtAtRkLtocpENUYFPNrB>



### Popular Book Recommendations from Middle School Students

Drama

by Raina Telgemeier (Scholastic Graphix)

Callie loves theater, and while she would totally try out for her middle school's production of "Moon over Mississippi," she's a terrible singer. Instead she's the set designer for the stage crew, and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a middle-school budget. But how can she, when she doesn't know much about carpentry, ticket sales are down, and the crew members are having trouble working together? Not to mention the onstage and offstage drama that occurs once the actors are chosen, and when two cute brothers enter the picture, things get even crazier! Raina Telgemeier brings us another graphic novel featuring a diverse set of characters that humorously explores friendship, crushes, and all-around drama!

Awards: 2013 Stonewall Honor Book





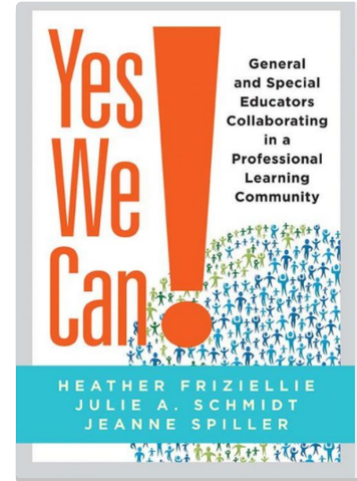
## Read This!

### Yes We Can!

General and Special Educators Collaborating in a Professional Learning Community

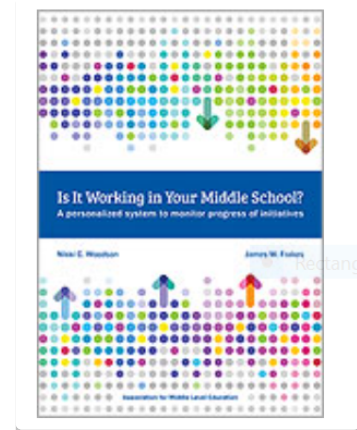
By: [Heather Frizziellie](#), [Julie A. Schmidt](#), [Jeanne Spiller](#)

Utilizing PLC practices, general and special educators must develop collaborative partnerships to close the achievement gap and maximize learning for all.



### Is It Working in Your Middle School?

This book guides you through a system to plan, implement, and evaluate any initiative, strategy, or program. Although designed to be used by middle level educators, this framework works for any grade level or school.



**SAVE THE DATE: SDAMLE's Annual EdCamp March 26, 2022**





## #AMLE21 is Going Virtual November 4-7

The future of virtual conferencing is here, where evidence-based best practice and world-class expertise meet innovative and varied learning formats. [Individual and school registrations available.](#)



### What if...

A conference wasn't just a few days of "sit and get" but instead a part of your long-term, job embedded, and relevant professional development? That's our mission at #AMLE21, where you'll be able to:

- Earn up to 20 professional contact hours, including state-specific credit in Pennsylvania and Washington state.
- Learn from thousands of fellow middle grades educators across a diverse range of roles, school settings, grade configurations, and locations.
- Attend hundreds of sessions from exceptional presenters both live and on-demand – and maintain access so you can revisit content you missed through December 17th.
- Collect badges to demonstrate your professional learning and supplement your resume.
- Personalize your conference experience with the #AMLE21 self-assessment and schedule recommendations.

Plus, make the conference available to your entire team with our whole school registration opportunities.

There's truly something for everyone at #AMLE21! [Click here for more information!](#)



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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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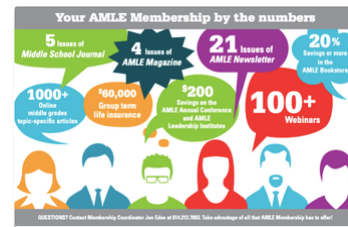
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### Association for Middle Level Education

#### **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/>

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