

Circle of Life Middle School Curriculum

Q. What are the objectives of the middle school curriculum?

A. A key objective of this material is to promote development of the overall spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental wellness of students.

Q. What does the middle school curriculum focus on?

A. The middle school curriculum focuses on the whole person. The pre-teen and teenage students who complete this curriculum will have both the knowledge base and skills needed to pursue healthy and fulfilling adulthoods.

Q. Does the curriculum reflect Native American cultural beliefs?

A. Yes. In particular, it emphasizes Native perspectives about adolescence being an important time of self-mastery.

Q. Is the curriculum adaptable to local Tribal cultures?

A. Yes. The curriculum has been designed to ensure enough flexibility to allow schools to supplement the instruction with tribal-specific cultural beliefs and practices, if needed.

Q. Are the classroom materials broken down into separate grade levels for the middle school students?

A. No. Given the variance in maturity levels and cognitive development in students at this age level, it was felt by the curriculum developers that schools would be the best judge of which students would benefit most from the instruction. Accordingly, it is left to the discretion of the individual schools as to which students they want to teach.