Aspen Valley Campus Middle School
Program Facilitator: Randy Thomas
Address: 1470 Chapel Hills Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920
Phone: 234-6100
Website: www.asd20.org/schools/avms
Hours: 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Enrollment: 60

The Aspen Valley Campus Middle School serves up to 30 seventh and 30 eighth grade students. Our focus is to prepare students for high school by filling academic gaps and developing the skills necessary for them to become self-regulated learners. Our approaches turn many reluctant students into engaged learners who have high self-confidence and are optimistic about high school success.

Students are held accountable through close collaboration between home and school. Parent involvement is an integral component of our success in helping students make positive advances in their academic and social abilities.

To address the homework battle common to some families, we have a standardized daily homework plan Monday through Friday. This ends excuses about not having homework or having already completed the work while still at school.

We serve students who benefit from differentiated, hands-on teaching methods who may not have experienced success in a traditional middle school setting and would best be served by a close-knit and highly individualized learning community. We maintain a 15:1 student to teacher ratio with additional opportunities to receive support in even smaller settings for the areas of greatest need. Every student begins and ends the day with their circle teacher to get them set for a positive start to the day and to help them constructively reflect at the end of each day. We offer science, mathematics, social studies, language arts, art, technology, and physical activities. Students also participate in a wide range of service-learning projects throughout the year.

Students come to Aspen Valley Campus Middle School through an application process. The application is posted on our home page.

Challenger Middle School
Principal: Tony Scott
Address: 10215 Lexington Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920
Phone: 234-3000 Fax: 234-3199
Website: www.asd20.org/cms
Hours: 7:55 a.m.-2:55 p.m.
Enrollment: 850

Challenger Middle School is the district’s original middle school. Starting out as Air Academy Junior High School, the name was later changed in honor of the Challenger Space Shuttle crew who lost their lives in a tragic accident. Challenger is the middle school portion of the district’s “Schools of Innovative Learning and Technology.” Technology and 21st Century Learning Skills are infused into the curriculum in a vast number of ways to enhance instruction and learning. Challenger has started a one-to-one iPad initiative which will culminate with every student having their own district provided iPad by the start of the 2015-16 school year. Instruction is delivered through the use of this mobile device. Challenger’s staff is caring, unified, and dedicated to supporting the unique needs of the middle-level learner. The school has a long history of excellence in academics, athletics and activities and is consistently thought of as one of the best middle schools in the state.