

MEET US IN THE MIDDLE

House System

Create a planning committee

- Recommend one planning year
- Involve key stakeholders-administration, faculty/staff, students, parents
- Create a mission statement for a house system-what's your why?
- Establish goals
- Meet regularly to ensure progress

Decide on and create a framework

- Decide on the number of houses, based on the student population
- Choose house names, mascots, colors, with input from the school community
- Assign students and faculty to houses-random or assigned

Establish house leadership

- Determine house leaders, such as house captains
 - Application or appointed?
- Define the roles and responsibilities of house leaders
- Provide leadership training and support
- Meet regularly
- Determine what faculty leadership looks like

Develop house activities

- Plan a variety of activities to meet the varied interests of students-academic, athletic, artistic, social events, community service
- Create a point system for competitions and achievements
- Organize regular house meetings and activities-keep the momentum going!

Promote the house system

- Launch a school-wide campaign to introduce the new house system
 o How can marketing/communications department help?
- Use assemblies, posters, social media to promote house activities
- Celebrate house successes and milestones publicly

Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the house system

- Set clear goals and metrics to monitor the success of the new program
- Collect feedback from students, staff, and parents
- Make adjustments based off of feedback

Provide resources and support to ensure sustainability

- Allocate resources, such as time, budget, and materials for house activities
- Offer professional development for faculty involved in the house system
- Create a support network for house leaders and participants

Questions? We'd love to connect and brainstorm ideas!

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