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Worcester East Middle School

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Organization Description:

Worcester East Middle is one of four middle schools in Worcester. We have a very diverse population with about 800 students. We serve grades 6th, 7th and 8th. Within our school we have a Science and Technology Academy which encompasses almost half of our school. Students from the academy come from all over the city. It is like a private school within a school.

Worcester East middle is located on Grafton Street which is in a low income neighborhood. We strive to give our students the best education that can be offered by the Worcester Public Schools. Our teachers give their time to assure that every student succeed academically. They go beyond their duties and are always willing to do what it takes to help our students. We are very proud of that.

One of the biggest struggles we face is helping our English Language Learners who come to this country without any English and Math. These students are required to take MCAS and PARCC tests by the state and we have to prepare them for this.

CBL Opportunities

Worcester East is in need of volunteers to serve as tutors for English Language Learners (ELLs). These students are need help both with the subjects themselves as well as translating the work into Spanish so that they are able to understand the material. Volunteers will be able to practice their Spanish as well as assist the students in their schoolwork. Tutors are needed throughout the day, as well as after school.

1.5 - 2 hours per week is needed within the following time periods:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays during and after school: 7:45a-3p

Students who are volunteering with Worcester East for a Spanish course, must be sure to meet with John Rodriguez prior to be paired with an ELL student and/or volunteer with a Spanish class at Worcester East.

Volunteers Needed: As many as possible

Pre-Service Requirements: CORI form, to be filled out in CBL office and brought to site on first day