



H E A D W A Y S

head-ways

noun, plural

Definition: To move forward or make progress, especially when circumstances make this slow or difficult.

Synonyms: Progress, make strides, gain ground, advance, proceed, move, get ahead, come along, take shape

HEADWAYS for Middle School Directors: Teaching and Learning During the Magical Middle School Years

2019-2020 Schedule and Topics

HEADWAYS for Middle School Directors will be facilitated by Danielle Heard, NCGS Trustee and Head of School at Nashoba-Brooks School. Dates and times for the five discussions will be announced in mid-August.

❖ ***Modeling and Teaching Leadership***

Topics to consider: leadership curricula and programs, opportunities to teach/model leadership throughout the day, week, and year, role of older students, role of faculty, desired goals/outcomes, how to measure “success”

❖ ***Advising Adolescent Girls***

Topics to consider: advisory programs, schedule and structure for advisory time, desired goals/outcomes, key topics, suggested materials/resources/speakers

❖ ***Grading and Assessment***

Topics to consider: bridging shift from lower school expectations/rubrics to those followed by upper school, assessing project-based/collaborative work, considering effects of assessment on health and wellness, communicating about the role of grades in middle school

❖ ***Marketing the Middle Years***

Topics to consider: value proposition of all-girls middle school, competing in a market with different entry points (5th, 6th, 7th, 9th), relevant research and data, use of social media

❖ ***Girls Online: Technology in the Classroom and Beyond***

Topics to consider: integrating technology across the curriculum, providing effective PD, acceptable use policies, digital citizenship and online safety