**CSUS Human Development Program: Middle School – Mission Statement**

The Middle School’s Human Development program supports students’ social-emotional growth through experiences that cultivate a just and inclusive community, focusing on skills of cultural competence, self-awareness, empathy, and social action. Our goal is to help students learn and practice life skills needed to be productive and fulfilled citizens. Human Development students will be able to connect their individual identity to a growing awareness of the world around them, in opportunities to connect meaningfully with others through an integrated community engagement program.

### 6th Grade

**Theme: Identity and Self**
- Who am I as an individual?
- Who am I as a community member?
- What do I have to offer my community?
- What about me, as an individual, makes me prepared to be a change-maker?

### 7th Grade

**Theme: Citizenship and Belonging**

**Essential Questions:**
- Who am I and who are we?
- What does it mean to be a citizen in a community?
- What can the people around me offer to our community?
- How can we combine forces to become a community of change-makers?

### 8th Grade

**Theme: Leadership, Organizations, and Action**

**Essential Questions:**
- Who am I, who are we, and where are we going?
- What are the different ways in which organizations and their leaders make positive change in our community and the world?
- How can my understanding of self, others, and issues shape my goals and allow me to make a positive impact on my community and in the world?