

WHITEHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Re-Designated in 2017

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 State: Michigan
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2016-2017 School Statistics

Community: Suburban- Population 12,000
 Enrollment: 497
 Grade Levels: 6th-8th
 School Schedule: Innovative 6 period day

Student Demographics

- <1% Hispanic
- 90% White
- <4% African American
- 2% Asian
- <1% Other
- 46% Free/Reduced Lunch
- <1% English Learners

2014 School to Watch

2017 Lexus Eco Challenge Grand Prize Winner
 2017 Lexus Eco Challenge 1st Place Winner

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Established Vision and Belief statements District-wide with full District Accreditation by AdvancED
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC) with content area teams to support the core academic curriculum
- Math Instructional Coach
- Interest Based Elective Choices
- Common Planning time for grade levels
- Team Time for each grade level
- Balanced assessment schedule
- School Improvement team planning to maintain focus on building level goals in math, literacy and science
- Technology tools of SMART Board, document camera and teacher Chromebook with internet access in every classroom to deliver multimedia lessons to engage students of all learning styles
- 1 to 1 device model building-wide

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Developmental Responsiveness

- Elective/Exploratory classes to allow for choice in student course selection meets the needs of band, choir, health, PE
- Grade level and Content Area teams meet daily
- Counselor team and Administrative team work interactively and intricately with teacher teams to meet the needs of all students
- Middle School Play/Musical
- Special Education co-teacher model at each grade level
- W.E.B. Leaders (Where Everyone Belongs)
- Student Advisory Panel that allows for all grade levels and any student interested to participate
- SPARK Rewards system to support positive behavior choices
- Online communications with parents to support students by teacher, team and building wide via websites, bulletins and PowerSchool
- Implementation of Positive Behavior Support (PBIS) program school-wide in 2012-2013

Social Equity

- W.E.B. orientation for all incoming sixth grade students and parents
- Co-Taught Courses in Math and Reading core areas in all grades
- Extensive media center materials to support student and teacher development
- Literacy growth and development via: Focused Literacy Groups and access to e-reader material
- Support for low socioeconomic families: Breakfast, Lunch, Snack Program
- NFL Fuel Up to Play 60- Oatmealicious and Smoothie Breakfast Choice
- SPARK PBIS program and identification of major and minor incidents as well as consistent consequences

Organizational Support

- District wide vision and belief statements
- Staff led and developed PD
- Data Review meetings
- Continuous Improvement focused in Professional Development
- Research and use of Best Practices
- Adaptive Schools work for successful Professional Development
- MAMSE membership
- Data Driven Dialogue Training
- Analysis of student gaps and identifying areas of concern to begin ways of addressing need
- School Improvement goals written as smart goals with specific targets in mind
- District Improvement Team is district wide to include entire community; very diverse committee
- Focus Friday Meetings with 1.25 hours of PD each week