

Whitehall District Schools



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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2022-23 educational progress for Whitehall Middle School. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Craig Thompson for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following link, [AER Combined Report](#) or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2023-24 school year, schools were identified using definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has a student subgroup performing at the same level as the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state or has a graduation rate at or below 67%. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school was identified as Universal Support or "No Label Given"

Whitehall Middle School is a great place for students, grades 6th-8th, to learn and grow through the "middle years." We are continuing to provide instructional opportunities that address the achievement gaps. The school improvement team has identified three areas of focus: literacy, math, and English, which we are continuously working to improve instruction and achievement. Staff and students use the school's literacy plan to implement reading across the curriculum. Our goal at Whitehall Middle School is to ensure that every student reads daily. A new math framework has been created to ensure that students are engaged in meaningful math content that helps create a solid math foundation for students as they prepare for high school and the SAT. Whitehall Middle School uses local and state data to drive its curriculum and continues to see improvements across all grade levels.

PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING PUPILS TO THE SCHOOL

Whitehall Middle School students are typically those who either reside within the District's boundaries or attend through Schools of Choice. Given the building grade alignments with no overlapping grades, students attend the school that provides educational services for the respective age-grade level. If you are interested in Schools of Choice, contact Kirsten Bolles at 231-893-1005.

THE STATUS OF THE 3-5 YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the Michigan Department of Education's framework for continuous improvement, the staff works together to conduct data-based needs assessments that identify the strengths and weaknesses of the instructional program. From the needs assessments, goals and objectives are developed in a detailed plan that is carried out over the course of 3-5 years. The plans are revised and adjusted annually through the School Improvement process. Whitehall Middle School continues to teach core academic skills while also focusing on non-academic skills and community involvement to prepare students to be 100% community-ready when they leave the district.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH SPECIALIZED SCHOOL

N/A

HOW TO ACCESS A COPY OF THE CORE CURRICULUM

The Michigan State Board of Education has adopted the Common Core Standards for K-12 schools. Whitehall Middle School teachers continue to use these standards. To view the new standards and the existing Grade Level Content Expectations/High School Content Expectations, please visit the district web page.

THE AGGREGATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR ANY LOCAL COMPETENCY TESTS OR NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Fall 2023 Local NWEA Assessment Data

Grade	Area Tested	% At Benchmark or Above
6	Reading	41%
6	Math	45%
7	Reading	55%
7	Math	67%
8	Reading	63%
8	Math	80%

IDENTIFY THE NUMBER AND PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPRESENTED BY PARENTS AT PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conference Period	Total N of Students	N of Students Represented	Percentage
Fall 2023	404	370	92%

Whitehall Middle School is a great place to learn and grow as an individual. We strive to meet the needs of all students and prepare them to be successful, lifelong learners. We encourage you to learn more about our school by visiting our website and we invite you to volunteer and get involved at Whitehall Middle School. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Craig Thompson
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