



Welcome!

What We Will Learn About Today

1. Learn about the Washington School for the Arts
2. Explore the WMS Middle School experience
3. Answer the questions





Some History

- FAI at East High School - 2011-2012
- Children's CIA at Webster Elementary School - 2013-2014
- Board Report to support expansion of the FA Pathway - February 2015
- Planning Washington School for the Arts 2017 - 2018
- Washington School for the Arts opens with 6th grade Fine Arts
- Washington Middle School renovations June 2018 - December 2018

The Arts

The Washington School for The Arts is a unique experience for our middle school students to continue an integrated arts experience through the middle school house model.

Students will be immersed into an integrated arts approach where they may participate in expanded course offerings including dance, visual arts, theatre, choral and instrumental music.

The Arts 6th Grade

Exploratory Rotation

- Art Foundations
- Intro to Theatre Arts
- World Drumming
- Intro to Health & Wellness
- Computer Literacy

6th Grade

Exploratory Rotation

- Art Foundations
- Applied Technology and Engineering
- Intro to Family and Consumer Science
- Intro to Health & Wellness
- Computer Literacy

The Fine Arts “House” Model

- Students with like minded arts interests will share common classes and teachers creating a unique “school within a school” model
- Arts related content and standards will be integrated into core academic coursework with particular emphasis in Social Studies and Science
- Unique exploratory course offerings will expand students exposure and application of the arts

6th Grade Schedule

1	Math - Year Long				
2	US History - Year Long				
3	Science - Year Long				
4	Reading - Year Long				
5	English Language Arts - Year Long				
6	PE / Music* (Day 1/Day 2) * Music = Band/Orchestra/Choir opposite PE				
7	Art Foundations	World Drumming	Theater /Literary Arts	Health	Computer Literacy

6th Grade Core and Required Classes

Core Academic Classes: English Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies

- Arts integration will occur in Social Studies and Science
- Health and Computers/technology
- *Music = Band/Orchestra/Choir opposite PE

7th Grade Schedule

GRADE 7 HS Class of 2025	Semester 1	Semester 2
Class Periods		
1	Math	Math
2	World Cultures and Geography (AI)	World Cultures and Geography (AI)
3	Science (AI)	Science (AI)
4	ELA 7	ELA 7
5	Elective / Elective	
6	PE / Computer Science	
7	Trimester rotation of Dance/Theatre/Art	

Students may choose Spanish or French 1A to replace one of the electives

The Arts 7th Grade

Elective Choices

- Music - choice of Band, Choir, Orchestra, or Popular Music Workshop
- Art - choice of Discovering Fine Arts or Journey Into Design*
- Intro to Comp Sci & Personal Finance*
- Elective 12 week rotation:

Introduction to Dance

Theatre Performance & Production

Visual Art

* Spanish/French may be substituted for one of the electives above

The Fine Arts Pathway

Grade 6 FAI “House”

- School within a school model
- Arts Integrated Curriculum
- Unique Exploratory courses

Grade 7 & 8 Arts “Pathway”

- Opportunity to take multiple arts courses concurrently
- Expanded Integrated Arts Core Curriculum

FAI at East H.S. “Strand”

- Study under Master Teachers
- Student Portfolio Development
- Earn College Credits



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Why Arts at WMS

- Builds on our strengths
- Increased opportunities for students in the arts
- Promotes student individual learning styles
- Personalized Pathway from elementary schools to Fine Arts Institute at East High School
- Supports and encourages engagement of all students

New Washington Fine Arts Facilities:

- Dedicated performance entrance
- New Orchestra Room
- Remodeled WMS's historical auditorium
- Relocation and Remodeled Visual Arts and Choral departments
- Dance Studio
- General updates to North Wing



The Middle School Day

- School starts at 7:35 and ends at 2:44
- 7 Class Periods
- Grade level Lunch
- 4 minutes passing time between classes
- Day 1/Day 2 (music and gym)

Extended Learning Opportunities

- Field Trips
- Working with professional artists
- Guest speakers and presentations
- Celebrations and recognitions
- Community volunteering and service opportunities
- School dances, activity fairs, and school-wide events

Clubs and Activities

Art Club

Anime Club

Archery

Ballroom Dancing

Battle of the Books Book

Chess Club

Coding Club

Dance Team

Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Forensics

Geography Bee

Jazz Band

Lego Club

MathCounts

Musical

Newspaper

Peer Leadership Group

Pop Strings

School Play

Science Fair

Student Council

Talent Show

Tech & Make Transformers Club

Travel Club

WMS Sting Cancer

Yearbook

and more.....

Fall

Cross Country

Flag Football (6th grade)

Soccer

Tackle Football (7-8 grade)

Volleyball (grades 7-8, girls)

Winter

Basketball

Indoor Soccer

Wrestling

Spring

Running Club

Softball

Track & Field



WMS Sports and Athletics

Lunch Time

1. Pizza (Dominos, pizza dippers, round pizza)
2. Hot Sandwich (hamburgers, soups, chicken teriyaki)
3. Taco/Nacho
4. Sub Sandwich (Subs and wraps)

Middle School Matters



- Middle School
- Two Sessions
- Activities include:
 - Review student schedules
 - Become familiar with the building
 - Meet new friends
 - Meet WMS Staff
 - Participate in fun activities

- Applications are available and can be filled out online.



Thank You!