

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SIC

The School Improvement Council at Walhalla Middle School serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. The SIC brings parents, educators, and community stakeholders together to work collectively to improve WMS. The council is responsible for working with the administration to develop the strategic plan and evaluating the success in reaching the goals and objectives.

The main focus area for the 2023-24 school year is to continue improving communication with our parents. Some of our challenges from the parent survey indicate a need to provide positive feedback to parents as well as resources to help parents at home contribute to their child's success.

The WMS SIC welcomes your participation and encourages you to get involved. Thank you for supporting our school and your child's education.

Visit wms.sdoc.org for information about WMS and or SIC.

The mission of Walhalla Middle School is to work together with the home, business, and community to develop responsible and productive lifelong learners.

We believe...

- Education is a lifelong process in which all students can learn.
- Education will meet the needs of a changing society.
- Education will provide opportunities for students to learn effective written and oral communication skills, practice critical thinking and problem solving skills, and express ideas creatively.
- Education will also address physical, cultural, social, and emotional needs of students.
- Students will be expected to accept responsibility to be actively involved in learning.
- Students are the focus of an educational process that is valued, shared, and supported by the home, school, business, and community.
- All individuals will be treated with dignity, respect, and equality.
- Parents and guardians will be expected to be actively involved in their children's education.

WALHALLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2023



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Scott Dixon
Principal

Michael Thorsland, Ed.D
Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Denise McCormick, Chair

Megan Ketterman

Sandra Sloan

Amanda Holder

Buddy Herring

FINE ARTS

Strings (21-22)

SCMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival
5 Superior Ratings

31 Superior & 1 Excellent - All Grade Levels

Band

All-County Band
31 Students

All-Region Band
3 Students

Solo & Ensemble
19 Superior, 10 Excellent

Chorus

All-County Choir
25 Students

State Choir
19 Students

Southeast Region Choir
12 Students

US National ACDA Choir
4 Students

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

SC Ready % Met and Exceeds

2022	WMS	SDOC	STATE
ELA	51.2	45.8	46.6
Math	50.4	42.2	38.9

2022	6th	7th	8th
ELA	52.2	48.8	52.7
Math	48.7	40.8	62.0

ATHLETICS

Basketball - Football - Volleyball Cheerleading - Fishing

Boys' Basketball - 3rd in the Region

Girls' Basketball - 3rd in the Region

Fishing Multiple - 1st Place Finishes

Volleyball - 4th Place in the Region

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment - 841

Caucasian - 79%

Latino - 18%

African American - <1%

Other - <1%

Free/Reduced Lunch - 64%

STAFF INFORMATION

Teachers - 58

Media Specialist - 1

Administrators - 3

Counselors - 3

Clerical - 5

Custodians - 7

Classroom Aides - 5

Cafeteria Staff - 5

SRO - 1

Nurse - 1

Bilingual Facilitator - 1

WMS SIC MEMBERS

Michelle Fix

Candice McCall

Levi Shook

Scott Dixon

Danielle Pankuch

Ale Sakkinen

Holli Lowe

Jessica Abercrombie

Katherine Moxley

Kerry Nimmons

STRATEGIC GOALS

(1) Based on the SC parent, and student opinion surveys, our school will score 95% or greater in the "agree" or "strongly agree" categories in the area of Social and Physical Environment by 2027.

(2) According to the NWEA Projected Proficiency Report, the percentage of students in grades 6-8 scoring in the "meet" or "exceeds" range will increase by 7.7 percentage points in the area of math each year.

(3) Based on the SC teacher and student opinion surveys, our school will score 90% or greater in the "agree" or "strongly agree" categories in the area of Learning Environment by 2027.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Language Arts and English I

Math and Algebra I

Science

Social Studies

Art, Band, Chorus, Strings

Gateway to Technology

Computer Applications

Agriculture

Spanish Cultures and Spanish I

Physical Education

Yearbook and Video Broadcasting