

Special Programs

Special Programs provide students with a wide variety of options. Programs that are offered include:

- *Band
- *Advanced Band
- *Chorus
- *Advanced Chorus
- *Visual Arts
- *Advanced Visual Arts
- *Orchestra
- *Gateway to Technology
- *Robotics
- *Computer Technology
- *Keyboarding
- *Computer Applications
- * Video Production
- *Web Page Design
- *Introduction to Spanish
- *Spanish I
- *Yearbook
- *Achieve 3000
- *Physical Education
- *Beta Club
- *Peer Mediation
- * Student Council
- * Extended School Services

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School Improvement Council Members

Chairperson: Christy Todd

Parents: Renee Anderson
Chris Des Marais
Janine LePere
Nicole Nalley
Dawn Ramey
Jason Ray
Ashley Rogers

Teachers: Maggie Ables
Beth Davis
Beth Hendrickson
Bobby Ivester
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Counselor: Paula Grogan

Principal: Jami Verderosa

Assistant Principal: Brian Odom

Community Member: Sherry McLaughlin

West-Oak Middle School



2013-2014 Report to the People

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to educate responsible young citizens through relevant and challenging learning experiences in a secure and supportive environment.

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to provide you with this copy of our 2013-2014 Annual School Report to the Parents. This report is provided to parents, as well to the School District Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Assistance Act (Act 135) of 1993. The administration and School Improvement Council prepare this summary of our goals and achievements and reports our progress to our school community. West-Oak Middle School welcomes the suggestions of our teachers, students, parents, and community members.

Our Visions

- We envision a school where there is cooperative effort among parents, students, community, and agencies which will produce students who will communicate effectively, have mastered basic college and career readiness skills, be able to solve real world problems, and are active participants in the school and community.
- We envision a school that has a safe and secure atmosphere in which students accept responsibility for learning; helps each student become aware of his/her role in society, encourages students to express themselves creatively; motivates students to want to learn; stresses application and use of knowledge and promotes the knowledge and benefits of a healthy lifestyle.
- We envision a school where there is cooperative effort among parents, students, community, and agencies which will produce students who will communicate effectively, have mastered basic skills, solve problems, and are emotionally and socially acceptable.
- We envision a school with a student/teacher ratio that provides optimal learning in which student needs are appropriately identified and proper interventions are taken to ensure success.
- We envision a school where staff development meets the needs of each educator and celebrates a multicultural society, while providing educational opportunities for each student to reach his/her potential and be successful.

Student Motto

Warriors are Respectful,
Outstanding Citizens,
Working to Succeed

Fall 2013 Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores

West-Oak Middle School scores are shown below and are compared to the district and to the national averages.

Language RIT - Average			
Grade	National	District	WOMS
6	212.3	210.7	209.0
7	215.8	215.2	211.4
8	218.7	218.4	214.0

Math RIT - Average			
Grade	National	District	WOMS
6	219.6	219.3	218.8
7	225.9	225.6	222.5
8	230.2	230.0	227.0

Reading RIT - Average			
Grade	National	District	WOMS
6	212.3	210.9	210.2
7	216.3	216.0	213.9
8	220.1	219.3	216.9

Goals for 2013-2014

West-Oak Middle School will focus on the following areas of School Improvement:

School Climate

- ◆ Promote school pride and a learning-enriched atmosphere by rewarding positive behavior.
- ◆ Implement and reinforce all rules consistently, fairly, and firmly.
- ◆ Maintain professional and positive interactions throughout the school community.

Instructional Goals

- ◆ Improve instructional planning through focused and systematic collaboration.
- ◆ Emphasize reading and writing in all curricular areas.
- ◆ Analyze formative and summative assessment data to make effective instructional decisions.

Parents & Community

- ◆ Encourage parent involvement through an organized parent volunteer program.
- ◆ Publicize school news and events effectively.
- ◆ Maintain a customer-friendly, professional environment that embraces all stakeholders.