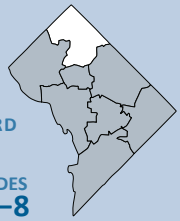
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2010–11 SCHOOL PROFILE

Whittier Education Campus



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are your child's first teacher and our most important partner in your child's education. We understand, though, that for you to be an effective partner, you need information. This school profile is designed to give you what you need to make the best decisions for your child.

In this profile, you will find important facts about school performance, facilities, and academic and extracurricular programs. You also will find practical details that will help you better communicate and be involved in the school — including the principal's name, the front office phone number and what public transportation gets you to the school.

This information is compiled first and foremost to help you support and advocate for your child. But it is also my hope that you will use it to hold principals, school staff and my office accountable at getting better at what we do every day.

Our goal is for every child in DCPS to succeed. We look forward to working with you to make this goal a reality for your child.

Sincerely,

Kaya Henderson
Interim Chancellor

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School Hours: 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Whittier Education Campus is a friendly neighborhood school located in a culturally rich community. Our vision is to prepare all Whittier students to become life-long, innovative learners and productive competitors in the 21st century while our mission is to provide an interactive, hands-on approach to inquiry and project based learning focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Whittier's school plan emphasizes development of reading comprehension skills, effective writing skills and a strong mathematics approach. Whittier also offers an engaging athletic program and a fully functioning computer lab for students to enjoy.

PROGRAMS (2010–11)

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- OST Academic Power Hour
- Homework Club
- Three-Year-Old Program
- Four-Year-Old Program
- STEM Catalyst School
- Math Resource Teacher
- Reading Resource Teacher
- Response to Intervention Model
- Breakfast Club
- Digital Imaging Club

WELLNESS AND FITNESS

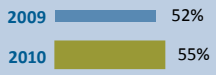
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Boys Middle School Basketball
- Boys Elementary School Basketball
- Girls Elementary School Basketball
- Whittier Running Club
- Golf Team grades 5-8
- Boys Track and Field grades 5-8
- Girls Track and Field grades 5-8

ARTS AND CULTURE

- Chess Challenge in DC
- Dance
- Art
- World Languages: FLES (Spanish)
- Art for Every Student

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding **math** standards on the DC CAS



Percentage of students meeting or exceeding **reading** standards on the DC CAS

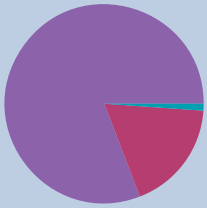
School improvement status

In Need of Improvement Year 2 — Teachers at this school receive training on how to improve their instruction. In addition to offering parents the option of transferring to a higher performing school, this school must offer Supplemental Educational Services to eligible students and implement a school improvement plan.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2009–10)

Enrollment: **429**

- Asian/Pacific: —
- Black: 81%
- Hispanic: 18%
- American Indian: —
- White: —
- Other: 1%



English language learners: 14%
Free and reduced-price lunch: 87%
Special education: 11%
In-boundary: 76%

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Facilities:

- Art room ✓
- Auditorium ○
- Computer lab ✓
- Gym ✓
- Media center ✓
- Music room ✓
- Outdoor recreation space ✓
- Science lab ✓

Other:

- Parent organization ✓
- School uniform ✓
- Title I ✓

Destination School(s):

- Coolidge High School

Community Partnerships:

- Live It Learn It
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Experience Corps
- National Institute of Health
- Takoma Theatre Conservatory
- Architects in Our Schools
- Retired Scientists, Engineers and Technicians (ReSET)
- Howard University School of Education
- Washington Animal Rescue League

GETTING TO SCHOOL

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

Parents and community members play an important role in ensuring that every child, in every classroom across the district, receives the high-quality education he or she deserves.

Volunteer at school. Volunteers are key to helping students succeed. Many schools need volunteers who can work directly with students on reading and math, but volunteers also can provide support in classrooms, the office and the library, as well as help plan and staff events, write grants, and much more. For more information, check with the principal or visit **www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/volunteer.**

Join the school's parent organization. Parent organizations are an important part of every school community. They provide ways to support students through community events, fundraising and other activities. Joining a parent organization helps parents meet other parents who are engaged in their child's education. For more information, contact the school.

Attend parent-teacher conferences. Stay in touch with your child's teachers and ask that they be in touch with you. Ask your child's teachers about what kind of classroom behavior they expect and how they reward positive behavior. Ask what your child should be learning, how well he or she is doing, and what you can do to help. Parent-teacher conferences will be held at school on Oct. 18, 2010; Feb. 28, 2011; and May 16, 2011.

Work with or run for the school advisory board. This group advises the principal on the comprehensive school plan — including specific programs and activities that strengthen student performance, create safe and effective schools, and involve parents and families. For more information, check with the principal.

Talk to your child about school. Your opinion matters to your child. Ask your child about one thing he or she learned at school, and keep asking every day! For more information, visit **www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/studentsuccess.**

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON OTHER SCHOOLS?

If you are interested in seeing the information contained here for every DCPS school, please visit **www.dcps.dc.gov/profiles.** You will be able to search for DCPS schools based on the information that you care about, and you will also be able to compare schools side by side.

HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Be sure to let your school know if your contact information changes. Visit **www.dcps.dc.gov** regularly, and sign up to receive regular e-mail updates from DCPS at **www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/enews.**