



## What Makes Whitman Special

10 Reasons that Whitman Middle School Rises Above the Rest

# It's a Great Day to Be a Wildcat!

## 10 Reasons Why Whitman Stands Out

Whitman Middle School is a place for learners who are committed to personal growth, lead with integrity and respect, account for our actions and learning, and promote a healthy and supportive community. We aspire to be a beacon of excellence where students are empowered to achieve their highest potential. Our commitment to delivering high-quality education that challenges and inspires every student is present in our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP), our Advanced Academics Program (AAP), and our Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. As we strive to support the holistic development of our students, we offer a robust after-school program including academic enrichment and support, as well as, extracurricular clubs and sports, to help our students grow into confident, resilient, and empathetic leaders. Whitman is more than just a building. [It's a community](#), a network of support, a place where students are seen, heard, and valued.

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### Academic Excellence for our Diverse Student Population

Whitman continues to work hard to close achievement gaps and in 2024, Whitman Multilingual Learners scored the highest in English Learner Progress and Proficiency metrics for FCPS: 12.1% above the county average and a 34.7% jump from the previous school year.



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### Opportunities for Academic Rigor

Aligning with the FCPS Strategic Plan, Whitman's commitment to providing rigor to all students includes a full-time Advanced Academic Program cohort for designated students, in addition to core content Honors classes and IB MYP curriculum in all classes.

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### Student Supports for Their Futures

Whitman embraces the AVID Secondary program, empowering students - especially those from under-represented backgrounds in higher education - with essential academic, social, and emotional support to enhance their college readiness and overall success in academically rigorous courses.



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### Preparing Students for College and Career

Every month, our Wildcat AVID students engage in [Think Big for Kids](#) workshops, where they explore career options, receive tailored guidance from partner companies, and learn how to navigate pathways to success in the workforce.

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### Fostering Community Connections

Whitman exemplifies community engagement through our [Community School model](#), which fosters vital partnerships to enhance student learning, promote health and social services, and create a supportive environment for families and the wider community.

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### Celebrating our Family Partnerships

Every year, our annual [Fall Festival](#) brings together hundreds of students, parents, and community members for a vibrant evening of student produced activities while raising funds to support our PTSA's work and foster community spirit.

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### Honoring our Military-Connected Families

Whitman is a proud Purple Star School, a distinction earned by dedicated academic and social supports for military-connected children as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station.



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### Award Winning Staff

The Whitman Student Services team continues to achieve designation from the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) as a [Recognized ASCA Model Program \(RAMP\)](#), highlighting its dedication to delivering an exceptional school

counseling program aligned with the ASCA National Model framework and its commitment to supporting student success and engagement with our community.

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### Unique Student Opportunities Outside the Classroom

Working with Capitol Classroom, [recent Whitman students were selected to participate](#) in the Virginia Senate Page Program, an internship opportunity that offers a rich, hands-on educational experience for young Virginians to combine daily responsibilities in the legislature with leadership development, community service, and a capstone mock legislative session designed to prepare future civic leaders.



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### Unique Learning Opportunities Inside the Classroom

Whitman Middle School [has proudly transformed](#) a 4,000-square-foot underutilized turf area into a vibrant pollinator meadow, enhancing local wildlife habitats and providing students with a dynamic ecosystem for hands-on learning, thanks to a collaborative effort with Fairfax County Public Works and Environmental Services.

**Whitman is more than a school—it's a community that prepares our students for the challenges and opportunities of the future.**



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