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PRINCIPAL

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QUICK FACTS

2023-24

- Enrollment: 840
- Grades: 6 (259), 7 (280), and 8 (300)
- Typical Class Size: 28 students
- Race/Ethnicity:
 - 10% African American
 - 12% Asian
 - 18% Hispanic
 - 8% Multiracial
 - 52% White
- Free or Reduced-price Meals: 17%
- Emergent Multi-Lingual Learners: 8%
- Special Education: 13%
- Two Grade-level Administrators
- 3 and 1/2 Counselors
- 62 Professional Staff
- 38 Support Professionals

STRUCTURE

- 8:15 AM– 3:00 PM
- Seven 45-minute classes per day
- STAR (Students and Teachers Achieving Results) advisory period daily for 28 minutes
- After school activities until 4:30 pm: T, W, Th

WESTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

5511 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
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AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
(IB) WORLD SCHOOL



CORE VALUES: Academic Excellence Growth Equity
Kindness Engagement Global-Mindedness

SCHOOL FEATURES

- **Middle Years Programme** for ALL students
- **Spanish immersion program** for students who began immersive studies in Kindergarten
- **Autism Resource Services** in all grades
- **High school course offerings** in Algebra, Honors Geometry, Spanish, French and Computers
- **Special Education** with mix of inclusion and self-contained classes
- **English Language Development** for emerging multilingual learners



Risk-taking at Outdoor Ed



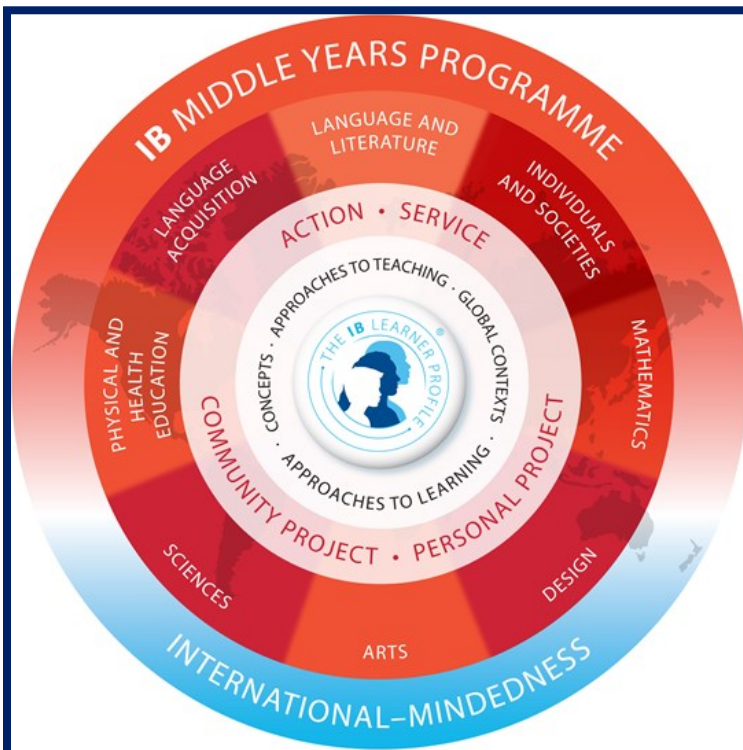
Open-mindedness with Peers

DISTINCTIONS

- “Common Sense School” designation by Common Sense Media
- “No Place for Hate” designation by the Anti-Defamation League FY21; pursuing renewal
- Green School Certification
- MCPS Excellence in Teaching Finalist: Mr. Katz
- MCPS Excellence in Teaching Nominee: Ms. Lepard
- It Gets Better Grant Winner
- Int’l Baccalaureate Regional Trainers: Ms. Fuentes and Ms. Johns
- Walker Library Program Principal Leadership Award: Ms. Serino

WHAT'S UNIQUE

- **Recent Summer MYP Study topics:** global access to education (*I Am Malala*), inclusion/acceptance (*New Kid*), anti-racism (*Ghost Boys*), water scarcity (*A Long Walk to Water*) and acceptance (*Rick*)
- **Community-building circles**– creating/enhancing connections
- **Restorative Practices**– repairing the harm
- **Student Teaching Interns** from American University
- **Enhanced After School Offerings**- Enrichment Academies
- **Entrepreneurial partnership** with LearnServe



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE

- Athletics: Fall Cross Country and Softball, Winter Basketball and Spring Soccer
- Intramural Sports: i.e. Flag Football, Soccer
- Sexuality & Gender Acceptance (SAGA)
- Student Government
- Westland Scholars
- Drama
- Green Team
- Jazz Band
- Minority Scholars
- Newspaper
- Service Club
- Show Choir



Costume by an Inquirer



Our Caring Community

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Rise Against Hunger
- Cupcake Wars
- Spirit/Awareness Days
- Team Building Days
- Dance Parties
- 8th Grade Exit Interviews
- Museum Visits
- Book Wars Competition
- Multicultural Night
- ColorSplash Fun Run
- Student v. Staff Kickball
- Study Skills Night
- Robotics Competition

