

# WHITEHALL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

## Our Mission is Achievement for Each Learner

Whitehall District Schools is located on the shores of Lake Michigan and White Lake in northern Muskegon County. We know that a quality education goes beyond the walls of a classroom. In addition to high standards for academic performance, our District values the need for a caring, nurturing environment where students, staff, parents, and community members feel welcome and safe. Whitehall District Schools offers programs to involve students in community service, teach respect for self and others, celebrate diversity, and explore career pathways to develop employability skills. There are numerous opportunities for students to participate in special interest clubs, academic competitions, athletic programs, and the arts. White Lake Community Education, is a comprehensive and award-winning regional consortium, adding an array of enrichment courses and programs from birth-to-adult. In 2010, a \$11.7 million bond was passed to put 21st Century instructional technology in every classroom as well as renovate facilities and update security.



### 2014 - 2015 Statistics

#### Enrollment:

Elementary: ..... 911  
 Middle School: ..... 469  
 High School: ..... 653  
**Total: ..... 2,033**

**Percentage of graduates:** 95%

**Graduates who further their education:** 75%

**Years of Operation:** 156

#### Average Class Size:

Elementary: .....24  
 Middle School: .....26  
 High School: .....26

**Average Teacher Seniority:** 15 years

**Certified Teachers:** 100%

**Teachers with Masters Degrees:** 60%

**Guidance:** 2 Social Workers, 3 Counselors  
 2 School Psychologists

### Innovative & Proven Instructional Programs

#### Before & Beyond K-12:

Accelerated Reader  
 Adult Education & Enrichment  
 Family Literacy Program & Child Care  
 Head Start & Michigan School Readiness Program  
 White Lake Community Education Preschool

#### Elementary:

Adopt-a-Reader Program  
 Advanced & Accelerated Program  
 Alcoa/Howmet Business Partnership (Grades 3 - 5)  
 Evidence-Based Learning Instruction  
 Junior Great Books  
 Multimedia Lab (Grades 3 - 5)  
 Michigan Program (Grade 4)  
 Response to Intervention Program  
 Service Learning & Learning to Give Curriculum

#### Middle & High School:

1:1 Technology Initiative  
 Academic Service Learning  
 Advanced Placement Classes  
 Alternative High School  
 Business Partnerships  
 Compass Learning (Online Instruction)  
 Conflict Management Training  
 Early College Opportunity  
 Health Education Program  
 Internships and Apprenticeship Programs  
 Math Workshop & Readers Workshop Interventions  
 Peer Tutoring  
 Physics in the Park at Michigan's Adventure  
 School Musical & Play  
 School To Careers  
 Science Challenge/Science Fair/Science Olympiad

## Facilities

Shoreline Elementary: Grades K - 2  
Ealy Elementary: Grades 3 - 5  
Middle School: Grades 6 - 8  
High School: Grades 9 - 12  
Community Services Building houses administration, community education, early childhood, adult education, and enrichment

## Technology

21st Century Classroom Technology (Smart Computer Education (Grades 1 - 12)  
Full Wireless Infrastructure  
**Elementary Schools:** 6 full Computer Labs including a Multimedia Lab  
**Middle School:** Internet Lab and Instructional Lab  
Chrome Book Implementation, grades 5, 6, & 9  
**High School:** 3 Internet Labs and 2 Business Labs  
Shoreline Fiber Network

## Career Education

Apprenticeships (High School)  
Career Component of Alcoa/Howmet Partnership  
Dual Enrollment Opportunities  
Educational Development Plans (Grades 8 - 12)  
Internships  
Michigan Comprehensive Guidance Program  
Michigan Occupational Information System software for career awareness (Grades 6 - 9)  
Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (Grades 11 -12)  
Service Learning Program (Grades K - 12)

## Family Resources and Supportive Services

Award Winning Community Education Program  
Bullying Intervention  
Community Enrichment/Recreation/Leisure  
Comprehensive Special Education Services  
Counselors  
District, Community, and Building Newsletters  
District-wide Emergency Action Plan  
Early Childhood Education  
Life Skills Training (Grades K - 5)  
Lighthouse Learning  
Online Parent Grade Viewer  
On-site Childcare  
School Psychologist  
School Resource Police Officer on Campus  
Social Workers  
Substance Abuse Prevention (Grades 4 - 12)  
Teacher-to-Parent Web Pages  
Teacher-to-Parent Newsletters

## Athletics

**Class B West Michigan Conference** baseball, basketball, cross country, football, cheerleading, volleyball, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, wrestling, and competitive cheer  
White Lake Area Youth Sports and White Lake Little League are available for elementary students

# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Elementary

Afterschool Programs  
Annual School Play  
Cub Scouts  
Destination Imagination  
Girls on the Run® (Grades 3 - 5)  
Girl Scouts  
Lighthouse Learning Center  
Summer School  
Summer Program for Gifted Students (WINGS)

## Middle School & High School

Band & Choir  
Business Professionals of America (BPA)  
Close-Up  
Environmental Club  
Equestrian Club  
Spanish Club  
LINK  
FIRST Robotics Team  
National History Day & National Honor Society  
School Musical, Plays and Talent Show  
Student Council  
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)  
Summer School  
WEB (Where Everyone Belongs)



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We take great pride in our school. Please call to schedule a tour of our facilities.