



KENDALL-WHITTIER

ELEMENTARY

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794

TOTAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

HALE

Students at Kendall-Whittier have preference for Will Rogers Middle School

FEEDER PATTERN

MISSION

The mission of Kendall-Whittier Elementary School is that families, educators, community members and students join together for student success.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students have two different forms of expanded learning opportunities. Harmony Project El Sistema serves approximately 100 students with music lessons taught by Tulsa Symphony Orchestra members for pre-K through 5th grade students, Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students may select from a variety of stringed instruments, choir, and ballet. As part of the program, students also participate in tutoring and/or instructional support. Tiger Clubs is offered once per semester for 8-10 weeks to those students who are not in Harmony Project but would like to experience 1 to 2 day a week club opportunities that range from Bike Club, Chess Club, Arts and Crafts, Zoo 2 U, and STEM Club.

STRONG PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

We depend on our partners in education to thrive, and we are proud to be a Growing Together school. Through the support of this organization, we are able to provide opportunities our students wouldn't otherwise have and show them the value of being in a community.



RACIAL/ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION*

Black	11%
American Indian or Alaska Native	4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
Hispanic/Latinx	62%
Multi-racial	9%
White	14%



*Enrollment data from October 1, 2021.



Representatives from partner companies meet with the Kendall-Whittier staff three times per year and support our academic endeavors by providing teacher supplies, gifts and holiday packages for students and their families. Our partners also make it possible to host monthly family night events, such as Literacy Night, STEAM Night, dances and our annual Fall Carnival. In addition, we have a faithful group of volunteers who participate in Reading Partners, which provides one-to-one literacy tutoring for our scholars.

CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

Bike Club, Change Makers, Choir, Dance, Reading Partners, Discovery Lab, Girl Scouts, Good News Club, Harmony Project, Naturally STEM, New Hope, Science Club, Soccer, Special Education Program, Tiger Choir, Tutoring, World Drummers, Zoo 2 U

STEM PROGRAMMING

Thanks to the support of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation and Devon Energy, every elementary school has a new STEM center where students can participate in fun and engaging hands-on learning activities - including computer coding!

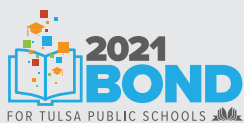
TWO-WAY DUAL LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Kendall-Whittier Elementary School employs several bilingual staff at each grade level to ensure seamless communication between students and their teachers.

This year, Kendall-Whittier Elementary School began the transition to a public two-way dual language school, helping native Spanish-speaking students build fluency and comprehension through daily interactions in both English and Spanish.

Next year, we will continue by extending our two-way program into first grade. All students in PK-1st grade will learn to read first in their dominant language. Then, they will spend equal amounts of time studying Language Arts in English and in Spanish. Math will be taught in English, and Science and Social Studies will be taught in Spanish. Students will build fluency and comprehension through daily interactions in both languages with both English and Spanish dominant students. Our school will add one grade level each year in our two-way dual language program as these students progress. The one-way dual language program will continue until all grade levels are added one year at a time to become two-way.

Bilingual children who are educated in their second language have been seen to outperform single language children in their native language. Bilingualism increases brain cognition by utilizing the highest levels of thinking, focus, and awareness.



Thank you Tulsa for investing in every child and every school! Because of you, every child in our district will see, feel, and experience the benefits of the 2021 Bond package. Tulsans have made a five-year \$414 million investment in safe and accessible schools; state-of-the-art educational technology; sustainable student transportation; and rigorous, engaging, and culturally sustaining learning experiences that prepare students for success in college and careers.

At Kendall-Whittier Elementary, the 2021 Bond for Tulsa Public Schools includes:

- » New playground structures and parking lot improvements;
- » New educational and instructional technology for every class;
- » New equipment, materials, and resources for fine arts and physical education; and
- » Safe, comfortable, and environmentally sustainable transportation.

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