



South Washington Alternative High School



Grades 10-12

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About South Washington Alternative High School

South Washington Alternative High School (SWAHS) offers an alternative learning environment with small class sizes that help students become career and college ready.

At SWAHS, all staff members are committed to helping every student feel supported and included. Teachers work to personalize student learning through one-on-one conversations and building relationships.

Each student has an advisor that acts as a mentor, and tracks their progress

SWAHS Students have a variety of career readiness options including enrollment in career and technical training at Northeast Metro 916 and earning credits through employment. In addition, students take part in field

trips focused on service learning, as well as

college and career preparation.

SWAHS also offers the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, which helps students develop organizational skills and study habits that they can use to be

successful in college.



School and Community



109 students are enrolled at South Washington Alternative High School.

27 caring staff members work at South Washington Alternative High School who encourage and personalize learning for each student.



Curriculum Features

- The Achievement Lab at SWAHS is designed for students in grades 10-12 to complete coursework through a blend of teacher supported instruction, independent study and online learning.
- Work-based learning allows students to earn credits while working with a local employer.
- Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) allows students to earn college credit while attending high school.
- Accelerated structure allows for credit recovery to be embedded within our day program.
- SWAHS offers middle school programming at CGMS and WMS.

Educational Benefits

Educational Benefits provide a variety of discounted or free benefits to eligible students. Including:



Field Trips



Athletics



Student Fees



Kids Club



Device Protection Plans



Instrument Rentals



Community Education Programs



Funding for Schools

Learn more and apply at sowashco.org/edbenefits.

English Language Learner Program

SoWashCo Schools provides English language learner services for students whose home language is not English.



SWAHS Demographics



- 34.1% - White
- 27.1% - Black/African American
- 21.2% - Hispanic
- 10.6% - Two or more races
- 4.7% - American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 2.4% - Asian

Approximately 67.1% of the ERHS student population are eligible for educational benefits. *(formerly referred to as free/reduced meals)*

Graduation Requirements



66 credits required for graduation.

(1 credit per class per trimester)

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| English: 12 credits | General Phy Ed: 1 credit |
| Mathematics: 9 credits | Health: 1 credit |
| Science: 9 credits | Fine Arts: 2 credits |
| Social Studies: 10 credits | Electives: 22 credits |

Resources



Calendar: The district and family calendar can be found at sowashco.org/calendar. Calendars specific to your child's school can be found on the school's website.



Campus Parent Portal: Campus Parent Portal allows families to view online information about student class schedules, report and view attendance, view school bus route assignments, and more. Families are required to update their accounts annually before the school year. For help, please email ICSupport@sowashco.org.



Pay Fees (Edutrak): Pay Fees/SmartSchoolK12 is used for processing payments for school fees such as parking, transcripts, clubs, competitive activities and more. You can set up an account at sowashco.org/fees.



School Cafe: Student school meal accounts can be managed through School Cafe. School Cafe has a free mobile app available for use on any mobile device. You can set up an account at schoolcafe.com/sowashco.