

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

2021-2023 AT-A-GLANCE

A recap of the milestones and accomplishments we've achieved in the past two years.



SAFETY, OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Added additional School Resource Officers in schools
- Upgraded camera systems
- Implemented active aggressor/shooter training for all staff and updated lockdown procedures
- Updated the entire hardware infrastructure. New switches have been installed in all the academic buildings



WCS MEETS
STATE STANDARDS

ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

- The district shows improvement in every area of the state report card resulting in five stars in progress and gap-closing and 3.5 stars for the district's overall rating
- Increased graduation rates
- More students score advanced on state assessments than pre-Covid
- New K-5 Literacy and Math Frameworks resulting in growth in reading and math from fall to winter iReady assessments
- All schools increase academic achievement
- New full-day and half-day preschool programs

2023 State Report Card Results

ACHIEVEMENT



PROGRESS



GAP CLOSING



EARLY
LITERACY

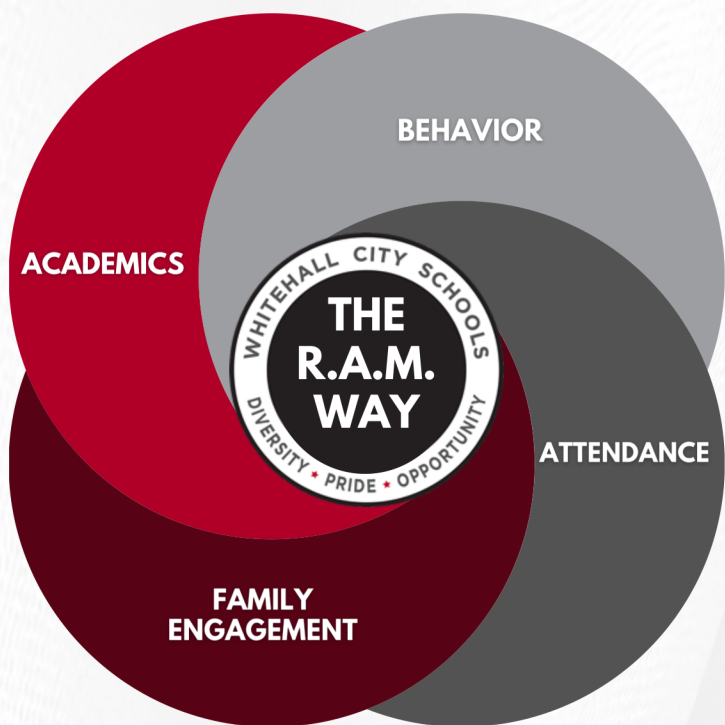


GRADUATION



VISION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

- Collaboratively established district goals and staff culture and climate expectations through “The RAM Way”
- Developed the district Commitment Plan to drive school improvement



#theRAMway

OUR COMMITMENT

At WCS, our commitment is focused on bettering our students through increasing academic achievement, decreasing disruptive behaviors, increasing family engagement, and decreasing chronic absenteeism.

ACADEMIC GOAL

Whole student growth and academic success will increase through innovative, rigorous, and relevant learning experiences offered in innovative and productive learning environments.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL

The school district aims to achieve a 3-star rating or better for every school by excelling in all state indicators, ensuring high-quality education and comprehensive development for all of our students.

NEW AND STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIPS

- City of Whitehall
- United Way Success by Third Grade
- Kitchen of Life
- Heart of Ohio Preceptorship
- Discover Card
- Charity Newsies
- Head Start



DID YOU KNOW?

WCS was the first school to lead the Success by Third Grade initiative, encouraging CCS, Reynoldsburg, Gahanna, Groveport, Westerville, and SWCS to join. The district also effectively testified, leading to additional funding for the initiative through United Way.



COMMUNICATIONS AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- New website interface and increased local news and social media exposure
- Creation of district communications plan
- Creation of the Engage U event to increase district-wide engagement between schools and families.
- Established “Pack the Backpack” initiative to provide backpacks, school supplies, hygiene kits, and snack packs for every student in the district
- Established Student Success Store
- Conducted district-wide home visits through the "100 Days to Build Relationships" initiative

NEW GRANTS AND RESOURCES

- Selected to join the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools
- Awarded 139k in safety grants
- Google Community Grant recipient
- ST Math Grant to allow for gamified math digital supplemental for middle schools (\$32K)
- Finalist for Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Grant allowing all middle and high school students to get a new Chromebook, professional learning for staff, and other leadership enhancements (~\$1.3 million)



**OVER
\$2 MILLION
AWARDED IN
NEW GRANTS**

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

- Established Health Labs and PALS as new alternatives to suspension and expulsion
- Revamped and streamlined data entry processes for discipline
- Revised the Student Code of Conduct and high school course guides
- Raised academic expectation for athletes
- Creation of intranet for improved communication and accountability