

WHITNALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Whitnall School District offers students a variety of educational options to children. The schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, are committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence. By creating multiple opportunities for learning, each student's unique abilities are developed to achieve success and contribute positively to our dynamic global society.

The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The most recent report cards were issued for the 2015-16 school year. The Whitnall School District consistently earned "Exceeds Expectations" ratings from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on most recent school district report cards. Whitnall High School, Edgerton Elementary, and Whitnall Middle School earned "Exceeds Expectations" rankings, while Hales Corners Elementary was rated "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" by the DPI. The Whitnall School District performed in the top 15 percent based upon report card scores, which evaluate district and school performance based on multiple measures. No report cards were issued for the 2015-16 school year.

The Whitnall School District offers extensive educational programming, including:

- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age)
- **CORE 4 Charter School** (4K programming)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English as a Second Language instruction
- **Gifted and talented education**
- Elementary **band, choir, and orchestra** instruction as well as secondary **digital music, theory, and rock band courses**
- French or Spanish for secondary students
- Strong fine arts program with State and National recognitions in **Music** and **Theater** performances
- 14 Advanced Placement courses and awarded on the **National AP Honor Roll**
- Multiple Dual Enrollment courses with **UW Whitewater** (PIE) and MATC
- **20 WIAA sports**
- **31 high school activities and clubs**
- **Student internships** in technology, theater, media, building engineering
- **1:1 technology at secondary level**
- Parks/Recreation and youth sports programming complementing school programming

Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the Whitnall School District include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
- Full-time Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district.
- Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, a child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "**Special Needs Scholarship Program**," as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable).
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.

Educational options for children who reside in the Whitnall School District, but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:
 - Apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
 - Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133.

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the Whitnall School District that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a school of the Whitnall School District include the following:

- **The Course Options Program**
- **Early College Credit Program** (*former Youth Options Program*)