

Williamsburg Middle School

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This school is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Williamsburg Middle School, dedicated in 1955, is an integral part of the solid educational program in Arlington. Named after one of the most historic cities in the United States, the school strives to live up to the legacy of that strong heritage by preserving the best of the past and lead-

ing students toward the future. **Williamsburg** strives to develop life-long learners who are civic-minded and culturally sensitive in an environment that is safe and supportive.

Williamsburg Middle School challenges students to learn in an environment that is organized like a series of schools within the school. Dedicated faculty work with students in and out of the classroom providing a successful transition between elementary and high school. The school's academic success can be attributed in large part to a highly qualified and dedicated staff and the strong support and active involvement of parents. At **Williamsburg Middle School** we prepare students for higher education while celebrating diversity and implementing character education.

Williamsburg's program consists of a team approach for learning where students can grow and develop academically, socially, emotionally and physically. Teachers, counselors, administrators and support staff have worked together to design educational activities for the middle school student that are child-centered and give students the opportunity to become thoughtful, productive and contributing members of society in an atmosphere of acceptance and respect.

At each grade level, **Williamsburg** students are grouped into teams for the core subjects of English, math, science, and social studies. Each sixth grade student takes a reading class as part of the core curriculum. In order to be more synergistically effective in pursuit of our educational goals, **Williamsburg** is self-reflective and maintains consistent oversight of our outstanding educational program. The Leadership Team is essentially responsible for instruction and staff development. Team leaders are responsible for providing instructional leadership to their teaching team and the daily school operation related to their teams and their students. The instructional and content lead teachers meet with the principal to define the instructional focus for the school year and plan staff development and monthly curriculum area meetings in support of that focus. Together we all contribute to school improvement while providing a safe and supportive environment where all children can learn.

Goals

- **Improve student achievement:** Student passing rates on the existing SOL tests will improve or maintain within five percentage points in the 2006-07 school year over the 2005-06 school year.
- **Reduce gaps in achievement:** Continue to reduce the achievement gap among identified groups (Asian, Black, Hispanic and low income students, students with disabilities, and English language learners.)
- **Responsive Education:** Teachers will prepare each student to succeed in a diverse, changing world through instruction and other school experiences responsive to each student's talents, interests, and challenges.
- **Enhance school and community relationships:** Staff will communicate with WMS community members to enhance relationships and develop student self-reliance.
- **Integrate technology:** WMS will integrate technology to continuously provide differentiated instruction, prepare students to utilize emerging technologies, and continue to enhance our communication among stakeholders.

Instructional Highlights*

All Arlington middle schools teach the adopted curricula and offer gifted services, special education services, reading support and English language support to those students who qualify. Yet each school's program is a little different. These are some of the instructional features of our school's program.

- Frequent progress reporting
- Extended Core for Strengthening Academic Skills
- Intensified math courses sixth-eighth grades
- Two research labs and six wireless labs
- SOL Enrichment sixth-eighth grades
- State-of-the-art technology laboratory in new Media Center
- LCD projectors in 94 percent of classrooms
- Blackboard communication for homework, activities, and instructional assignments
- Outdoor instructional classroom
- New Teacher Series
- 94 percent of teachers TESA Certified
- 100 percent of teachers instructional technology certified
- Hosted Quality Assurance Review Team: Fully Accredited 2005-10

Awards and Recognition*

We're proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. Here are some of their accomplishments.

- State Technology Education Program of the Year
- Regional Science Fair winners
- Johns Hopkins Talent Search awards
- Music Showcase Festivals
- State and Regional Reflections Contest winners
- Knowledge Masters- State Champions
- Continental Math League- Regional Champions
- Virginia Junior Academy of Science awards
- Five National Board Certified teachers
- Staff presenters at local, state, and national conferences

- Geography Bee State winner
- National Latin Exam winner and Perfect Score recipients
- TRI- M, Music Honor Society
- Character Education/Student of the Month

Special Activities and Community Service

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| ■ Technology Student Association | ■ Webmasters |
| ■ Oratorical Contest | ■ World Food Club |
| ■ Art Club | ■ Homework clubs and tutoring |
| ■ Jazz Band | ■ Adventure Club |
| ■ Bicycle Club | ■ Courtyard Keepers |
| ■ Chess Club | ■ Step Team |
| ■ Spring Musical | ■ Science Club |
| ■ Girls' & Boys' Ensembles | ■ Video Club/ Morning Announcements |
| ■ Student Council Association | ■ Literary Magazine |
| ■ Book Club | ■ Wolf Pack Lunches with Principal |
| ■ PRIDE Club | ■ After-school Movies |
| ■ Knowledge Masters | ■ Babysitting classes |
| ■ Diplomas | |
| ■ Math Counts | |

Intramural Opportunities

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| ■ Tennis | ■ Softball |
| ■ Volleyball | ■ Soccer |
| ■ Flag Football | ■ Swimming and Diving |
| ■ Field Hockey | ■ Badminton |
| ■ Fitness | ■ Sports Choice |
| ■ Floor Hockey | |
| ■ Basketball | |

Interscholastic Competition

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| ■ Swimming and Diving | ■ Soccer |
| ■ Basketball | ■ Wrestling |
| ■ Track and Field | ■ Tennis |
| ■ Cheerleading | |

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

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| ■ PTA | ■ Special event days |
| ■ Grade level coffees | ■ Grade level liaison |
| ■ School Plan Advisory Committee | ■ Parent Network series |
| ■ Counseling Services Advisory Committee | ■ PTA Gazette newsletter |
| ■ Principal Chats | ■ Career Day |
| ■ School Activities and Library Volunteer | ■ PTA Teacher Advisory Breakfast |
| ■ Educational workshops | ■ American Education Day - Lunch with Your Child |
| ■ Club sponsor/guest lecturers | ■ Annual parent event |
| ■ PRIDE parent meetings | ■ Teacher Appreciation Week |
| ■ International events | |

Technology*

Student access to technology is an Arlington priority. All of our schools have state-of-the-art computer labs, teacher voice mail, access to the Internet, Blackboard and a school home page. While students have access to some older computers for backup or overflow, the number of new and mid-level stations used for instruction and testing are reported below.

Number of computer stations in labs and classrooms: 358
 Student Stations: 303
 Teacher Stations: 85
 Number of computer labs: 3
 Number of wireless labs: 6
 School Information Telephone Line: yes
 Number of LDC Projectors: 56
 Number of SMART Boards: 1
 Number of Flash Drives: 2 class sets

School Safety

We strive to provide a safe and supportive environment in which all students can achieve their fullest potential.

Fire Drills Per Year: 16
 School Bus Drills Per Year: 2
 Interactive Safety Assemblies: yes
 Youth Resource Officer: yes

Transportation

46% ride the bus and live more than 1 1/2 miles from school
 54% live within the 1 1/2-mile-walking zone

School Population*

Total Student Enrollment: 936
 Students who receive English as a second language support: 50
 Asian/Pacific Islander: 10.3%
 Black: 6.9%
 Hispanic: 9.8%
 White: 71.9%
 American Indian/Alaskan Native: 0.1%
 Unspecified: 1.0%
 Total Teaching Faculty: 74
 Total Administrators: 4
 Teachers with a master's degree or beyond: 69%

2005-06 Test Results

Virginia State Accreditation Status: Fully Accredited
 Adequate Yearly Progress (according to federal NCLB guidelines): No
 More detailed information about testing results is available at:
www.arlington.k12.va.us/admin_serv/plan_eval/demog.
 Virginia School Report Cards at:
www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/src/vasrc-reportcard-intropage.shtml