

# School Profile: Whitehorse Middle School

## Introduction

We have entered the exciting arena of 21st Century teaching and learning. All students have a Chromebook to use for their own personal learning and exploration. Inquiry, investigation and questioning are at the core of our instruction. This culture of excellence is enhanced by our safe and nurturing school environment. We know that during the middle school years, social-emotional growth is as important as intellectual growth. We strive to create a peaceful and honoring school environment.



## Strengths

Every teacher is committed to ensuring the high quality of education for all students. We believe educating young people is a collaborative effort. Due to our highly effective teacher teams, we have seen steady growth in our literacy scores. We value and celebrate diverse student voices and create opportunities for student leadership. We pride ourselves on providing multiple scaffolds to support students in their academic and social-emotional growth. We are also proud to provide a plethora of after-school clubs for students to explore their personal interests.

## Progress

Whitehorse has a strong positive culture and climate. We capitalized on our positive culture by strengthening our restorative justice practices. In addition, we have created an intentional focus on family and community engagement hosting our first annual Family Heritage Night. In the classroom, our 1:1 technology implementation has created opportunities for students to learn and communicate in a digital format.

## Areas for Growth

We will continue to cultivate student voices by increasing opportunities for students to collaborate with each other around learning. Student collaboration is a high leverage action that empowers students to make meaning of their own learning and apply the skills necessary to be 21st century citizens.

## Vision Connection

Our school supports MMSD's vision that all students acquire the skills and abilities needed to be successful, including a mastery of content areas, growth mindset, self-knowledge, creativity, wellness, interpersonal skills, confidence, cultural competence and community connection. Through these skills and abilities, our students will graduate college, career and community ready.



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2015-2016 Data Profile

**Address** 218 Schenk St  
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**Phone** (608)204-4480  
**4K** No  
**Title I** No

**Developmental Bilingual Education** No  
**Dual Language Immersion** No  
**SAGE** No  
**Attendance Rate** 93.5%  
**Total Enrollment** 460

## Demographics

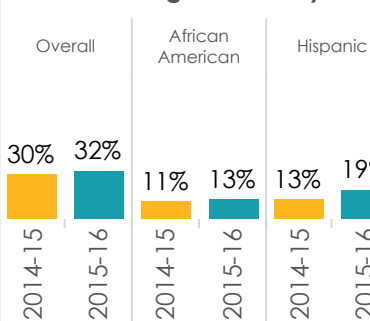


**ELL** 17%  
**Low-Income** 49%  
**Special Education** 15%

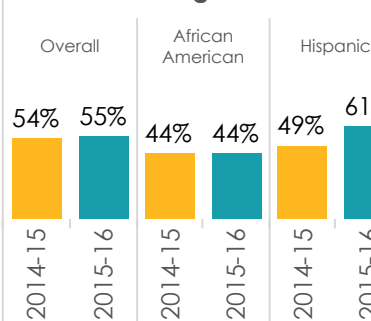
## Strategic Framework Goal #1 Milestones: On-Track to Graduate

Each bar shows the percent of students meeting the relevant metric overall and for the focus groups the school selected on their School Improvement Plan (SIP, when applicable).

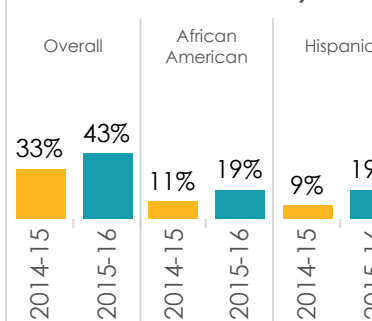
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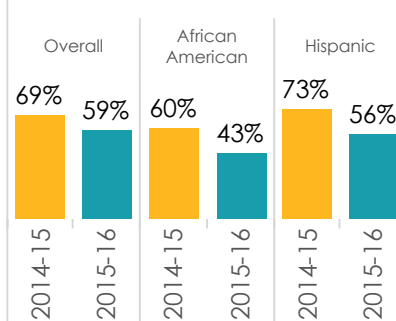
### Reading Growth



### Math Proficiency



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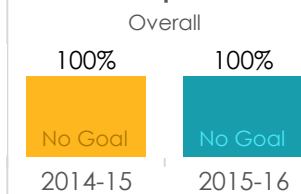


MAP includes Grades 6-8. MAP Growth is based on the percent of students meeting typical Fall to Spring growth targets.

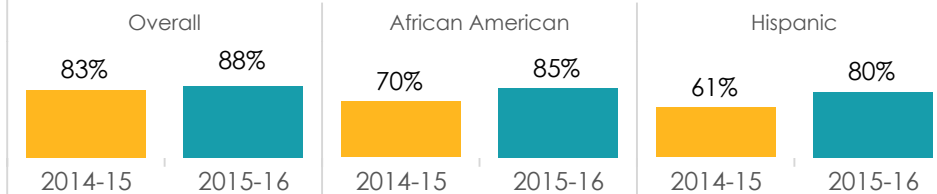
## Strategic Framework Goal #2 Milestones: Challenging and Well-Rounded Education

Each bar shows the percent of students meeting the relevant metric overall and for SIP focus groups (when applicable). "No Goal" within bar indicates that the school chose not to set a goal for this metric (schools choose only one goal-setting metric for Goal #2).

### Arts Education Participation



### World Language Participation (Grades 7-8)



Participation rates are based on transcribed courses.

## Strategic Framework Goal #3 Milestones: Positive Climate

The table below shows the percent of responses within each dimension and group that were positive.

