

MICHIGAN SCHOOLS TO WATCH

White Pine Middle School



“Success Happens Here Every Day.”

Designated 2006

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2007-2008 School Statistics

Community: Suburban
Enrollment: 1250
Grade Levels: 6-8
School Schedule: Flexible Block Schedule

Student Demographics

- 73% White
- 9% Hispanic/Latino
- 2% Asian
- 14% African American
- 1% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 2% Pacific Islander
- 36% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 15% English Learners

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School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- A flexible block schedule
- Learning Community – Interdisciplinary Teams
- Daily Team Planning
- Monthly Curriculum Maps
- Monthly Department Meetings
- Pre and Post Assessments using PLATO
- ABCI
- Extended Day Tutoring Programs (Before and After School)

Developmental Responsiveness

- Service Learning Annually
- Exploratory Curriculum
- Best Practice Instructional Strategies (Multiple Intelligences, Cooperative Learning, Authentic assessments, Etc.)
- Support Services for Struggling Students (GYST Get Your Stuff Together, ZAP Zeros aren't permitted)
- Month of the Young Adolescent Celebration (MOYA)

Social Equity

- Ruby Payne Training
- Mindful Manners
- Web Program
- Student-Led Conferences

Organizational Support

- School Improvement plan directly aligned with National Forum "Look Fors."
- Annual participation in CPRD self-study (Parents, Students, and Staff)
- Needs based professional development
- All stakeholders represented on school improvement team



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