

Welcome to WISH Community School



WISH
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
A TK-8 CHARTER SCHOOL

6th-8th Grade Whole Scholar Approach to Education



Our Philosophy and Mission

The WISH mission is to maximize every student's learning potential within an atmosphere of caring. The WISH instructional philosophy rests upon the concepts of hands on learning, meaningful instructional activities, and a collaborative group of professionals working together to make the learning environment exciting for students. Evidence-based teaching strategies will be tailored to meet individual development.

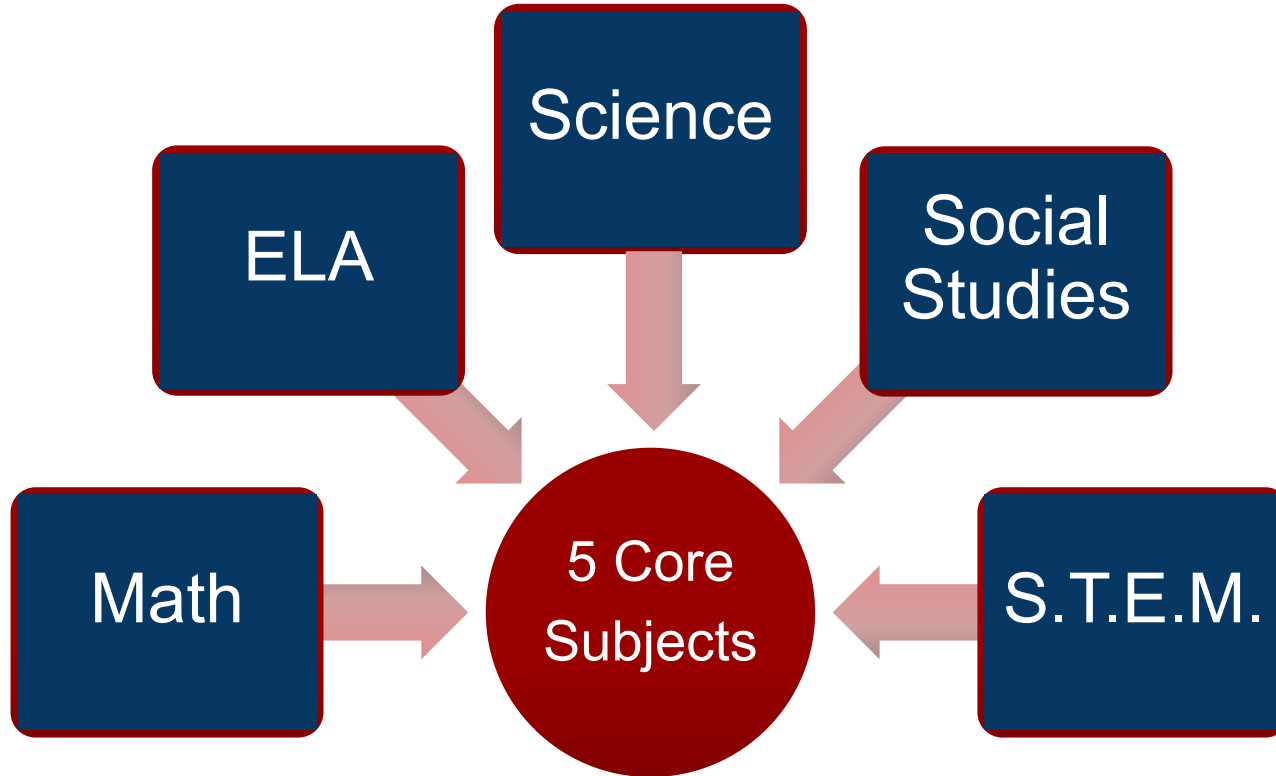
Balanced Curriculum

- Curriculum materials are state approved and based on the California Common Core Standards and National Frameworks
- Guarantee high academic standards for all students
- Writer's Workshop, Reader's Workshop, Achieve 3000, MobyMax, Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), History Alive and GoMath!
- Music, Art, Movement, Spanish, & Technology

Best Research Based Practices

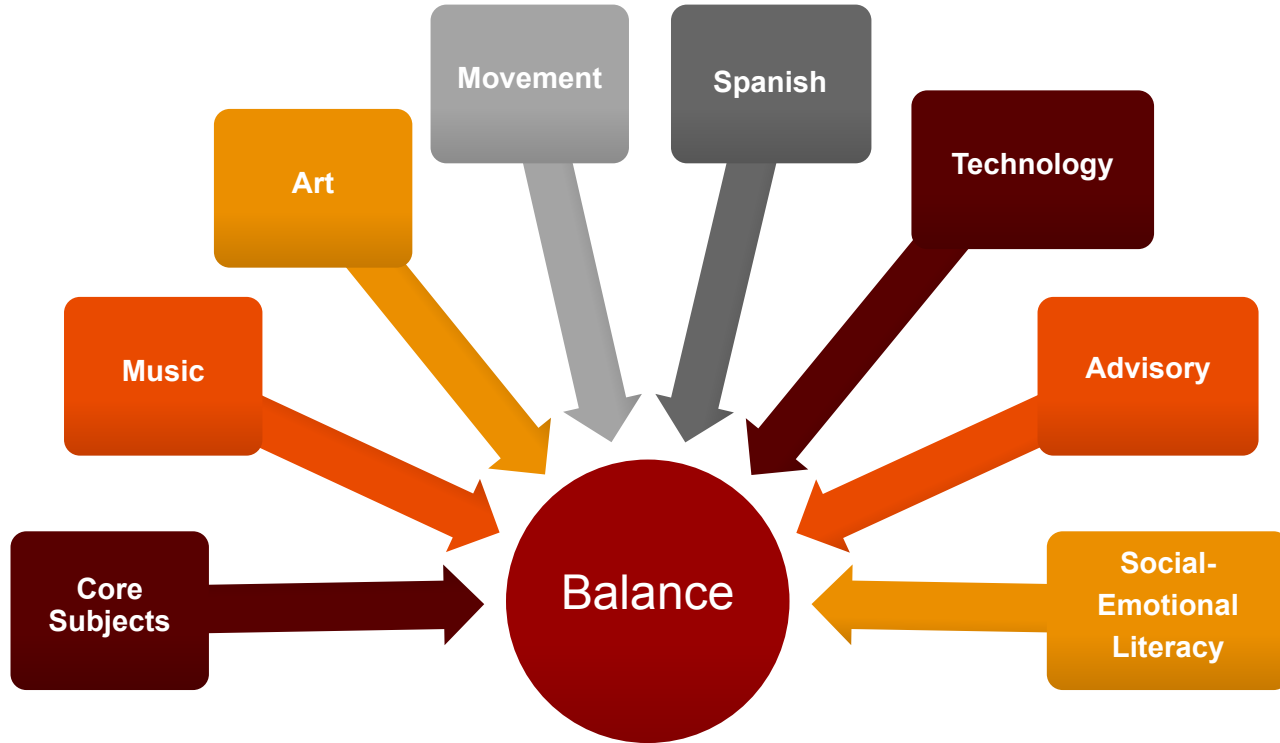
- Data Driven Assessments
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
- Professional Learning Communities



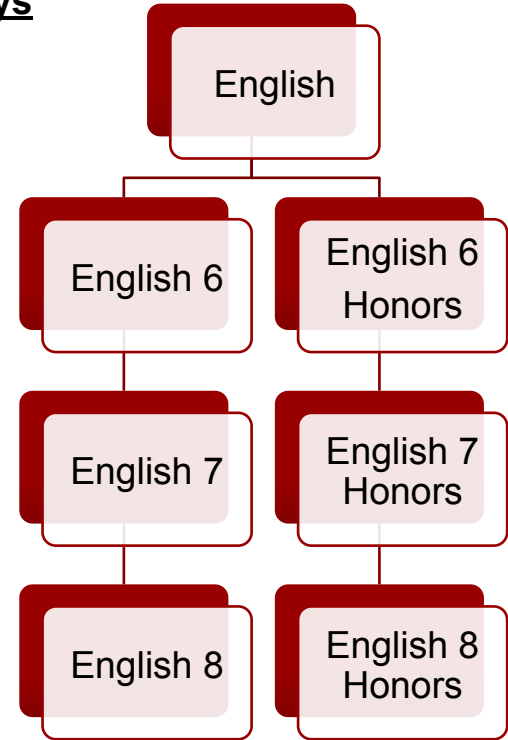
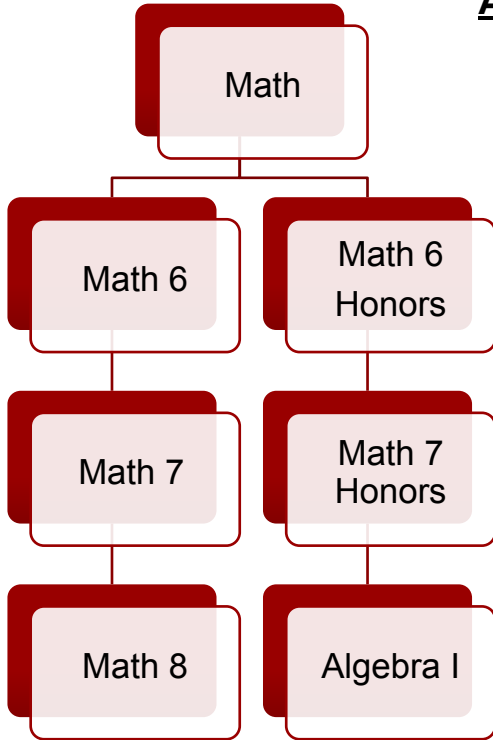


Whole Scholar Approach

Engaged - Challenged - Inspired



Math and English Language Arts Accelerated Honor Pathways





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Highly Accelerated Math Honor Pathways

Grade Level	Traditional Pathway	Accelerated	Highly Accelerated Pathway
6th Grade	Math 6	Math 6 Honors	Math 7 Honors
7th Grade	Math 7	Math 7 Honors	**Algebra I
8th Grade	Math 8	**Algebra I	**Geometry

**Earn A-G high school graduation credit with a C or higher each semester.

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Music

Strings

Choir

Digital
Composition

Art

Theater

Fine Arts

Survival Arts

Movement

Physical
Education

Sports
Conditioning

Yoga

Spanish

Beginning

Intermediate

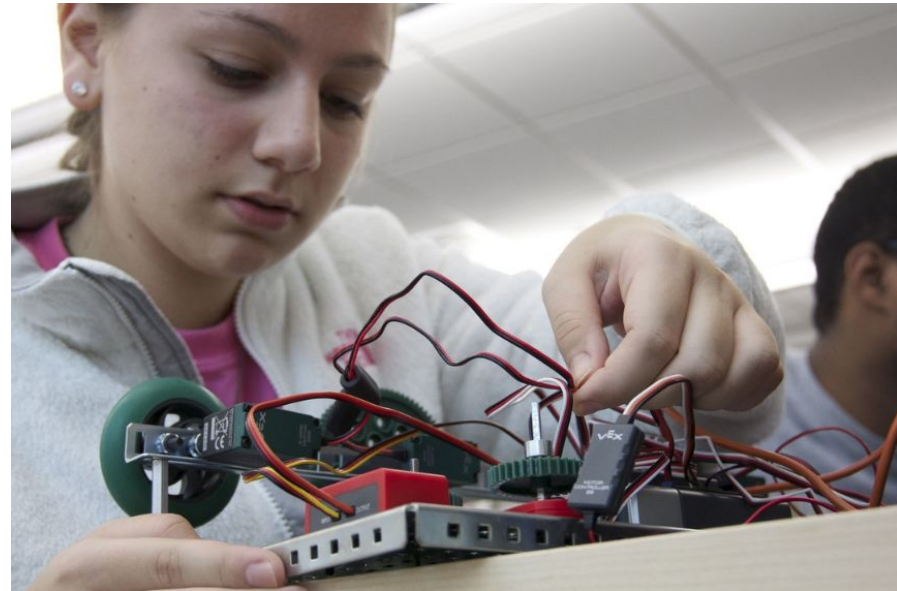
Advanced

Technology Embedded Throughout the Curriculum

- **One to One Chromebooks** for students to use as a resource for researching, collaborating, publishing work and communicating with peers and teachers
- **MacBooks** for mixing music, web design, cloud computing and coding
- **Tablets** for app and robotic creation
- Direct Instruction from Technology teacher from **PlanetBravo Education**
- Full implementation of the Middle School Gateway **Project Lead the Way** curriculum with trained teachers

[PlanetBravo- WISH](#)

[PLTW- Gateway](#)



Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support & School Culture

We define what “cool” means!

- Our school culture provides the foundation for developing and understanding the importance of respecting one another, having problem-solving skills and an appreciation for diversity
- Identified shared commitments include CHAMPS, Kickboard, PRIDE Expectations, and Scholar Creed of Values

WISH Scholar Values
AMBITION COURAGE
DEPENDABILITY COLLABORATION

A WISH Scholar...

- uses **S**trategies & perseverance to achieve goals
- is **C**urious thinkers & active listeners
- has **H**onor & integrity
- is **O**utside of the box problem solvers
- uses **L**aughter and joy to make learning fun
- has **A**ll inclusive, growth-mindsets
- always **R**espond positively to challenging situations

WISH Scholar Values
EMPATHY RESILIENCY
INCLUSIVITY HUMILITY
HONESTY

WISH Middle School Behavior Expectations

	CLASSROOM	WALKWAYS	LOUNGE AREA	RESTROOMS	VIDEOLAB/ACTIVITY	WALKWAY AREA
P Organized	Arrive on time Remain on task Follow directions Be ready to learn	Use appropriate volume in hallway Walk on the right side of the hallway Use appropriate volume in common areas	Walk to lunch the proper way Use appropriate volume in common areas	Use appropriate volume in restrooms Walk to the restroom the proper way	Use appropriate volume in video lab Use appropriate volume in activity Use appropriate volume in common areas	Use appropriate volume in hallway Walk on the right side of the hallway Use appropriate volume in common areas
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C CONVERSATION	1 Whisper Voices	
H HELP	Ask a teacher	
A ACTIVITY	Library	
M MOVEMENT	Walk slowly	
P PARTICIPATION	Check out or return books; read silently	
S SUCCESS	Find a wonderful new book!	

Social-Emotional Literacy & Intelligence

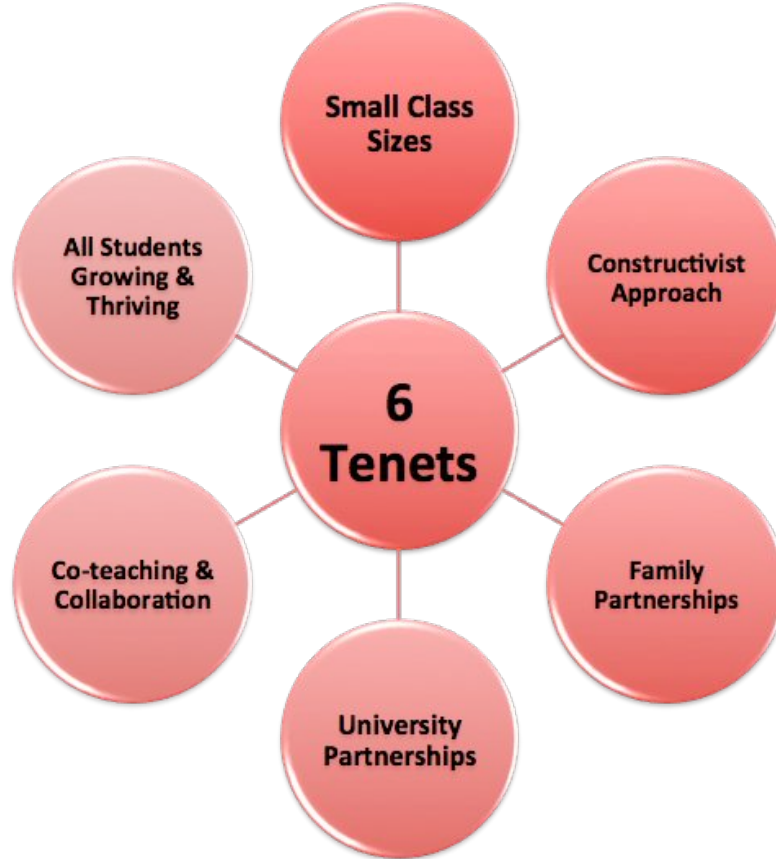
Social-Emotional Curriculum

- Council Circle
- RULER
- Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) - 6th Grade
- Circle of Friends - 6th - 9th
- Restorative Justice Circles & Strategies

- R**ecognizing emotions in self and others
- U**nderstanding the causes and consequences of emotions
- L**abeling emotions accurately
- E**xpressing emotions appropriately
- R**egulating emotions effectively

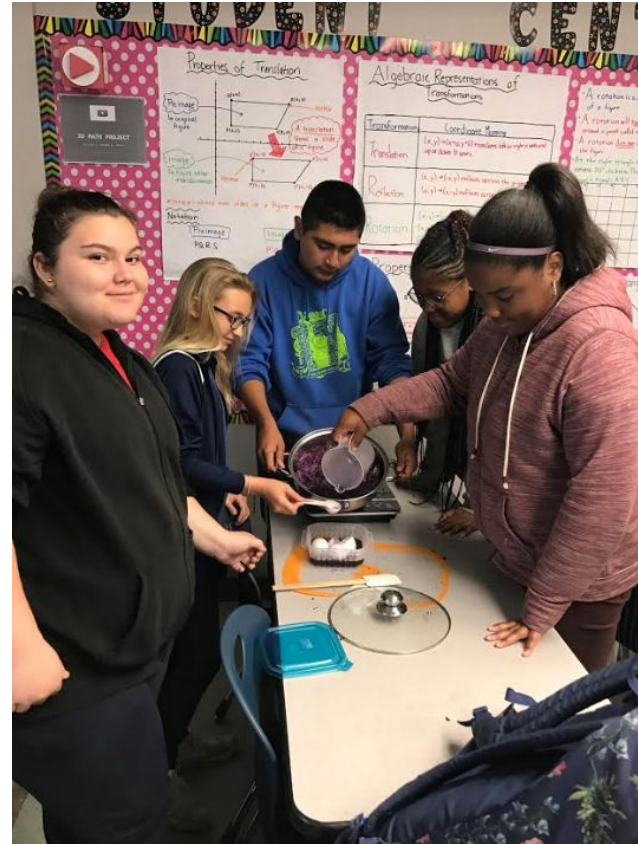


Our 6 Key Tenets



Differentiated Instruction

- Adjustments are made based on individual student need to provide access to the core curriculum
- Content, Process & Product
- Curriculum is extended, modified, or accommodated based on the ability level of the student.
- Access to hands on learning, project based learning, constructivist techniques, direct instruction, and a variety of research based methods
- GATE strategies used in every class - Depth and Complexity techniques, open ceiling and extension activities



School-Wide PBL & Hands-On Learning Experiences

- **International Festival** - History Department
- **Service Learning** - English Department
- **Science Fair** - Science Department
- **Marble Roller Coasters, Catapults & Regatta Boat Races** - STEM Department
- **Annual Project** - Cross Curricular
(Living Museum, Business Fair, & Invention Convention)



It take a Village!

- WISH has developed close partnerships with the community and the families we serve.
- WISH Community parents contribute their time and talents to support the students at WISH; although is not a requirement...it is very popular!
- Ways to get involved: Parent Liaisons, Garden Committee, Social Emotional Committee, SMART Committee, Student Socials, etc.
- These connections with the community provide service learning opportunities. Service Learning Hours are required for Middle School and High School (5 Hours in 6th Grade)



Research to Practice

- This partnership provides us with an opportunity to continually study and improve the instructional model and maintain “best practices”
- Allows for ongoing professional development for teachers and staff from experts in our field
- We serve as a demonstration site for up and coming educators and service providers



Teaching Together

- Teachers are partners in planning, teaching and assessing each child
- Facilitate students meeting rigorous standards and individualized learning goals
- Innovative Teaching Models
- Daily Debriefing



We Serve the Whole Community!

- Students who are gifted
- Students with different socio-economic needs
- Students who need special education services
- English Language Learners
- Culturally Relevant Texts and Lessons
- All kinds of families
- Cultivating Brave Learning Spaces that are Welcoming to All Scholars

*We are grateful to be a school serving the Westchester neighborhoods- over 85% of our students live right here!



Speciality Curricular Programs

Leadership Opportunities

- Student Leadership
- WEB Leaders
- Student Ambassadors

Lunch Clubs & Sports/Activities

- National History Day, LGBTQ+, Games Club, 8th Grade Performers, Debate Club (MUN), Anime, Circle of Friends, Leadership Council, Spanish Club, Library, WEB Leaders, Humans United, Environmental Club, PATHS, Book Club, Math Club, AV Club
- Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Flag Football, Archery, Track, Cross Country, BotBall, WISH Student Band, Theater

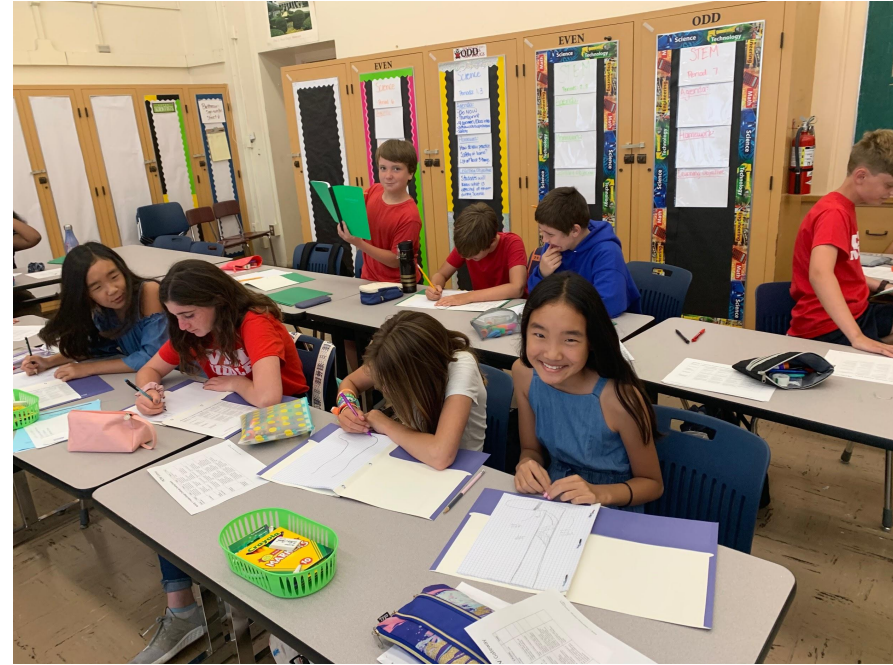
Grade Level Retreats, Field Trips & Socials

- **6th Grade:** WOLF Astro Camp Retreat & Walk Through the Ancient World
- **7th Grade:** Wilderness WOLF Camp Retreat & Medieval Times
- **8th Grade:** CPR/First Responder WOLF Camp Retreat & Museum of Tolerance
- Ice Cream Social, Fall Festival, Ice Skating, Movie Night, Spring Fling, & Game Night



Benefits

- 4 Schools, 1 Campus
- Weekly meeting between all principals
- Private classroom and work spaces for each school
- Shared facilities: auditorium, gymnasium, social hall
- Share emergency drills and safety teams



Thank you!

