

Educational Philosophy

I believe that all students can reach their full creative and academic potential if given respect, attention, security, care, and structure. Learning is a team effort with the student at the center surrounded by teachers, parents, staff, and community. My focus on hands-on, project oriented learning with integration of other content areas will help students connect classroom lessons with their own lives and become better problem solvers. With each lesson I keep individual interests and learning styles in mind. I strive to be a role model for ethical behavior, logical thinking, enthusiasm, creativity, and the joy and fun of learning.



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A NEW BEGINNING: MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Classroom Guidelines & Student Expectations

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Whatcom Middle School. As we begin the new school year, questions arise regarding the discipline policy of the school and the classroom. We are interested in a school with positive relationships between children, staff and parents. It is our goal to teach students to take responsibility for their own learning and behavior.

In order to accomplish this we will make sure of the following:

- The school will set behavior and work standards and communicate them to students and parents.
- Parents and teachers will work together to make sure standards are met.
- Communication between teachers, principal and parents will be maintained.
- A fair and consistent code of discipline and effective classroom management will be maintained.
- Clear expectations will be outlined, explained, taught, and reinforced.

It is our goal to provide a safe and orderly environment so that everyone has a good learning opportunity and students will take pride in their work and growing competence in skills.

Any suggestions or recommendations you have for revision of the plan during the school year would be appreciated. This plan is reviewed yearly and your comments and suggestions will be considered.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Major Units & Concepts

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- World Geography Overview
- Introduction to Ancient Civilizations
- Elements of Civilizations:
- Overview of geography related to Early Civilizations
- Early Civilization: Studies of the Elements of Societies
- Foundations of Modern Western Civilizations



Language Arts

Reading:

- Uses Skills and Strategies for Understanding
- Understand What is Read
- Selects and Reads Texts for a Variety of Purposes
- Takes Responsibility for Reading Skills

Writing:

- Understands and uses steps of the Writing Process
- Writes Clearly and Effectively Using Traits of Quality Writing
- Writes in a Variety of Forms for Different Audiences and Purposes
- Analyzes and Evaluates Effectiveness of Written Work

Important Dates:

For a complete list of dates check the district website:

<http://www.bham.wednet.edu/district/calendar.htm>

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