

Wilson Pride!

(NCA Accredited School)

People often ask, “What have you done to make Wilson such a good school?” We, our entire staff, try to be positive, proactive, and preventative. By combining strict guidelines with common-sense flexibility, and by offering various extra-curricular opportunities, we have created a favorable school climate. We are very proud of our middle school – the entire “culture” (school rules and philosophy, academic opportunities, knowledgeable staff, great facility, and extra-curricular activities). Our Wilson Team works hard to maintain high standards with the hope that ALL students will benefit.

SCHOOL RULES & PHILOSOPHY

~ **Basic School Rules:** Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

(Handbook lists other detailed items.)

~ **School Philosophy:** Our school is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where ALL students can experience academic and social success. We DO NOT tolerate any type of bullying (verbal or physical). We will act on any reported incidents of intimidation or harassment. Students attend school to learn – every student has the right to feel safe and comfortable in the process.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

All course offerings are taught by well-educated, highly motivated staff.

Teachers align their curriculum to meet the Michigan Content Standards and GLCEs.

~ Core Academic Areas: language arts, math (pre algebra and algebra), science (with labs), and social studies

~ Daily Physical Education: rigorous health and physical fitness program (also includes boating safety course and reproductive health program)

~ Computer Classes: four updated, state-of-the-art computer labs (as well as three class sets of mobile lap-top computers)

~ Band and Orchestra (seasonal performances as well as participation in musical festivals, solo and ensemble, and parades... summer band camp also available)

(*NOTE: Wyandotte is the only district Downriver still offering a string orchestra program, grades 5-12.)

~ Chorus (seasonal performances and participation in musical festivals and competitions)

~ Exploratory Offerings: computers, “tech,” music appreciation, drafting, and classic film analysis (these may vary)

~ Before and After-School Tutoring

~ Geography Bee (statewide, social studies contest)

~ “Battle of the Books” (school-wide, language arts reading contest)

~ School-wide PE Wrestling Tournament

STAFF (PERSONNEL)

Dedicated, knowledgeable, and well-qualified professionals who donate their time in numerous ways: coaching, sponsoring clubs, chaperoning dances, sponsoring trips, etc. They are generous individuals and good role models who donate to charitable causes for students. Staff members constantly strive to improve their skills by attending workshops and conferences. They are TEAM players, willing to share their work and ideas with each other. A lot of team-teaching occurs as well. The Wilson TEAM likes to be thought of as a family.

- ~ Two administrators
- ~ 31 teachers and four academic aides
- ~ Special education teacher-consultant and aides
- ~ Media specialist
- ~ Counselor
- ~ Social worker
- ~ Two secretaries
- ~ District-wide technology specialist (and tech. aides)
- ~ Maintenance staff
- ~ Food service personnel and lunch aides
- ~ Speech and language consultants
- ~ Police liaison
- ~ Attendance officer
- ~ In-school detention behavior intervention supervisor

FACILITY

We are proud of our clean and well-kept facility.

- ~ Specialized rooms: five fully-equipped science labs, four computer labs, chorus room, band room, industrial processing/woodshop room; and a room with cooking appliances
- ~ Each classroom has a computer, wired to the internet (and every teacher has a laptop).
- ~ Entire district has wireless capabilities.
- ~ Large, mounted TV/DVD player in every room
- ~ Modernized fitness room, newly renovated gymnasium, and multifaceted outdoor sports facility
- ~ Full-size pool
- ~ 500-seat auditorium with stage
- ~ Band room
- ~ Learning Resource Center (“library”) with updated technology and materials (operated by certified media specialist)
- ~ Large updated cafeteria (Hot lunches made on site!)
- ~ A school store, the “Wig-Wam”

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

- ~ **Clubs (may vary):** Book Club, Builder’s Club (Junior Kiwanis), Science (Environment) Club, Drama Club, Game Club, Dance Club, Art Club, Model Car Club, Knitting Club, Percussion Club, Wellness and Fitness Club, Video Club, Student Council, and Girls’ Strategies for Success Club
- ~ **Athletics:** football, cheerleading, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball, rowing, swimming, cross country, and track

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST

- ~ Back-to-School Night and conferences (Parental involvement is important!!!)
- ~ National Junior Honor Society
- ~ End-of-the-year Honors Night (student-achievement ceremony)
- ~ Report card recognition/rewards (Generous community businesses often donate coupons to this cause: 7-11, McDonald's, and Wendy's.)
- ~ Student Council
- ~ Peer Mediation Program
- ~ Homework Challenge outings each semester
- ~ Regularly-scheduled dances /activity nights
- ~ "Do Something" Program (recognizes students who participate in school-related activities...each student receives a custom-made Wilson T-shirt at an assembly)
- ~ Student exchange program with Komaki, Japan
- ~ Seventh-grade Chicago trip
- ~ Eighth-grade New York trip
- ~ Curriculum-related field trips and assemblies
- ~ End-of-the-year fundraiser field trip (Wave Pool/Cedar Point)
- ~ Staff "Decision-Making Team"
- ~ Monthly Principal's Advisory meetings (with parents)
- ~ School yearbook
- ~ Monthly newsletters
- ~ District-wide, updated website (www.wyandotte.org)
- ~ Career Day (for eighth-grade students)
- ~ Memory Dinner send-off for eighth graders
- ~ A yearly student-teacher sport contest
- ~ Teacher-Student Mentorship Program (Teachers "adopt" struggling students.)
- ~ "Angel Fund" (A fund we created to generate money for students/families in times of need.)
- ~ Student "character-building" opportunities through canned-good drives, Builder's Club collections, "Angel Fund" contributions, good-deed recognition on morning announcements, etc. (Our no-bullying philosophy also instills character development.)
- ~ Generous families: We have asked for monetary and/or material donations (i.e. old stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, etc.) for needy families, and our parents have responded!

**** We are proud of our middle school! We look forward to continuing our work with your children now and in the future. If you know of any other middle-school-aged students who would benefit from attending our school, please have their parent/guardian contact either Mr. Kell, principal, or Mrs. Makuch, assistant principal, at # (734) 759-5300. We would be happy to provide them with more information or to arrange a tour of our facility. We are a school-of-choice district, allowing non-Wyandotte residents (who qualify) to benefit from our schools.**