Whitman Middle School Learning Seminar

2021-2022 School Year

Defining SY 2021-2022 Terms

Learning Seminar

The dedicated 4th period time built into the Master Schedule

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Advisory

The dedicated portion of Learning Seminar that is used to build relationships, community, and Social & Emotional Learning

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Wildcat Time

The dedicated portion of Learning Seminar that is used for school-wide lessons/activities, intervention, & enrichment

Advisory		
25 Mins	• Relationship/community building • Social & Emotional Learning lessons / activities	
Wildcat Time		
30 Mins	• School-wide lessons/activities • Teacher-choice lessons/activities • Student choice-boards	Small group Interventions
30 Mins	• 1:1 conferences • <u>Supported</u> student Work Time	

Part 1: Advisory

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF STUDENT ADVISORY?

RELATIONSHIPS

- Connection with a caring adult
- Connection with peers

COMMUNITY

- Fostering Belonging and Safety
- Affirming identities as individuals and as part of the community
- Amplifying Student Voice

RESILIENCE

- Engagement and Fun
- Addressing real life personal and current events

EMPOWERMENT

- Planning for the Future
- Developing Skills

WHAT DOES it LOOK LIKE?

During the advisory portion of class, students:

- build positive relationships with me and the other students in our class
- develop social and emotional skills

Four Components

- Arrival and Welcome
- Announcements
- Acknowledgement
- Activity

Concludes with a question or statement that prompts student reflection on the meeting's purpose

Part 2:
Wildcat Time

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF WILDCAT TIME?

EXPANDING UNDERSTANDING

- School-wide Lessons/Activities
- Teacher-Developed Choice Lessons/Activities

WORK TIME

- 1:1 Conferences and Goal-Setting
- Catch-up Time

INTERVENTIONS

- Wellness Interventions
- Academic Interventions

ENRICHMENT

- Student-directed Choice Activities
- School- or community-wide Events

WHAT DOES it LOOK LIKE?

During the WILDCAT time portion of class, students:

- Engage in lessons that help them better understand our communities
- Learn learning skills
- Get extra help

SR&R

Schoology

Zoom

Whitman Way

Digital Citizenship

Current Events

Heritage and Celebration Months

Service Learning

AND MORE!