

OREGON Small Schools INITIATIVE

Woodburn Arts & Communication Academy WACA

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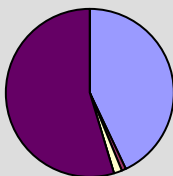
Principal: Jennifer Dixon

The Woodburn Arts and Communications Academy seeks to build a community of learners who, through their passion for art, develop the techniques of creativity in order to become innovative members of a diverse global society. At WACA students receive an education that focuses on the creation of ideas, problem solving, and expression of creativity. Staff provide a rigorous academic and arts education for students through engagement in the techniques of creativity, empowering students to become independent, questioning innovators who are passionate to learn.

The following data reflects 2007-2008, unless otherwise noted

Student Population

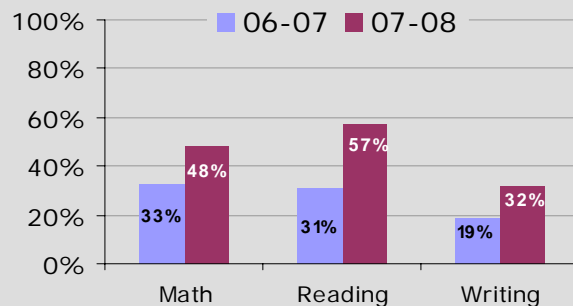
Total Enrollment	267
1-year drop-out rate (campus)	5.1%
Low-income students	79.0%
English language learners	31.0%



European American	- 43%
Asian/Pacific Islander	- 1%
African American	- 2%
American Indian	- 0%
Latino, Hispanic	- 55%
Other	- 0%

Student Achievement

10th grade students meeting or exceeding state benchmarks



Sources: Oregon Department of Education and WACA at Woodburn Campus

Extraordinary Diversity and Growth

Woodburn High School serves a dynamic, diverse and fast-growing community. It is like few other schools in the state in terms of student diversity – ethnically, linguistically, and socially. Three quarters of students are minority, almost three quarters qualify for free and reduced lunch, and almost half of Woodburn students are English Language Learners. Woodburn has embraced its diversity and its challenges, preparing students for a multi-lingual, multi-cultural world with cutting edge instruction for English language learners. The district's K-12 program ensures all students learn a second language and provides the International Baccalaureate (IB) program to high school students. In 2006, Woodburn High School became four autonomous small schools reaching for their goal to engage and inspire all students to achieve challenging goals in a setting where students connect to teachers and course content.