

SWWFS Middle School

The middle school at SWWFS follows a Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) curricula of instruction led by experienced instructors who specialize in the respective content areas.

AP high school courses are college-level courses that sometimes award course credit to students who score well on an end of year standardized examination.

SWWFS middle students are exposed to pre-AP curricula that prepare them for these high school AP courses.

- ❖ Small class sizes
- ❖ Visual Impairment, Autism, Special Education Programs
- ❖ Uniform Policy
- ❖ Facilities include: two gymnasiums, cafeteria, library, auditorium, computer labs, music room, art room, recently renovated playgrounds
- ❖ Access to DPR fields, tennis courts, Rock Creek Park

Academic Excellence

The staff at School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens is committed to providing a high quality and rigorous educational experience for all students. The staff encourages students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers. Here are some academic highlights:

- ❖ Core courses include Math, Reading, Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Latin.
- ❖ All classes utilize technology to enhance learning
- ❖ Full time librarian
- ❖ Diverse staff and student body
- ❖ Curriculum aligned with School Without Walls High School curriculum
- ❖ Special courses: Art, Music, Physical Education, and Media Studies
- ❖ Partnerships with GWU, American College of Cardiology, Books for America, DC Reads, Everybody Wins, Girls on the Run, Kennedy Center, Patton Boggs, The World Wildlife Fund, and many more!

The School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens

Middle School Program



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Emphasis on Community

SWWFS has an active and engaged group of parents whose main focus is the success of every child in our school. Our Home & School Association works to support our school through a variety of committees. Please e-mail us to get involved!

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THE SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

AT FRANCIS-STEVENSON

Middle School Core Content Areas

Math: Courses include Math 6, Math 7, Pre-Algebra and Algebra I. These courses are taught in alignment with the Common Core Standards adopted by DCPS. Thinking about mathematical problems in a critical way enhances students' abilities to see mathematics as a life skill to solve real-world problems.

The Sciences: Taught through the philosophy that scientific progress is made by asking relevant questions and conducting careful investigations, students develop their own hypotheses, perform investigations, and develop their own conclusions in order to grasp and master concepts and standards. Students are encouraged to explain why accuracy and openness in record keeping, replication, and collaboration are essential for maintaining an investigator's credibility with other scientists and society.

Language Arts: Designed to meet the needs of students at their individual levels of instruction, our Language Arts program provides for greater depth and complexity in the literacy curriculum. Instruction moves at the students' pace, which may include compacting curricula so individual students' may move at a faster or above grade level pace.

Social Studies: By addressing the Five Themes of AP World History, students are exploring history through several lenses: culture, social structures, politics, and economic systems. The Social Studies department regularly collaborates with the English department to implement common literacy and writing skills.

Latin: Considered a core course at SWWFS, Latin helps to improve literacy skills by helping students understand how to deconstruct a word using roots and suffixes. These Latin skills improve vocabulary, reading ability, and test taking skills.

