

become your best self
@Wakefield Country Day

Bridge Scholarship Program



At WCDS, we seek students and families who embrace our mission with its equal emphasis on character and intellectual development. We are a close-knit community where families are welcomed and involved. As your child transitions from Middle School to High School, consider applying to Wakefield Country Day, a place where teachers and coaches believe there's a scholar in every student.

To assist in your transition, WCDS is offering a limited number of scholarships for deserving students who are rising 9th graders. The scholarship will cover half the cost of your child's tuition and be renewable each year for the remaining three years of high school, provided your child maintains a 3.5 average and performs 20 hours of community service.

To apply for this scholarship, visit wcdsva.org to complete an admission application. The application process includes a visit to our school and a meeting with our Dean of Students. Applicants are also required to submit an official transcript record and take a WCDS placement test. Each student is also asked to submit a 500-word essay answering the following question:

How will you use this opportunity to contribute positively to the WCDS school community and become your best self?

In part, the WCDS Bridge Scholarship is need-based. Thus, families will be invited to submit an application for financial aid through the FAST program also located on our website.

For more information and to schedule a visit,
please contact Mrs. Lisa Cieplak at 540.635.8555 x227 or admissions@wcdsva.org.

WCDS At a Glance

- 100% academic faculty hold BA, AB, or BS degrees; 35% hold MA degrees; 7% have doctorates
- 100% of faculty and staff participate in annual professional development opportunities
- Student/Teacher ratio is 11:1
- All WCDS students have two English classes per day: reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar
- All international students are integrated fully into the academic, community outreach, extra-curricular, and athletic curricula
- All 7th and 8th grade students travel to England
- Consistently WCDS students earn perfect scores on National Latin and Foreign Language exams
- Character education is at the core of the school. Integrated into classes, discussions, and projects are virtues of honor, respect, humility, perseverance, wisdom, citizenship, responsibility, charity and courage
- WCDS athletic teams compete within the Delaney Athletic Conference Division II for JV and Varsity teams and Valley Middle School Conference for Middle School. In the past five years up to 18 athletic teams have been offered annually, including
 - Basketball (boys and girls)
 - Cross Country (coed)
 - Lacrosse (boys and coed)
 - Soccer (boys, girls, and coed)
 - Volleyball (girls)
- Teachers take students on trips during School Breaks; recent excursions include educational trips to Italy, Spain, and France and college trips to California
- In 2016-2017 WCDS invested close to \$200,000 in purchasing new computers and upgrading and supporting the technology infrastructure within the school
- In 2017-2018 WCDS invested upwards of \$25,000 in security upgrades for emergency and safety preparedness and in 2018-2019 is implementing

the national emergency response program from the “I Love U Guys” Foundation. All faculty are CPR trained.

- Annually WCDS hosts up to
 - ◆ 8 drama and music performances
 - ◆ 25 Assembly programs in which students perform and/or speak publicly
 - ◆ 50 Field trips to destinations such as parks, cities, museums, theaters, and universities
 - ◆ 10 academic teams that compete at the local, regional, state, and/or national level, including
 - Cyber Patriots
 - American Math
 - Envirothon
 - Latin Certamina
 - Model United Nations
 - Speech and Debate
 - ◆ 20 international students who add cultural diversity and live with local families
- The 2018 class of 25 graduating seniors received over \$2.3 million collectively in merit scholarships to universities and colleges
- Seniors have 100% unbroken 4-year college acceptance
- All seniors research, write, present, and defend theses and complete projects and internships
- WCDS graduates have successful careers as business men and women, diplomats, artists, bankers, attorneys, physicians, entrepreneurs, computer analysts, pilots, writers, teachers, professors, publishers, CEOs of high tech companies, officers in the armed forces, and men and women of the clergy.
- WCDS students and alumni give back to their communities through Habitat for Humanity, Fire and Rescue, the Peace Corps, National Parks, Animal Welfare Leagues, Hospitals, Assisted Living facilities, and more.



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