



# **Welcome to Whitman Elementary school**

**2024-2025 School Year**



**Community Consolidated School District 21**

# ABOUT CCSD21

Formed in 1948, Community Consolidated School District 21 (CCSD21) is located in Cook County, about 30 miles northwest of Chicago. It serves students in grades PK-8 from six communities: Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Northbrook, Prospect Heights, and Wheeling.

**Mission:** *Ensure engaging, innovative, equitable and safe learning experiences for every student, every day.*

**Core Values:** *Equity, Whole Child, Engagement, Stewardship, Continuous Improvement, Trust & Respect, Partnership, Accountability, and Growth Mindset.*

**Vision:** *CCSD21 strives to empower every student, every day, in every school.*

CCSD21 develops an annual report to highlight the yearly accomplishments of the district. To view the latest Impact Report, please visit: [ccsd21.org/annual-impact-report](https://ccsd21.org/annual-impact-report)

The District 21 Community Service Center and Administrative Office is located at 959 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090. The office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday and the phone number is 847-537-8270. To learn more about CCSD21, please visit: [ccsd21.org](https://ccsd21.org)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The CCSD21 Board of Education holds monthly meetings of the entire school board. These are typically held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the District 21 Community Service Center and Administrative Office.

Agendas are posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and can be viewed by visiting: [ccsd21.org/board-of-education-meetings](https://ccsd21.org/board-of-education-meetings)

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# SUPERINTENDENT



On behalf of the school administration, I'm pleased to welcome you to our CCSD21 family. You are entering a district that is unique in many ways. From enhancing the educational experience of our students to increasing family engagement, our combined efforts are giving support to students learning inside and outside the classroom. Additionally, we are committed to good stewardship of our community resources, all of which translates into a better learning environment – one which allows your student to grow into a successful individual.

**Dr. Michael Connolly**  
Superintendent

## YOUR ADMINISTRATORS



I would like to share an enthusiastic welcome to all of our new Bulldogs! You are joining a very special community. In my time at Whitman, many different people have stopped me to share that as soon as they enter our school building, they feel kindness and warmth. Our staff are dedicated teachers, many of whom have been here for a long time. Our families and students are caring and supportive; they will make you feel right at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Mrs. Applequist with any questions or concerns you may have. Let's make it a great year!

**Samantha Roth, Principal**

☎: **847-520-2825**

✉: [samantha.roth@ccsd21.org](mailto:samantha.roth@ccsd21.org)



I am excited to begin my fourth year as assistant principal at Whitman Elementary School. I have really enjoyed getting to know the students and families in our Whitman community and look forward to the opportunity to serve the community once again this coming year. Whitman is a wonderful place to grow and learn. The teachers and staff are here to walk alongside you and your child throughout the school year. It will be an exciting year of learning together. Mrs. Roth and myself are always available to support you.

Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns at any time.

**Lisa Applequist, Assistant Principal**

☎: **847-520-2805**

✉: [lisa.applequist@ccsd21.org](mailto:lisa.applequist@ccsd21.org)

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# ABOUT WHITMAN

Whitman Elementary School was built in 1925 and is one of nine elementary schools in CCSD21. It serves students in grades PK-5. The school was named after author Walt Whitman Jr. (1819-1892).

**Motto:** Be a Bulldog!

**Mascot:** Sparky the Bulldog

**Address:** 133 S. Wille Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090

**Main Office Phone Number:** 847-520-2795

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday from 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Attendance Line:** 847-520-2391

**Health Office:** 847-520-2796

**Fax Number:** 847-520-2607

**Family Engagement Liaison:** [nora.molina@ccsd21.org](mailto:nora.molina@ccsd21.org)

**Website:** [whitman.ccsd21.org](http://whitman.ccsd21.org)

**Handbook:** [ccsd21.org/handbook](http://ccsd21.org/handbook)

**School Hours:** 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on School Improvement Days

**Registration Fees:** CCSD21 is waiving student registration fees for all students for the 2024-2025 school year.

**School Supplies:** CCSD21 will provide all students with school supplies needed for the school year. The supplies will be distributed to each student at the beginning of the school year.

**School Calendar:** The first day of classes for students in grades 1-5 is Wednesday, August 28. The first day of classes for kindergarten students are Thursday, August 29, or Friday, August 30. Your administrators will communicate which kindergarten group you are in.

Please visit [ccsd21.org/parent-resources/calendars](http://ccsd21.org/parent-resources/calendars) for the complete school year calendar.

**Whitman School Calendar:** [whitman.ccsd21.org/events/](http://whitman.ccsd21.org/events/)



Whitman  
Elementary School



Holmes Middle School

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Attendance

- Parents/guardians must notify the school of their child's absence. A voicemail will take messages before and after school hours.
- Attendance phone number is 847-520-2391.
- If the school does not receive a notice, you will be contacted at home and/or at work.

## Health Services

- If your child has a health condition, please notify the school nurse at 847-520-2796.
- State medical forms are required. Please visit [ccsd21.org/registration](https://ccsd21.org/registration) for further details.

## D21 Health Center

- Bring your student to our new Health Center for their physical, immunization(s), or other medical needs! The Center is cost free and right in your backyard! Schedule an appointment at: [ccsd21.org/healthcenter/](https://ccsd21.org/healthcenter/)

## Medications at School

- Medications may be self-administered only upon written request of the student's physician and parent/guardian.
- Contact the school nurse at 847-520-2796 for more information.

## Communicating with Whitman Staff

ParentSquare is CCSD21's communication tool.

To contact a Whitman School staff member:

- Sign into your account: [parentsquare.com/signin](https://parentsquare.com/signin)
- Select messages on the side menu
- Click on the new message box
- Select a quick recipient OR type the staff member's name under the recipients box.

For more information and to set up your account visit: [ccsd21.org/parentsquare](https://ccsd21.org/parentsquare)

## Chromebooks

- All CCSD21 students in grades K-8 are provided a Chromebook device on a take-home model.

For more information on the CCSD21 1:1 Chromebook program, including the device parent and student handbook, please visit:

[ccsd21.org/information-services/chromebook-information/chromebook-program/](https://ccsd21.org/information-services/chromebook-information/chromebook-program/)

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### Be A Bulldog

We expect all students to:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be ready to learn

### E-Learning Day

- In the event of a school closure, either for weather or other emergency, all CCSD21 students in grades K-8 will be provided instruction virtually, unless otherwise communicated.
- Communication will be shared via ParentSquare.

### Emergency School Closures

In the event of extreme weather conditions or any other reason that would require school to be closed, you may find information on:

- The CCSD21 website ([ccsd21.org](https://ccsd21.org))
- Phone and email notifications via ParentSquare
- Major news media outlets, such as WGN, WBBM, WMAQ, WLS, WFLD, WGBO and WSNS
- [EmergencyClosingCenter.com](https://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com) under the listing DIST #21 (WHEELING)
- Our social media channels

### Updating your Contact Information

Please visit or call Whitman School's main office if at any time you change your:

- Telephone number(s)
- Email address(es)
- Emergency contact information

### Visiting the School

All CCSD21 schools have secure entrances.

Visitors are required to:

- Identify themselves and enter through the front door
- Provide the reason for being at school and provide a photo ID
- Return to the main office to sign out

### PowerSchool Parent Portal

PowerSchool Parent Portal is CCSD21's Student Information System.

Some of the information available to you in the Parent Portal:

- Grades and assignments
- Report cards
- Teacher comments
- Student schedules and more

To create your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, visit:

[ccsd21.org/powerschool-parent-portal](https://ccsd21.org/powerschool-parent-portal)

## PROGRAMS

### Advanced Learners

CCSD21 elementary schools offer the following Advanced Learners courses:

- Accelerated Mathematics for fifth grade.
- Advanced Language Arts for fourth and fifth grade.

For more information, please visit:

[ccsd21.org/equity-learning/advancedlearners](https://ccsd21.org/equity-learning/advancedlearners)

### Family Learning Programs

CCSD21 offers a variety of community workshops, seminars, and events. You are encouraged to take advantage of these FREE learning opportunities to empower your family and connect with other community members. Details will be shared via a ParentSquare communication.

### Language Services

Whitman offers the following language service programs:

- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Bilingual Spanish

If your child has specific language needs, please contact the school principal.

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### Special Education

- CCSD21 offers a continuum of special education services to support students with disabilities.
- Students with special needs may qualify for an individualized education program, a 504 plan, and/or services through the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO).
- For more information, please visit: [ccsd21.org/student-services](https://ccsd21.org/student-services)

### Support Services

All schools have the following support services available for CCSD21 students:

- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker

Please contact the principal if your child needs support services.

### Library Media Center (LMC)

- LMC materials and books may be checked out by the student.
- Students are asked to care for the materials and books that they borrow from the LMC.

### Physical Education (PE)

- Students in grades K-5 attend PE with a PE teacher three times per week.
- Students should wear shoes appropriate for physical activity for PE in all grades.

### Clubs

Clubs and special activities are designed by teachers based upon student interests. Clubs may include the following, among others:

- STEM Club
- Robotics Club
- Engineering Club

*Keep an eye on the school website throughout the year for additional clubs and enrichment activities offered by the Parent Teacher Organization.*

### Performance Art Programs

- Orchestra and Band to fourth and fifth graders.
- Recruitment and enrollment takes place in September.



# SERVICES

## Families in Temporary Living Situations

Please contact Whitman's social worker or the CCSD21 McKinney-Vento Liaison for assistance and information on helpful resources.

- **Whitman School Social Worker:** [ann.miller@ccsd21.org](mailto:ann.miller@ccsd21.org) or [andrea.granados@ccsd21.org](mailto:andrea.granados@ccsd21.org)
- **CCSD21 McKinney-Vento Liaison:** 847-419-3083

## Fee Waivers

A parent/guardian may request fee waivers by submitting a fee waiver form. Applications may be obtained from:

- The school's main office
- CCSD21's Business Office
- [ccsd21.org/business-services/food-service](https://ccsd21.org/business-services/food-service)

## Food Service

CCSD21, in conjunction with OrganicLife, offers a daily breakfast and lunch in each of its schools. Whitman School qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

- All students at Whitman School are eligible to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch.
- Menus can be found on MealViewer at:

[schools.mealviewer.com/district/CommunityConsolidated21](https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/CommunityConsolidated21)

If your child has specific nutritional needs or has needs related to allergies, please contact the nurse at 847-520-2796.

## Bus Transportation Services

- CCSD21 offers school bus transportation services to qualified students.
- First Student, Inc. is CCSD21's contracted transportation provider.
- Bus routes are distributed to CCSD21 families in the summer.
- Transportation Contacts:
  - First Student, Inc.: 847-541-0220
  - CCSD21 Transportation Manager: 847-520-2705
  - CCSD21 Director of Business Services: 847-520-2773
- Want to track your child's bus?

Download our ParentView bus tracker app! [firstviewapp.com](https://firstviewapp.com)

# PTO

Join the school's PTO to make a direct impact on your child's educational experience, fostering a stronger community and supporting valuable programs. Your involvement can help create a more enriching and supportive environment for all students.

Through events and fundraisers, the PTO provides funding for:

- Cultural programs
- Equipment
- and more

All Whitman parents/guardians are welcome to volunteer and participate in PTO programs.

You may contact the Whitman PTO at: [pto4whitman@gmail.com](mailto:pto4whitman@gmail.com)

## FOLLOW US - #21Learns



**CCSD21:** [facebook.com/ccsd21](https://facebook.com/ccsd21)

**Whitman:** [facebook.com/ccsd21whitman](https://facebook.com/ccsd21whitman)

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**CCSD21:** [instagram.com/wheeling\\_ccsd21](https://instagram.com/wheeling_ccsd21)

**Whitman:** [instagram.com/ccsd21whitman/](https://instagram.com/ccsd21whitman/)

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**CCSD21:** [www.linkedin.com/company/ccsd21](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ccsd21)

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**CCSD21:** [youtube.com/@ccsd21/videos](https://youtube.com/@ccsd21/videos)

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Buffalo Grove Park District

530 Bernard Drive  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
Phone: 847-850-2100  
Fax: 847-459-5741  
info@bgparks.org  
[bgparks.org](http://bgparks.org)

Clubhouse Child Care:  
847-850-2100

## Village of Buffalo Grove

50 Raupp Boulevard  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
Phone: 847-459-2500  
Fax: 847-459-7906  
info@vbg.org  
[vbg.org](http://vbg.org)

## Indian Trails Public Library District

355 Schoenbeck Road  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone: 847-459-4100  
Fax: 847-459-4760  
social@indiantrailslibrary.org  
[indiantrailslibrary.org](http://indiantrailslibrary.org)

Library Cards:  
[indiantrailslibrary.org/  
visit-us/library-cards](http://indiantrailslibrary.org/visit-us/library-cards)

## Wheeling Park District

100 Community Boulevard  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone: 847-465-3333  
news@wheelingparkdistrict.com  
[wheelingparkdistrict.com](http://wheelingparkdistrict.com)

## Village of Wheeling

2 Community Boulevard  
Wheeling, IL 60090  
Phone: 847-459-2600  
Fax: 847-459-9692  
[wheelingil.gov](http://wheelingil.gov)

## Wheeling Township

1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
Phone: 847-259-7730  
Fax: 847-259-1570  
[wheelingtownship.com](http://wheelingtownship.com)

Food Pantry:  
[wheelingtownship.com/  
Food-Pantry](http://wheelingtownship.com/Food-Pantry)

## Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

- Visit the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:  
[988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org), call, text or chat 988.

## Safe2Help

- Safe2Help offers students a safe, confidential way to share information that might prevent threats to school safety.
- The icon is located on the Task bar of each student's Chromebook.  
[safe2helpil.com/make-a-difference](http://safe2helpil.com/make-a-difference)

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*¡Sé un Bulldog!*

# CCSD21 SCHOOLS



 **Cooper  
Middle School**  
Tel. 847-520-2750



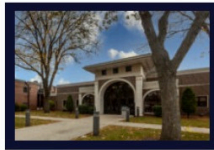
 **Holmes  
Middle School**  
Tel. 847-520-2790



 **London  
Middle School**  
Tel. 847-520-2745



 **Field  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2780



 **Frost  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-803-4815



 **Kilmer  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2760



 **Longfellow  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2755



 **Poe  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-670-3200



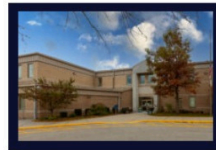
 **Riley  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-670-3400



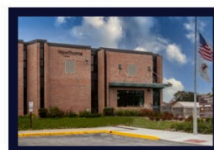
 **Tarkington  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2775



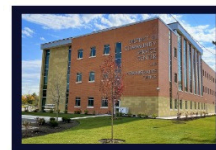
 **Twain  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2785



 **Whitman  
Elementary School**  
Tel. 847-520-2795



 **Hawthorne Early  
Childhood School**  
Tel. 847-465-7290



**District 21 Community Service  
Center & Administrative Office**  
Tel. 847-537-8270

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