

# The Washington Latin Public Charter School

**Six School Council  
Middle School Information Seminar  
February 3, 2009**

1. School name and location	The Washington Latin Public Charter School
2. Number of grades in the school building	Grades 5-7 at 3855 Massachusetts Ave NW Grades 8-9 at 4715 16 <sup>th</sup> Street NW
3. Enrollment levels and recent trends (e.g., added a middle school lately? Moved?)	Latin opened fall 2006 with 179 students in grades 5-7. The school adds a grade each year and currently serves 344 students in grades 5-9. The school will reach full enrollment in 2011-2012 and will graduate its first senior class in June 2012.
4. Number of classes per grade	5 <sup>th</sup> – 2 homerooms; 6 <sup>th</sup> – 3 homerooms; 7 <sup>th</sup> – 5 homerooms 8 <sup>th</sup> – 5 homerooms; 9 <sup>th</sup> – 4 homerooms
5. Number of students per grade and teacher/student ratio	5 <sup>th</sup> grade has 50 students and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade has 72. Teacher student ratio is 1 to 24.  7 <sup>th</sup> grade has 79, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade has 85, and 9 <sup>th</sup> grade has 58. Teacher student ratio is 1 to 15-17.
6. Most recent two years of DC CAS/BAS scores in English + Math	2006-2007 DC CAS Scores: Reading = 76.74% at or above proficient 2006-2007 DC CAS Scores: Math = 73.26% at or above proficient  2007-2008 DC CAS Scores: Reading = 75.44% at or above proficient 2007-2008 DC CAS Scores: Math = 72.47% at or above proficient
7. Made AYP in NCLB?	Made AYP 2006-2007 Did not make AYP 2007-2008
8. Elementary schools that “officially” feed into each middle school (if not charters)	N/A
9. Application deadline for consideration (either charter or out-of-boundary)	March 6, 2009
10. Pct of student in-boundary last three years and projected	N/A

and how are projections going to be realized (N/A for charters)	
11. % on free lunch program, % ESL	17% qualify for free/reduced lunch 4% qualify for ESL
12. Which high school(s) does the school feed in to?	N/A
13. (a) What percentage of students go on to public high school? (b) What percentage go on to private high school? (c) Can you list all schools to which your graduates go, and the numbers of students (or percentages) that go to each?	In 2007-2008 Latin had 60 8 <sup>th</sup> graders at end of school. Of the 60, 17% went on to public high school and 15% went to private school.  Banneker (3) Bethesda Chevy Chase (1) School Without Walls (5) Wilson (1)  Maret (2) St. John's (3) Our Lady of Good Counsel (1) Landon (1) Mc Lean School (1) Sidwell (1)
14. Admission process?	If there are more applications than seats available, school holds a public lottery to select students.
15. What proportion of the school budget comes from: (a) DCPS, (b) PTA, (c) other sources?	99% of the budget comes from public funding 1% comes from other sources including Parent Association.
16. Does your school have a before-school or after-school program?	No before school program After school program runs Monday-Thursday

*Academic Program*

• Is there an honors program of any	No honors program yet available. Students are tested and
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kind, and if so, in what subjects?	placed in Math classes according to ability.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which foreign languages are taught? Is there provision for advanced study in any of the languages? Are languages required, and if so, for which years?</li> </ul>	Latin, French, and Chinese. We will offer AP foreign language classes. Latin is required of all students beginning in 5 <sup>th</sup> grade. Starting in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, students add French or Chinese
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a special orientation to the academic program, and if so, what is it (e.g., IB middle years, arts orientation)? What additional requirements are attached to this programmatic focus (e.g., learning an instrument)?</li> </ul>	Latin offers a classical education curriculum.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the arts and music curriculum? What classes are required?</li> </ul>	Visual arts classes in grades 5-7. The school is currently developing a full arts program.

### *Teachers and Principal*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the average number of years of tenure of teachers at your school?</li> </ul>	N/A The school is in its third year now, so we have no meaningful data on this.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What percentage of teachers turn over every year?</li> </ul>	Too young to have meaningful data on this yet.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the teacher training/professional development program – how often are teachers trained, and in what areas?</li> </ul>	We have a noon dismissal 4 times a year for professional development in addition to August and June meeting time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What percent have been through any form of certification?</li> </ul>	10%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the policy with regard to encouraging (or not) teacher interaction with families and students, e.g., by email to ask questions, to express concerns?</li> </ul>	Parents can email teachers with questions and concerns. Teachers write progress reports mid quarters and send regular updates to students who are not performing to their potential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What percentage of classes have homework or other information about the class on a website?</li> </ul>	We make homework available to parents by email or a website/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How long has the principal been leading the school?</li> </ul>	Martha Cutts has been Head of School for 1 year.

### *School Environment*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the security arrangement for the school? Does your school</li> </ul>	No metal detector is used. The school has an Assistant Dean of Students at each campus whose duties include security.
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use/have metal detectors at entrances?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a community service requirement? If so, can you please describe it?</li> </ul>	The school is developing the community service requirement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the best website for gathering information about the school?</li> </ul>	www.latinpcs.org
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For charters: what is the governance of the school? Who is on the Board?</li> </ul>	Board of Governors * See list below
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do students wear uniforms? What is the dress code and how is it enforced?</li> </ul>	Yes. White shirts, cardigan/sweater, haki pants/skirts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation to and from school? Additional cost?</li> </ul>	School contracts with a bus company and offers transportation for \$1.50 each way

*Extracurricular*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What sports programs are there within and outside the curriculum? Where do kids have PE?</li> </ul>	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> graders have PE – field at Mass and Macomb Streets Beginning in 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students are required to do one season of sports each year and can choose among – basketball, tennis, swimming, soccer, flag football, cross country, baseball, and ultimate Frisbee.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What other major extracurricular programs does the school have and how much does it cost? Who runs these programs?</li> </ul>	The school partners with organizations offering programs in chess, martial arts, arts for about \$150 per season

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