

Whittier Elementary School

K-5 neighborhood school

150 Meridan St., 15211

Mt. Washington

412-488-8211

Principal: Elaine Wallace

School building capacity

Percent used: 63.7%

District average (elem.): 68.0%

2004-05 Enrollment

170 students

District average (K-5/6): 276

African-American: 34.7%

White: 64.1%

Other: 1.2%

Student daily attendance: 95.1%

Family income status

56.6% of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

District average (elem.): 70.7%

School closings plan status as of 2/9/06:

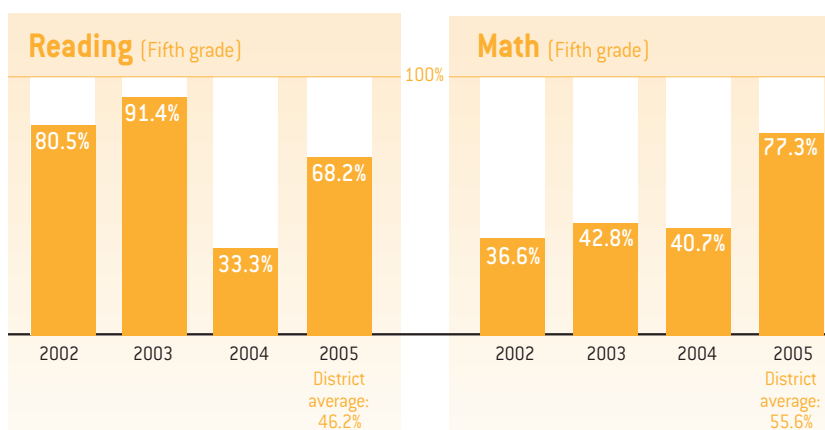
No change

Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels

	Whittier	Districtwide*
Reading 2005 (1st)	87.1 %	77.4 %
Math 2005 (2nd)	75.0	67.0
Science 2004 (5th)	40.7	50.4

*All district elementary schools

Tests required by the state: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels on PSSA Reading and Math tests



Third grade PSSA Reading (2005): 67%

District average: 49%

Third grade PSSA Math (2005): 67%

District average: 67%

PSSA data for third grade was unavailable for years prior to 2005.

School ratings

School Performance Index (an estimate of this school's average contribution to students' reading and math achievement, 1=least, 4=most): **3**

Average Student Achievement (on a 100-point scale, an estimate of average student achievement at this school, based on a range of reading and math tests): **71**

Compared to district averages...

What are this school's strengths?

- Increase in overall PSSA 5th grade math scores 2002-05
- High PSSA 5th grade reading/math scores for low-income students

What are this school's challenges?

- Decrease in overall PSSA 5th grade reading scores 2002-05

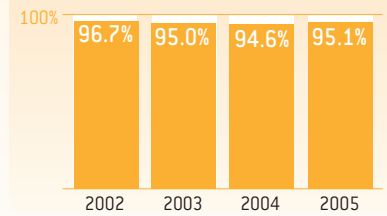
See a more detailed report on the A+ Schools Web site: www.aplusschools.org.



at Whittier Elementary School

Enrollment/Attendance

Student daily attendance, 2002-05



Student mobility rate: 24.7%
 Student stability rate: 75.8%
 Percentage of students receiving special education services (excluding "gifted"): 24.1%
 Percentage of students identified as "gifted": 3.1%

Teachers

Daily attendance: 94.2%
 Percentage with advanced degrees: 0.0%

Principals

Principal stability: 2 principals, 2002-05

Reportable student disciplinary actions 2003-04

Number of incidents: 0
 Number of offenders*: 0
 Number of suspensions: 0
 Number of expulsions: 0

* Percentage of enrollment: 0.0%

Special features

- Partnerships with Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mercy Behavioral Health
- Home of South Parent Educational Resource Center
- Chess club

Tests given by the district: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels by race and family income

	School overall	Black	White	Low-income	Not low-income
Reading 2005 (1st)	87.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Math 2005 (2nd)	75.0	n/a	80.0%	n/a	n/a
Percent taking test	85.7	n/a	90.9	n/a	n/a
Science 2004 (5th)	40.7	n/a	45.5	35.7%	46.2%
Percent taking test	81.8	n/a	91.7	73.7	92.9

Tests required by the state: Percentage of students at Proficient/Advanced levels on PSSA Reading and Math tests

