TOP 3 REASONS TO LOVE WMAES

ANCHORED ON 62-ACRES OF LAND, WEST MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE IS A PRE-K THROUGH 12TH-GRADE TUITION-FREE, PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATED IN WALKER.

Wonder what it would be like to go snowshoeing through a maple forest? Or what it may be like to cook fresh homemade pizza in a mud oven? Students at WMAES don't wonder – they know! We give our students 62-acres of an outdoor classroom to expand their love of learning. Working gardens, nature trails, forests, wetlands and prairies are all available for students to explore.

What makes West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science one of the most sought-after charter schools in West Michigan?

We are an environmentally focused school!

WMAES students transition from desks to dirt, creating an environment for all students to learn.

Environmental science is integrated into every subject. We start with Michigan curriculum standards for kindergarten and expand them into the diverse ecosystems of our 62-acre campus. Our students are encouraged to explore, measure, track, plant, grow, run and focus on creating a more sustainable future.

We have six outdoor classrooms! Every teacher has access to outdoor spaces. They're encouraged to take their class to sit on carpet mats under our birch trees, to teach their lessons under our beautiful maple trees, or even to take their class into the prairie and let them take a breath of fresh air and re-center.

We are academically acclaimed!

On September 14, 1994, we opened our doors as one of the state's first charter schools, which earned national attention. From that day forward, our students have been thriving, earning recognition as U.S. News #4 Best Charter School in 2018 in Michigan, and #32 Best High School in Michigan. We expect greatness from all our students. Our individualized approach to student learning holds everyone accountable for doing our best work, pushing one another to grow and reach beyond our perceived limitations.

We have the most dedicated staff and teachers you could ask for!

West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science feels like home, and our teachers have the unique opportunity to use the natural world as a vehicle for hands-on learning. We have 100 staff members, including two full-time environmental science teachers. They are tasked with utilizing our beautiful campus to engage students in hands-on learning in all subjects. Our two specialists use environmental science as an avenue to educate our students about their footprint on the world. They are practicing cross-curricular teaching at its finest.