

2022-23 WHS Family Start-Up Guide

When does school Start?

- School begins on Tuesday, August 9th. Classes begin at 8:30 am

When can a student enter the school each morning?

- Students may begin entering WHS at 8:00 am. We ask that families do not drop students off prior to 8:00 am.

What does my student need to begin?

- Most importantly, we need them in the building!
- Because courses are more specialized in high school, your student will receive course specific material requests during their first day of school (don't worry, not much at all!).
 - Generally speaking, each student should have: Their school issued laptop (except for 9th graders - they will get that in their first week), backpack, three ring binder, notebook for each course (4), writing utensil, highlighter, face covering (if desired), and water bottle.
- *If your student is a senior, you must provide documentation of their meningitis booster to the WHS nurse's office in order to begin school on August 9th.*

Does my student need a computer?

- Each student is issued a division owned laptop/charger for school use. High school students keep these with them during their time at WHS and are expected to have them each day.
- Students may use their own laptop should they choose.
- Please reference the divisions acceptable use policy (AUP) for information about hardware and network access.

How do they know where to go first block?

- Be sure you and your student have downloaded the Powerschool app (parent portal) and access your accounts, you will see your students daily schedule. If you need help with the Powerschool app, call our attendance office, we can help you!
- Just to be safe, we will have 1st block classes posted on the cafeteria and counseling office windows on August 9th. Each student will have a printed schedule waiting for them in 1st block.

My student rides the bus, where is their pickup location?

- Check out the WPS website under parents and students/ bus routes.

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My student has their license, how do they get a parking pass?

- Parking passes are \$25 each, require a formal application (see website), and are limited
- Passes can be purchased at two different times:
 - Seniors and SVGS/VCTC students: August 3rd 9am-12pm, and 2pm-4pm at the main entrance.
 - All other students: August 4th 9am-12pm, and 2pm-4pm at the main entrance.
- Completed application and license is required at time of purchase.

Where are the pick-up/drop-off locations?

- We ask that parents drop-off and pick-up their students in the back parking lot (by the gymnasium). Buses will drop and load in front of WHS.
- Students who ride their bike have access to bike racks in front of the school.

What if my student has to leave early or will be late?

- Your student's safety is our top priority. Because of this, we ask that parents come to the front office and sign their student out. Please bring your ID as we will verify identity before releasing your student.
 - A parent signed note can be turned in at the start of the day for an early release.
- If your student will be late on a given day, please contact the WHS attendance office.
 - If a student arrives after 8:30, it is important they sign in at the attendance office.
- Because time in class is so important to academic success, please limit early release requests or tardiness to absolutely necessary situations.

What access does my student have to meals throughout the day?

- The WPS wellness program, in accordance with federal programs, emphasizes the importance of healthy foods in the development of our young students.
- In accordance with the WPS wellness program, students are not permitted to bring outside food (not including packed lunches) into WHS. Parents are asked not to drop-off fast food.
- For the 2022-23 school year, all students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch.
 - Students have access to a "second breakfast" after first block each day.

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What are the current COVID-19 protocols?

- WPS aligns with updated VDH guidelines. Quarantine requirements for staff and students who test positive or are symptomatic remain in effect (regardless of vaccination status).
- Please reference the WPS and WHS websites for the most up-to-date COVID-19 isolation and quarantine protocols.

I have a question, who do I speak with?

- Great question, we are here to help!
- To start, please call WHS at 540 946 4616 and follow the prompts.

Counseling Contacts:

Students Last Name A-E: Mrs. Christine Marie Turner

Students Last Name F-J: Mr. Matt Bailey (Director of Counseling)

Students Last Name K-R: Ms. Maddie Bryant

Students Last Name S-Z: Mrs. Deborah Watson

Career Coach: Mrs. Kim Wood

College Advisor: Ms. Sadie Rosenfeld

Bi-Lingual Family Liason: Ms. Roxie Staton

Registrar: Mrs. Bernadette Griffith

Administration Contacts:

Principal: Mr. Bryan Stamm

Assistant Principal (9th grade): Mrs. Katrina Lassiter-Fitzgerald

Assistant Principal (10th/12th grade): Ms. Melissa Cobb

Assistant Principal (11th grade): Mrs. Kathryn Ford

Bookkeeper: Ms. Janine Furze