

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

AUGUST 10, 2022



West Allegheny School District

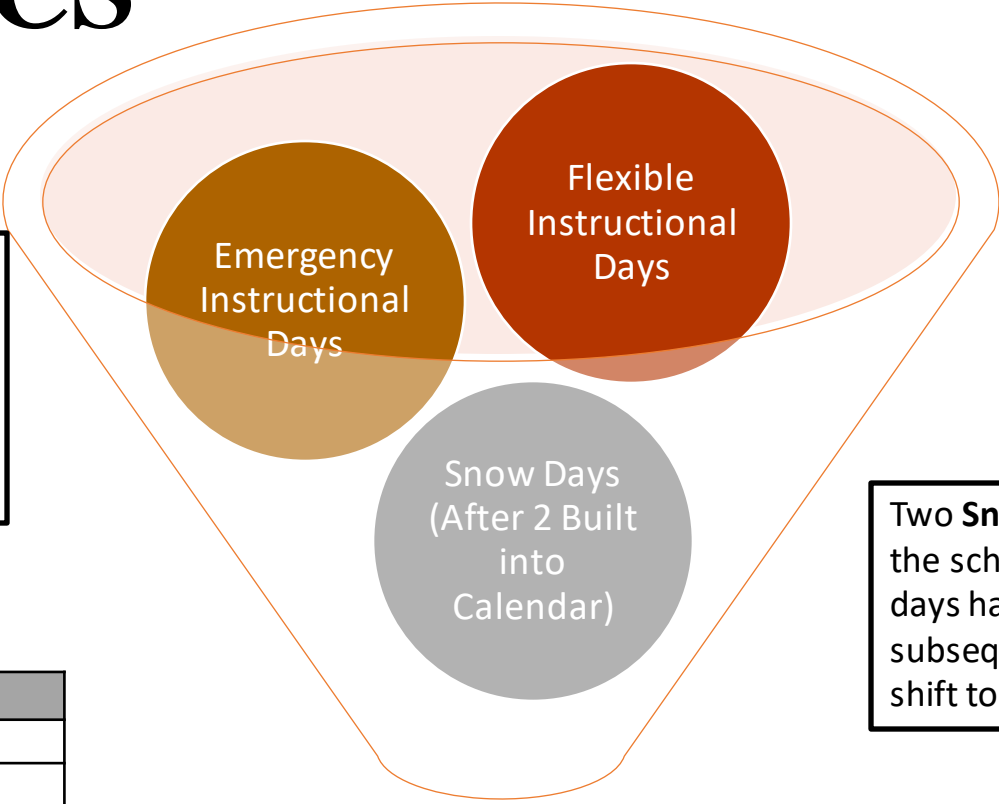
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A Vision for Tomorrow*

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ACADEMICS

Emergency Instructional Time allows the District to utilize remote instruction to satisfy the minimum instructional time requirements based on a Pandemic related need for school closure.



A **Flexible Instructional Day (FID)** is a program available to public school entities to be used as an alternative approach to delivering instruction if a circumstance arises that prevents instruction in the customary manner. The District was granted up to five FIDs.

Two **Snow Days** have been built into the school calendar. After these two days have been exhausted, any subsequent snow related closure will shift to a remote learning day.

Remote Learning Schedule	
Period	Time Frame
1	9:00-9:30
2	9:35-10:05
3	10:10-10:40
4	10:45-11:15
5	11:20-11:50
6	11:55-12:25
7	12:30-1:00
8	1:05-1:35
9	1:40-2:10
Office Hours	2:15-3:00


Remote Learning Plan 3.0



ACADEMICS



- PTC - CAD: Architectural Engineering Technology
- PTC - CAD: Mechanical Engineering Technology
- PTC - Electrician Technology
- PTC - HVAC Technology
- PTC - Welding Technology



K-5

- Expansion of Lexia to 2nd Grade
- Addition of Lexia English- ESL
- Year 2 of Reading Horizons
- Literacy Coach Support for Teachers

Elementary



6-8

- enVision Math Program
- Success Maker Math Intervention Program
- Into Literature ELA Program
- E-Sports Elective Course



Middle



9-12

- Intro to Algebra Course
- Into Literature ELA Program
- ECIHSA Expansion - 23 Programs at 4 Institutions (10 new)
- Freshmen Academy

High School

College and Career Readiness

- Road to Readiness

K-12

- RMU - Business Administration (fast track to masters)
- RMU - Engineering (fast track to masters)
- CCBC - Aerospace Management
- CCBC - Air Traffic Controller
- CCBC - Professional Pilot



K-12 Resetting Behavioral Expectations & PBIS (K-8) to Support Student Learning

TECHNOLOGY



Secure online registration program for school paperwork.



MySchoolBucks gives parents the convenience and flexibility of one account to securely pay for school-based activities.



Cloud-based student safety and device management solution.

District Website App



District website will be available via mobile app for convenience. **coming soon**



A communications platform allowing for chat and videoconferencing that will be used for remote learning and virtual meetings.



District Device Insurance

District provided cost effective device insurance program for Chromebooks & iPads.



C.A.R.E

- C** Connections & Culture
- A** Awareness
- R** Relationships
- E** Extra Support

Preventive C.A.R.E. Measures

Balance

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Emergency S.M.A.R.T. Measures

S.M.A.R.T

- S** Security
- M** Monitor
- A** ALICE
- R** Responsiveness
- T** Training

Enhanced CARE Measures

- Increased to nine mental health therapists
- Continued Expansion of School Camera Coverage

Enhanced SMART Measures

- Added 3 full-time School Resource Officers; 5 SROs
- Enhancing Social Media Awareness Measures including: Navigation 360 Detect; BARK parent app; Digital Threat Assessment Safer Schools Together
- Resetting ALICE training for staff and students; continuation of drills
- Added doors, gates, and remote access card readers to restrict access to specific areas of schools
- Focusing on outdoor classroom areas



HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN UPDATES

PDE is requiring Districts are to continue to review, update and make public their Health and Safety Plan through 9/30/24.

Key Aspect	SY 2022-23	SY 2021-22
Face Coverings In-School and Buses	Optional Recommended when CDC designation is high	Required through Feb 28 Optional/Recommended Mar-June
Social Distancing	Classrooms and Cafeterias are configured to optimize student learning, socialization and safety	Six feet to the greatest extent possible; multiple smaller eating pods
Hand Sanitizing and Disinfecting	Hand sanitizing stations remain available in classrooms and high traffic areas; disinfectant wipes and desk sprays available to students	Hand sanitizing stations available in classrooms and high traffic areas; disinfectant wipes/sprays provided by teachers K-8 desks and 6-12 eating spaces
Water Fountains and Lockers	All water fountains and water bottle filling stations open Lockers will be assigned and fully in use	Limited to water bottle filling stations second semester; no water fountains and no lockers
Cleaning, Disinfecting and Ventilation	Maintain industry best practices and increase as needed	CDC and industry best practices and increase as needed
Visitors and Volunteers	Essential visitors and essential parent volunteers are permitted	Essential visitors Parent volunteers Mar-June
Case Investigation	Will continue to case investigate and report; no longer quarantining close contacts but will provide notification; continue to report positive cases to pandemic nurses	Quarantined for illness and close contacts exposures



HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN QUARANTINE

- West Allegheny School District will continue to conduct case investigations with appropriate isolation and quarantine procedures, with consideration of health organization guidelines and recommendations.
- **Quarantine for Illness (QI):** Day 0-5 of isolation, if no symptoms are present or symptoms are resolving (fever free 24 hrs, w/o medication) then return on Day 6 with mandatory mask wearing through Day 10.
 - If symptoms are present, remain in isolation until 24 hours of being fever free and symptoms begin to get better.
 - If return to school between Days 6-10, mandatory mask wearing through Day 10, unless you produce a negative rapid test.
 - Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test.
 - If unable to wear a mask, refusal to wear a mask, or not able to test, not able to return to school and must comply with 10-day isolation.
- **Close Contacts Unvaccinated/Vaccinated Exposure:** Quarantine not necessary but strongly recommended mask wearing Days 1-10. Highly recommended to test on Day 5. This includes living with someone who is positive.
- Isolation period starts from symptom onset date or positive test date for asymptomatic persons.



WA
WEST ALLEGHENY
ANNUAL
DAY OF CARING



SATURDAY
AUGUST 20

8:30-10:30 A.M.

**WA STAFF WILL BE VISITING THE FOLLOWING
NEIGHBORHOODS COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE
ITEMS TO SUPPORT THE
WEST ALLEGHENY FOOD PANTRY**

**Walden Woods
Homes/Townhomes
Stonebridge Homes/Townhomes
Hankey Farms
Brooktree
Forestbrooke
Jeffreytown Heights/Trails
Seabright
Fayette Farms
Princeton Plan
Canterbury Townhomes
Point West**

**Preserves
Holly Hill
Glen Gormley
Imperial Ridge
Westbury
Westbury Townhomes
Sun Ridge and Lenox Place
Imperial Point
Marion Estate
Maronda Farms
Twin Lakes
Clinton on the Lake**

**PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING NONPERISHABLE DONATIONS
AT YOUR CURB BY 8:30 A.M. FOR PICK-UP.**

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The Nutrition Group

- Starting this school year (22-23), programs across the nation will return to normal, pre- pandemic operations.
- Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application if they would like to determine if their students qualify based on income.
- Ensure your student continues to receive free meals for the 2022/2023 school year **if eligible** by completing a USDA application before the start of the school year.
- The USDA's 2022-2023 meal application is available, and they may be completed in one of two ways:
 - Strongly encourage meal applications to be completed online at School Café.
 - Meal applications can be picked up in any of the school offices. These meal applications need to be completed in entirety and returned to the student's home school office or food service department.



Turkey Chef Salad

Welcome Back

for the 22/23 School Year!



Meal Prices

	K-5	6-12
Breakfast	\$1.10	\$1.25
Lunch	\$2.75	\$2.85



Go to www.schoolcafe.com



For Parents

SchoolCafé Support Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm CST

Phone: 855.PAY2EAT (855) 729-2328

Email: customercare@schoolcafe.com

Website: www.schoolcafe.com

SchoolCafé provides a secure, online system for parents to

- Make payments to their student(s) cafeteria-meal account(s)
- View school menus and menu item nutrition information
- Review your student's buying history

Quick Answers

- ✓ **How do I add money/make a payment to my child's account?**
You can continue to send money to school with your student or you can add money through SchoolCafé. Follow the steps in Make a Payment in this guide.
- ✓ **I made an online payment. When can my student use the payment?**
Your student's cafeteria account at the school is credited within 24 hours but may become available as quickly as 2 hours.
- ✓ **Is there a fee or service charge for making online payments?**
A convenience fee may be charged for each online payment transaction. For example, if you make a \$20.00 payment and the convenience fee is \$1.00, the total debited from your credit card is \$21.00. The available funds for your child will be \$20.00. Convenience fee amounts vary by school district.
- ✓ **Can I receive notification when my student's account balance is low?**
Yes! Follow the steps in **Set Up a Low Balance Alert** in this guide.
- ✓ **Why was my account locked when making a payment?**
After three failed payment attempts, payment function is locked. Contact SchoolCafé to remove the lock.
- ✓ **What if I have several students in different schools?**
Include as many students as you need in your account. The students can attend any school within the same district. Payments for each student are made separately.
- ✓ **Can I transfer money from one child to another?**
Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a transfer.
- ✓ **What happens to the money in my account at the end of the school year?**
Your account balance moves with your student(s) from grade to grade and school to school within the district. Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a refund.
- ✓ **How do I receive a refund if my child changes school districts?**
Contact the Child Nutrition Services office at the school district for assistance with a refund.

1 Register

* You will be asked to verify your security answer and contact information when you request help with your username or password, or other information on your Profile page.

- Click [Register](#)
- Verify "I'm registering as a Parent" is selected and click [Next Step](#)
- Enter your school district name and then click [Next Step](#)
- Enter your name and contact information, and then click [Next Step](#)
- Set up your username and password
- Select a **Security Question** and enter a **Security Answer**, and click [Next Step](#)
- Click **I'm not a robot** and follow the reCAPTCHA prompts
- Check **I accept the Terms & Conditions** and click [Create My Account](#)

2 Add Your Student(s)

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click [Add a Student](#)
- Enter your **Student's ID** [and **Lunch PIN**, if asked] and select your student's **School**
- Click [Search & Verify Student](#)
- Click [Add this Student](#)

Set Automatic Payment

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click **Automatic Payment** (🔄) in a student listing
- Enter **Payment Amount**
- Enter amount in **Balance Threshold** to trigger payment
- Select a **Payment Source**
- Set **Auto Pay Expiration Date** for stop payment date
- Click [Add Automatic Payment](#)

3 Add Payment Source

- Click [My Account](#) → [Payment Sources](#)
- Click [Add a Card](#)
- Enter your **Card Number** and **Card Expiration date**
- Enter a name to associate with this card, if wanted
- Click [Add Card](#)

4 Make a Payment

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click [Make a Payment](#)
- Enter **Payment** dollar amount
- Click
- Select a **Payment Method**, or enter card information for a one-time payment
- Click

Set Low Balance Alerts

- Click [Students](#) → [Student Accounts](#)
- Click **Low Balance Alert** (🚨) in a student listing
- Enter **Threshold** amount
- Enter number of days to elapse between alerts
- Click [Set](#)



COLLEGE + CAREER *readiness*



West A students are **College Ready** if they maintain a 2.8 GPA and meet **one or more of the academic benchmarks** on the Road to Readiness.



West A students are **Career Ready** if they maintain 90% attendance and meet **one or more of the career benchmarks** on the Road to Readiness.

College Credits

Pass a Dual Enrollment or Concurrent Enrollment English or Math Course by earning an A, B, or C grade or pass a College Developmental English or Math with an A, B, or C grade



Advanced Placement



Earn an A, B, or C grade in an advanced placement course and/or pass an advanced placement exam with a score of 3 or higher

Algebra 2



Pass an Algebra 2 Course by earning an A, B, or C grade



Standardized Testing

Earn qualifying scores on the following standardized tests:

- SAT Exam: Math (530) | Reading & Writing (480)
- ACT Exam: English (18) | Reading (22) | Science (23) | Math (22)
- College Readiness Placement Tests



READY
college. career. life.

Community Service

Participate in 25 or more hours of Community Service

Co-Curricular Activities

Participate in 2 or more organized co-curricular activities

Career Pathways

Engage in learning aligned to their career interest, through participation in one of the following:

- Concurrent Enrollment Course Aligned to Career Interest
- Early College in High School Academy Course Aligned to Career Pathway
- Earning an Industry Credential
- Workplace Learning Experience

Attendance

Maintain 90% or above attendance rate

GPA 2.8

Maintain a GPA of 2.8 or above





PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

COLLEGIATE PREPARATORY

- Advanced Placement
- Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Program
- Concurrent Enrollment Programs
- Dual Enrollment Programs

ECIHTSA

- Concurrent Enrollment

- Cybersecurity (CCAC)
- Multimedia Game Simulation (CCAC)
- General Studies (CCAC)
- Mechatronics (CCAC)
- Engineering (RMU)
- Business Admin (RMU)
- Early Childhood Education (RMU)

ECIHTSA

- Dual Enrollment

- Aviation Academy (CCBC): Aerospace Mgmt., Professional Pilot, Air Traffic Controller
- Health Sciences (PTC): Nursing, Practical Nursing, Surgical Tech, Therapeutic Massage Practitioner
- Trades Academy (PTC): HVAC, Welding, Electrician, CAD

CAREER & TECH ED

- Concurrent Enrollment

- Parkway West CTC: Auto Body, Automotive Tech., Construction Cluster, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Diesel Tech., Graphic Design, Health Occ. Tech., Cyber Security & Networking, Public Safety Tech., Sports Med. & Rehab., Vet Tech.

ALTERNATIVE ED PROGRAMS

- Work Study
- Work Force Development Program for Students w/ Disabilities (CCAC)
- WA Virtual Academy (WAVA)
- WA Learning Center (WALC)

Engineering

General Studies

Health & Science

Career & Industry

Business & Finance

Communications & Art

Computer Information Technology

Education, Human & Public Services

WEST ALLEGHENY'S 8 CAREER & COLLEGE PATHWAYS

Counseling Team

We are very enthusiastic about having a 5th counselor joining our Counseling Department this year! With Mrs. Pegher on our WAHS team, our counselors will be able to provide more personalized support for our students as they navigate their high school career and prepare for college and career readiness.

Since we have added a counselor to our team, our counseling caseloads have shifted slightly. Students are able to view their counselors in Skyward.

Counselor	Email	Extension	Caseload
Mooney	smooney@westasd.org	Ext: 5252	A-E
Kriznik	skriznik@westasd.org	Ext: 5253	F-G 10th & 12th grade students with an IEL
Pegher	apegher@westasd.org	Ext: 5269	H-K 9th & 11th grade students with an IEL
Birnie	lbirnie@westasd.org	Ext: 5251	L-Ri
Montecalvo	lmontecalvo@westasd.org	Ext: 5249	Rj-Z



Arrival & Dismissal



- Please check your child's bus route information on Skyward. Contact Lynn Robertson (lrobertson@monarktrans.com) or Tina Bruce (tbruce@monarktrans.com) with any questions or concerns.
- Students will have **assigned seats** on the bus.
- There are hand sanitizer stations on each bus.
- In the first few days of school, expect that the afternoon runs may be a little late as we ensure that all students are on the correct bus.
- Students will not be permitted to ride another student's bus home for any reason.

Student Entry

- Student entry will begin at 7:15.
- Buses will drop students off at our main entrance between 7:15-7:25.
- Parents driving their children will drop students off in the lower student parking lot between 7:15 and 7:30.
- Student drivers must arrive between 7:15- 7:25 in the lower student parking lot. All student drivers must appropriately display their designated parking pass in their vehicle. Students must park in the student parking lot.
- All students are expected to be in their **1st period class by 7:35.**
- Students will be able to enter school through the main entrance.
- Students may purchase a breakfast from the Cafeteria before reporting to their 1st period class.

*All parents and student drivers will use the bottom student parking lot. The bus loop will only be used for buses this upcoming school year, as we have historically done.



WAHS Bell Schedule 2022-2023



Regular Bell Schedule	
Period 1	7:35 - 8:18
Period 2	8:22 - 9:05
Period 3	9:09 - 9:52
Period 4 (Lunch)	9:56 - 10:39
Period 5 (Lunch)	10:43 - 11:26
Period 6 (Lunch)	11:30 - 12:13
Period 7 (Lunch)	12:17 - 1:00
Period 8	1:04 - 1:47
Period 9	1:51 - 2:35



Classrooms and Transitions

- All classes will be dismissed on a single, end-of-period bell.
- All students have 4 minutes (on a normal bell schedule) between periods are expected to report to their assigned class prior to its start.
- Students will have assigned seats in instructional classrooms.
- Hand sanitizing stations, disinfectant spray and paper towels are available in all classrooms.



Tardy/Early Dismissal

- **Tardy:** If your child/ren arrive to school after 7:35, they must sign-in at the front office. All students are expected to be on time daily to ensure maximum engagement in instructional time
- **Early Dismissal:** Early dismissal from school will be granted for the same reasons allowable for legal absences. A written request from a parent for early dismissal should be presented to the office. The written request for any early dismissal must include the date the request was written, date of appointment, the reason for dismissal, phone number and the signature of the parent or guardian. Students are to sign out in the main office before leaving.



Hybrid Arrival & Dismissal

- All students with late arrivals/early releases must sign in/out through the main office.
- On school days with alternate bell schedules, students will receive a notification with the day's bell schedule through Canvas.
- Students are expected to attend and be on time for ALL scheduled in person classes.



Student Driver Tardies to School

- Students who drive to school are expected to be on time daily.
- It is the student driver's responsibility to plan their commute appropriately so that they arrive before school begins.
- Additional consequences that student drivers who are chronically tardy can face include:
 - Detention
 - Suspension of parking permit
 - Loss of driving privilege



Dismissal

- All students will be dismissed at 2:35.
- WAHS has two waves of buses (Wave 1 and Wave 2).
- Parents may pick up their child/ren in the student parking lot starting at 2:45.
- All students must use the side-walk from the academic wing to the student parking lot.



Lunch

- Lunch will return to our traditional model.
- Students must have their student ID
- Families are encouraged to create their SchoolCafe account. Please log in to www.schoolcafe.com to create or access your child's account. Families can use this application to manage lunch account funds.
- Students may still bring in a check to be deposited into their account or pay with cash.
- Information about the application for free and reduced lunches can be found here: <https://www.westasd.org/FreeReducedApplication.aspx>



Parkway West CTC & ECIHSA-PTC Academies

- Students must follow WA and Parkway/PTC school calendars & code of conducts.
- Student drivers must sign out in the main office when dismissed.
- Students who ride school provided transportation will sign out in the cafeteria then load the bus outside the cafeteria entrance.
- On school days with alternate bell schedules, students' 4th period may be altered to provide all students with lunch prior to dismissal.



Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

- West Allegheny is proud of the passion, support, and involvement its students and community has for all extracurricular activities.
- When attending extracurricular events, students are representing themselves, their school, and the community at large.
- All handbook rules still apply for any extracurricular activities.
- Students that receive out of school suspension are not allowed to attend extracurricular events during the time of their suspension.
- Students that are placed on Activity Restriction are not allowed to attend any extracurricular activities.



Attendance

To be career and college ready, students need to be at school 95% of school days or more

This means coming to school for at least **171 days out of 180 days** of school

Missing school can create a **snowball effect**

Some days will be tough- need to work through them!



Attendance

- A student's greatest opportunity to have academic success is presence in school each day, so they are engaged in instruction to the highest extent possible
- Medical excuse: must be written by a medical professional
- Parent/guardian excuse: a student may submit a maximum of 8 parent excuses per school year
- Unexcused absences: when no excuse is provided, an accumulation of unexcused absences will result in:
 - Three unexcused: Letter sent home to parents
 - Six unexcused: Letter sent, attendance growth meeting with family
 - More than six unexcused: Citation by the magistrate



Dress Code

- Appropriate dress is required, and the following are not permitted in the school building:
 - Clothing with inappropriate pictures, gestures, symbols, etc.
 - Hats or hoods up during the school day.
 - Shirts that have thin straps or expose midriff or other areas.
 - Shorts or skirts that are too short.
 - Muscle shirts or cutoff shirts.
 - See through shirts exposing skin.
- Students in violation of dress code will receive appropriate consequences and be asked to change.



Academic Integrity Policy

- WAHS is committed to helping students develop intellectually, creatively, and ethically with expectation that work is completed honestly and within each teacher's classroom guidelines.
- Consequences for violating the academic integrity policy:
 - First offense: A zero on the assignment with an opportunity for partial recovery of no more than 50%.
 - Second offense: A zero on the assignment with a referral and an additional consequence under a Level II handbook violation.
 - Third offense: A zero on the assignment, additional consequence under a Level III handbook violation, and failing grade for the nine weeks in the class that the third offense took place.
 - Fourth offense: Removal from the class with a failing grade in the course for the entire year with an additional consequence under a Level IV handbook violation.



North Fayette Police Partnership

- North Fayette Police partners with WAHS to help ensure safety within the school building.
- Our School Resource Officer, Lt. Hamm, and school staff are dedicated to ensuring a safe and supportive learning environment.
- The SRO will also help connect students to appropriate resources.
- Students at the high school may receive police chargers for illegal behavior such as hitting, vaping, or bringing drugs or alcohol to school.



Chromebook Usage

- All Chromebooks are school property and must be handled with respect and used as a tool for learning.
- Chromebook repairs will continue to be handled by the Chromebook Corner team.
- Any student who borrows a Chromebook or charger is **required** to return the loaned item before the end of the day.



Student Chromebook Insurance

- Students in grades 1-12 will retain their district issued Chromebook.
- Students will continue to take their devices home daily.
- The enrollment and renewal period for the student device insurance deadline is September 2, 2022.
- Families who do not elect to receive coverage will be fully responsible for associated costs in the event of damage or loss.
- Students who qualify for free & reduced meals are NOT required to pay the protection fee but must still complete the form for record-keeping purposes. Please select the free & reduced option when completing the enrollment form if your child qualifies.
- The cost for device insurance is as follows:

Insurance Option: \$15/year + fee

Covered Perils:

- Accidental Damage
- Cracked Screen
- Liquid Spills
- Missing Keys
- Fire or Flood Damage
- Vandalism
- Natural Disasters
- Theft/Loss of Device

To register for device insurance, please scan the QR code or click [here](#). Device insurance is listed under programs.



WAHS Upcoming Important Dates

- **August 15:** WAHS New Student Orientation (9:30-11:00)
- **August 15:** *Walk the School* opportunity for students (8:00-11:00 and 1:00-4:00)
- **August 20:** District Day of Caring
- **August 23:** First Day of School
- **August 24 & 26:** Grade Level Meetings
- **August 25:** ECIHSA Parent Information Night 6:00
- **September 2:** Device insurance enrollment/renewal period ends for all students
- **September 16:** Fall Sports Assembly (Pep Assembly Bell Schedule)
- **September 20:** Academic and Activities Fair 6:00
- **September 21:** WAHS Picture Day
- **October 1:** Cavalcade of Bands
- **October 12:** College and Career Assessment (schedule TBD)
- **October 13:** College Fair (Activity Period, Double 3)
- **October 15:** Homecoming



AUGUST 23, 2022



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