



# Wisdom Lane Middle School

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*Success for Every Student*

Student Handbook

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## **Equal Opportunity**

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against, under any educational program, or activity, or service, in this district, on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, creed or religion, marital status, age, or disability



## **ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS FOR WISDOMLANE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the Attendance Office at 434-7300 ext. 1 between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. to report the reason.

The following will serve as a guideline to help you understand both the school's role and your part in meeting your child's attendance needs as determined by New York State:

1. N.Y. State recognizes some lateness/absences are to be excused by the school. These include: illness, court appearances, deaths, and religious observance.

A. Students with notes from home, verifying the above reasons for lateness/absence, will not be given detention. (Remember it still counts as a lateness/absence from class with the District Attendance Policy.)

B. If there are an excessive number of absences from school, the parent must supply the Attendance Office with additional evidence (doctor, dentist notes) that the condition is being professionally treated.

C. Please keep in mind, that in terms of our Attendance Policy, all absences count towards credit denial.

2. The State of New York considers most other lateness/absences illegal.

A. The fact that **you** allow your child to stay home does not make it a legal lateness/absence, **even if you supply the note.**

B. Types of illegal lateness/absences include: vacations, babysitting, trips, oversleeping.

C. The Attendance Office will try to remain sympathetic to unforeseen, short-term emergencies.

D. Lunch Detention will be given after the 3rd unexcused lateness and after school detention will be given after the 6th unexcused lateness. If there is an extenuating circumstance, you are advised to make contact with the Attendance Office.

It is all stakeholders' responsibility to enforce the New York State and

District Attendance Policy, you are asked to:

A. Make sure you call the school when your son/daughter is going to be late/absent and send him/her back to school with a written note.

B. Do not keep your child home unnecessarily.

C. Please be honest when reporting a student late/absent.

### **Absent**

In order for a student to participate in extra-curricular activities, the student must be in attendance at school for at least four (4) periods. Students who demonstrate problems with school absences or tardiness, either excused or unexcused, are subject to suspension and/or dismissal from the team. Athletes are expected to get to school on time, make a commitment to classroom attendance, and demonstrate appropriate behavior. Students are responsible to speak to their teachers about making up missed work.

If you are taking your child out of school for any illegal absence, work will be provided upon students return to school, if requested.

### **Truancy**

A student sent to school, whose parents expect him/her to be in school, but does not attend, is truant. Truancy may result in suspension, plus detention to make up missed time and work.

### **Late Arrival to School/Class**

Any student arriving to school late must report to the ATTENDANCE OFFICE. A note explaining the late arrival, from the student's parent or guardian, must be presented at the time of arrival. Latenesses are recorded on the student's permanent record. Disciplinary consequences may be assigned for multiple unexcused latenesses.

### **Cutting**

Teachers are required to check attendance daily. Should a student be found absent from a class, without a

legitimate excuse, the teacher will notify the Attendance Office. A record of all offenses will be maintained. Cutting will result in suspension, and detention will be assigned to make up missing time and work.

### **DELAYED OPENING OR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING**

In the event of inclement weather, **DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Connect-Ed messages will be sent.** In case of power outages, listen to local radio stations which will announce whether schools will be closed for the day or will follow a delayed opening schedule. In the event of emergency closing, secondary students (grades 6-12) may be dismissed up to 30 minutes early without parental notification.

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### **STUDENT GUIDELINES**

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The following guidelines have been prepared to assist you in understanding what is expected of you in the Middle School. It is intended that each student be fully informed of these guidelines.

The guidelines are designed to assure the safety and health of the students and to allow the best atmosphere for learning.

**Special note:** Attendance on field trips and participation in school activities (such as picnics, dances, and the 8th grade dance) are contingent upon good behavior, academic standing, and attendance during the year.

### **BUILDING RULES**

Each student will respect himself as well as others at all times. Appropriate conduct, language, and dress are expected at all times and students should exhibit high personal standards.

1. Students are expected to follow school rules and regulations and accept the leadership of all building staff. Students may enter the building at 7:45 A.M. If a student comes to school before 7:45 A.M., it must be for a school-supervised activity (band, extra help, breakfast program, etc.).
2. At 7:57 A.M., all students are expected to be seated in class.
3. All students not involved in a supervised school-sponsored activity are to leave the building by 2:55 P.M. Once students are dismissed, they are not to return to the building. Only students who have valid reasons for returning may do so.
4. Students needing to call home should go to the Attendance Office and someone will call home for them. They are not allowed to use their cell phone for calling or texting, during school hours.
5. During passing time, it is expected that students behave in an orderly manner. Students may be in the halls while classes are in session only if they have a pass from a teacher. Passes will be issued in emergencies only.

### **CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**

1. Students are responsible for taking care of the books and materials issued to them. Books should be covered. **Student's and teacher's name should be clearly written on the inside cover.** If lost or damaged, the student must pay for the replacement or repair. If the book is found, please return it and we will refund the money.

When a book is lost, your teacher will complete a "Lost Book" slip in the Main Office. When the required amount is paid, return the form to the subject teacher and a replacement will be issued.

2. Any student who vandalizes a desk, bulletin board or any other piece of school property must either pay for the damage

or do whatever repair is necessary to refinish what she/he has damaged. Serious cases will result in suspension and notification of police.

3. Students should keep the inside and outside of the building and surrounding areas as neat and clean as possible. The tidiness and appearance of the school building during the day depends on each student's cooperation in keeping locker areas, classes and cafeterias in order and keeping individual desks in each classroom neat and clean.

### **LOCKERS**

We remind students and parents that the school cannot be responsible for any loss incurred from the use of lockers. You are asked to do the following:

1. Use **only** the locker assigned to you. Students are **NOT** to change lockers except with permission from the Dean.
2. Make sure your locker is closed and the lock snapped shut.
3. The combination of your lock should **NEVER** be given to anyone.
4. If your lock or locker cannot be opened or will not close properly, go to the Attendance Office for help.
5. Students are permitted to use their lockers in between any periods of the day, however they must be on time for class. Lateness, due to being at a locker is an unexcused late.

Lockers are school property and may be inspected at any time by the Principal or other school personnel. Lost locks must be paid for by the student.

### **LUNCH**

The cafeteria period is designed to provide a balanced diet and proper nutrition as well as, opportunities for socialization and relaxation. The cafeteria is a place to eat. Please help make it a pleasant place by following simple rules of courtesy and showing respect for the rights of others.

1. All students should be in the lunchroom when the bell rings at the start of the period. Habitual lateness may result in disciplinary action.

2. Students are expected to:
  - a. Enter the cafeteria in an orderly manner.
  - b. Follow directions given by the supervising teacher at all times.
  - c. Keep their entire table and floor area clean.
  - d. Avoid pushing or other horseplay.
3. Students who misbehave in the cafeteria will be assigned to eat in a separate area for a specified period of time.
4. Students are not permitted in the cafeteria during periods other than their assigned lunch period.

### **SCHOOL BUS POLICY**

Buses are provided for students' transportation if they live more than 3/4 mile from school. Students must be on time; the bus will not wait.

### **BUS RULES**

1. The late bus is available only for students who stay for extra help, clubs, or athletics. Students **MUST** have a bus pass to board the late bus.
2. The bus driver is, at all times, in full charge of his/her bus. Continued disobedience to his/her commands may result in the suspension of your privilege to ride the bus to and from school.
3. Students are **NOT** permitted to board any bus other than the bus assigned to them at the beginning of the school year.

In order to insure maximum safety:

1. Respect private property at and near your bus stop.
2. Move directly to a seat; remain seated until bus arrives at school/home.
3. Do not extend arms or limbs out of the window.
4. Keep aisles clear of books and other items.
5. Respect the bus driver; do not cause unnecessary distractions.
6. Leave the bus quickly and in an orderly manner; do not touch the bus as it pulls away.
7. Follow carefully the driver's instructions regarding crossing a street in front of the bus.

Any of the following is unacceptable conduct on a bus:

- A. Shouting, abusive or obscene language
- B. Smoking
- C. Fighting or pushing
- D. Throwing objects on or out of the bus
- E. Defacing or destroying property or equipment on the bus
- F. Touching or using any bus controls
- G. Any other action, which is not considered reasonable or is dangerous

No child will be allowed to ride a school bus if his or her behavior endangers himself or others. **RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT!** Any child whose behavior is unsafe or who endangers the safety of another child will be suspended from the bus. Our goal is safe bus transportation. This can be accomplished only if students behave in a proper manner.

The following will be enforced for students who misbehave on the bus:

**First Offense** - Parents will be notified of the incident and a discipline consequence could be issued.

**Second Offense** - Bus privileges will be withheld for a period of time and a discipline consequence could be issued, to be determined by the administration.

**Third Offense** - Bus privileges will be withheld for a period of time and a discipline consequence could be issued. It will be determined by the administration, possibly for the balance of the school year.

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

The Board of Education requires students to attend school in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with the learning process. The board also requires students to wear appropriate protective gear in certain classes (i.e., family and consumer science, technology, physical education).

A student's dress, grooming, appearance and hygiene, including hairstyle, jewelry, make-up and nails, shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
2. Ensure that underwear and torso skin is completely covered with outer clothing.
3. Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed. This includes slippers.
4. Not include the wearing of hats in school, except for medical or religious purposes.
5. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or that denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, handicap or physical condition.
6. Not glorify, promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities, including those related to gang paraphernalia or organizations promoting violence or hatred. Those garments that are sexually suggestive as well, are banned.

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offensive item, and if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including in-school or out-of-school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further disciplinary actions.

### **CONDUCT ITEMS**

1. Bullying, threatening or harassing another individual is unacceptable and will be dealt with severely.
2. Students are expected to use courteous and proper language at all times. Obscene gestures or language toward teachers, administrators, support staff or fellow students will not be tolerated and may result in suspension.
3. Smoking is not permitted on school property, the school bus, or at bus stops. Pupils violating this rule will be suspended and referred for counseling. A second violation will result in a two-day suspension. Parents will be notified of all action taken and a conference will be

held. Lighters are banned, and will be confiscated.

4. Cheating is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action and a zero on the test/project/assignment.

5. Classroom behavior should always be courteous, attentive and responsive. Students must always come prepared to do their work equipped with pens, pencils, erasers, books, homework assignments completed, etc. The office and teacher will not supply these items.

6. Cameras and other recording devices may only be used under the supervision of a staff member as part of a school-sponsored activity. Any other use of recording devices may result in a disciplinary consequence.

7. Running, shouting and other disorderly conduct will not be permitted in the halls.

8. Snowball throwing and throwing of other dangerous objects are not permitted. This includes on school property, at bus stops and walking to and from school. Strong disciplinary action will be taken.

9. Fireworks are illegal. Any student involved with fireworks will be referred to the police. Strong disciplinary action will be taken by the school.

10. Students are expected to respect other people's property at all times. Stealing will not be tolerated. Also, defacing or damaging another individual's property will result in strong disciplinary action.

11. Gambling and the sale of personal property are not permitted in school. Baseball cards, playing cards, dice, etc., are not to be brought to school. Strong disciplinary measures will be taken.

12. The use of alcohol and narcotics is illegal. Police will be notified and strong disciplinary action taken.

13. Misbehaving during final exam week will result in suspension after an exam or after the exam week is over.

14. In virtually every instance of fighting, the students involved will be suspended.

15. Any student trespassing on school property will be subject to serious disciplinary action.

16. Written or verbal ethnic or racial slurs are serious violations under our Student Code of Conduct.

17. Any student bringing a weapon to school or on school grounds risks the possibility of arrest and suspension from school.

### **Cellphones/Ipods/Cameras/Electronic Items**

If any electronic item is confiscated the student will speak with a Dean or the Assistant Principal.

**1<sup>st</sup> time confiscated** – 2 days lunch detention – student can pick item up at the end of the school day.

**2<sup>nd</sup> time confiscated** – 2 days after school detention – student can pick item up at the end of the school day.

**3<sup>rd</sup> time confiscated** – 1 day of ISS – Parent picks up item

The school is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

### **STATEMENT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Sexual harassment is **UNWANTED** and **UNWELCOME** sexual behavior that interferes with the person's life. Sexual harassment is **NOT** flirting or other behaviors which are acceptable to everyone involved. "No" means "No," and "Stop" means "Stop."

Sexual harassment makes at least one person involved feel bad. A female can be harassed by a male or by another female. A male can be harassed by a female or another male.

### **Inappropriate Behavior**

#### **Verbal**

- Comments about body parts or rating someone's body
- Sexual suggestion or threats
- Spreading sexual rumors or stories about a person(s)
- Sexual jokes
- Conversations that are too personal
- Insulting comments about sexual preference
- Not stopping any of the above when asked to do so

#### **Visual**

- Staring or pointing at a person's body in a way that is too personal
- Displaying obscene sexual material or placing it in someone's locker or computer

- Writing a person's name along with sexual remarks, suggestions, or drawings in public places
- Making obscene gestures
- Degrading graffiti

**Physical**

- Grabbing, touching, or pinching a person's body
- Tearing or pulling a person's clothing
- Purposefully bumping or brushing against someone
- Kissing or holding a person against his or her will
- Preventing someone from moving freely

Students who sexually harass other students are subject to disciplinary action, including a suspension and possible referral to the Superintendent.

**DETENTION**

Detention is held Monday through Friday afternoon from **3:05 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.** Parents are notified if detention has been assigned. Students must bring all outer clothing and books to the detention room. Students may **NOT** go to their lockers after detention. Any student who does not attend an assigned detention will receive 2 days detention. A recurrence will result in suspension plus the 1 day. If there is an extenuating circumstance, you are advised to make contact with the Attendance Office before date of detention. If a student has after school detention he/she is not permitted to participate in any after school activities.

**IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

In-school suspension is assigned at the discretion of the Administration as an alternative to out-of-school suspension after other corrective measures have failed to change the student's unacceptable behavior or because of the severity of the offense.

The student will spend the school day working on assigned materials in a closed setting. All school privileges are suspended for that day and the student will eat lunch separately from the other students. Parents are always notified with a telephone call and a letter when this suspension is necessary. **STUDENTS SERVING ISS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**

A parent conference with Administration may be required for a student to return to regular classes.

**OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

It is recognized that out-of-school suspension is a serious measure and is used when determined to be in the best interest of the student and/or the school community.

All out-of-school suspensions will be accomplished in accordance with Section 3214 of the N.Y.S. Education Law. Parents are always notified with a telephone call and a letter, when this suspension is necessary. Students on suspension are not allowed on school grounds and are barred from school activities for the duration of the suspension.

A parent conference with Administration is necessary in order for the student to be accepted back into school.

**POINTS SYSTEM**

- Out of School Suspension 3-5 days 9 pts.**
- Out of School suspension 1-2 days 7 pts.**
- In School Suspension 2-5 days 4 pts.**
- In school suspension 1 day 3 pts.**
- Detention 3-5 days 2 pts.**
- Detention 1-2 days 1 pt.**
- Lunch detention .5 pt.**

Once a student reaches more than six points they will be unable to attend their grade level overnight trip and school dances. In addition, eighth grade students who earn more than ten points will not be allowed to attend their graduation dance. Students will have the opportunity to earn back 1 point for each month that they do not receive any disciplinary action.

**LOST ITEMS**

Lost or found articles should be reported at once to the Main Office. Lost books can be replaced through the teacher or Main Office. Textbooks are issued by number through the subject area

teacher. **Any student, who does not return the numbered textbook that was issued to him/her, is responsible for paying for a lost textbook.**

Each year we are left with a large number of expensive items of clothing, glasses, etc. If a student loses something, please make certain that he/she has checked with the Main Office or the Lost and Found, located in the cafeteria.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

A full-time school nurse and the school physician provide the health services to all middle school students.

The New York State Education Law requires that all students, new to the school district and all 7th graders have a physical examination and dental examination. This examination is best done by the family physician. In the event that a certificate from the family physician is not returned by October 1, a health appraisal will be conducted by the school physician. Students who request to go to the Health Office must have written permission from the classroom teacher.

### **MEDICATION**

Self-medication is not permitted in the school. Parents are encouraged to administer medication before school, when possible. When medication is needed, under special circumstances, parents should contact the school nurse for the proper procedures.

### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

In accordance with New York State Public Health Law (Article 21, Chapter 443), as of July 1, 1980 **NO CHILD WILL BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL OR ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL** without appropriate certification of immunizations against the following: Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Rubella and Mumps. All students entering the sixth grade are required by State Law to submit proof of the Varicella Vaccine or proof, from student's doctor, of having the Varicella (chicken pox) disease. Also, as of September 1, 2000, all students enrolled in 7th grade are required to have the Hepatitis B vaccine. As of September 1, 2007, any child entering the 6th grade, or a comparable age level special education

program, who is 11 years old or older, must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

## **INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

### **PHYSICALS**

*All students who try-out for interscholastic sports teams must complete a Health History Form followed by a physical exam by the school doctor or family doctor.* Physicals are arranged primarily in June for the following school year and periodically prior to the sports seasons. **FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBPAGE.**

## **THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM HOMEWORK**

### **Purpose:**

An extension of classroom instruction designed to enhance critical thinking skills and prepare for class discussion.

### **Expectations:**

- Students should expect daily homework assignments ranging from one to two hours (15-20 minutes per subject), depending on the individual program.
- Students are encouraged to develop good study habits by budgeting their time properly, reading independently, and using a suitable place to study in the home.
- Long-range assignments, projects and research papers become more prevalent at this level and require more careful budgeting of students' time.
- When no specific assignment is due, students are expected to review material and/or read independently.

### **Absences:**

- When students are absent for short periods of time, it is their responsibility to make up missing assignments, tests, and quizzes.
- For longer absences, when class work is needed, please contact the Guidance Department.

### **For Parents:**

- Parental cooperation and supervision is an essential part of establishing good homework habits.
- Parents should expect students to bring work home each day. If you do not see books or evidence of work at home,

please contact the school, as homework is regularly given.

## **TESTS**

In order to assist students in balancing their workload, the faculty follows, as a general guideline, a rotating test schedule by department. This schedule applies only to full-period exams, not to quizzes. The schedule guideline is as follows:

ODD DAYS English, Math, World Languages

EVEN DAYS Social Studies, Science

## **LIBRARY MEDIA**

### **CENTER/COMPUTER LAB**

The Library Media Center is an integral part of the student's school environment. This state-of-the-art facility includes computerized catalog search stations, and 40 fully networked computers with available Internet, on-line databases, and CDROMS for research. Classes are scheduled throughout the school year to assist students in research and classroom projects as well as instructing students in library usage. Classes are also supplemented through the use of power point presentations, and subject matter programs.

The facility is attractively designed to encourage a comfortable learning environment. In addition to scheduled classes, students may utilize the media center during their work/study periods in order to complete individual assignments.

## **STUDENT SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Student schedule changes will be made on a limited basis when extenuating circumstances arise. Initial placements are made by the administrative staff with the best interests of the student in mind and will not be changed lightly.

(Ref. Board of Ed. Policy # 6155)  
Changes in programs to achieve proper balance of classes at the beginning of each semester are likewise necessary, including teacher changes, and are to be expected as routine.

It is an important part of the learning process for students to be exposed to a variety of teaching styles and temperaments. Such exposure to diversity and a variety of teaching methods and

expectations contribute to a student's educational and social maturity.

## **PARENT PORTAL**

Parents can check the Parent Portal at [Levittownschools.com](http://Levittownschools.com). The parent portal will allow parents to view academic and attendance records of their children, including progress reports and report cards..

Parents are urged to discuss the report card with their youngster. Attention should also be given to the student's class attendance.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

These conferences are scheduled upon the request of either parent or teacher. If parents feel their child may be experiencing some problem in a particular class, they may contact the teacher involved. If further information is required, please contact your child's Guidance Counselor.

## **BICYCLE REGULATIONS**

1. Students are permitted to ride bicycles to school with the knowledge that the school ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEFT OR DAMAGE TO THE BICYCLES.
2. Bicycles must be placed in the bicycle racks at the rear of the school and kept locked when not in use. Bicycles may not be placed inside the school building.
3. All bike riders, under the age of 14, are required by law to wear a helmet.
4. **Skateboards:** For safety reasons, roller-blading and skateboarding are not permitted on school grounds.

## **FIELD TRIPS/OVERNIGHT TRIPS**

Field trips are taken to provide an educational experience that cannot be brought into the classroom. Participation on a field trip requires good academic standing, attendance and behavior. A student who does not meet the criteria will not be allowed on a trip.

Although students are encouraged to participate in a field trip, some may choose not to. Those who do not go on a field trip, for any reason, are expected to be in school.

Overnight trips have their own set of guidelines.

Students will be excluded from overnight trips if they violate the discipline point system (see point system) or if they are failing two or more subjects at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### **HONOR ROLL**

The Wisdom Lane Honor Roll is posted at the end of each marking period.

For HIGH HONORS - an overall average of 90 or over is required. A failing grade in any course will exclude the student from making high honor roll.

For HONORS - an overall average of 85 is required. A failing grade in any course will exclude the student from making honor roll.

We encourage you, as parents, to join us in promoting educational excellence with our students.

### **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

The National Junior Honor Society is a national organization dedicated to recognizing outstanding students. To be selected for membership is an achievement in which one may take great pride. Students will be selected after the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter in seventh and eighth grade.

Membership is based on the following qualifications:

1. Seventh grade academic requirement: A cumulative average of 92% (not rounded) or higher (based upon sixth grade cumulative average and first two quarters of seventh grade).
2. Eighth grade academic requirement: A cumulative average of 92% (not rounded) or higher (based upon 6<sup>th</sup> grade cumulative averages, seventh grade cumulative averages, and the first two quarters in eighth grade).
3. Demonstrate the positive aspects of:  
a) citizenship b) service c) leadership and d) character in their daily lives.
4. Written evidence of community service and leadership must be submitted.
5. A review of attendance and disciplinary records.
6. Members must maintain the standards under which they are inducted. Those who do not, will be placed on probation for one quarter, then reinstated or dropped. Only one probationary period is allowed.



### Wisdom Lane World Language Honor Society

The World Language Honor Society is dedicated to recognizing outstanding students in their World Language studies. To be selected for membership is an accomplishment in which one should take great pride. Students will be selected for membership after the second quarter in 8th grade.

*Membership is based on the following requirements:*

1. Academic requirement:  
a cumulative average of 95% (not rounded) or higher in Spanish/ French/Italian based upon student's **7th grade final average and quarter 1 & 2** in Spanish/French/Italian in **8th grade**.
2. Student must demonstrate positive aspects of:  
a) scholarship                      b) citizenship                      c) service  
d) leadership and                      e) character
3. Attendance and disciplinary records must be in good standing.
4. Student will provide a written description of involvement in World Language activities and sign a promise to be a positive role model and advocate for World Language education.
5. Students applying for membership must meet faculty approval.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING WEIGHTING AND RANKING

To All 8th Grade Parents:

Please be advised that current 8th grade students will follow the existing board-approved district practice regarding weighting and ranking. Under this practice, only Advanced Placement and college level courses are weighted. Honors level classes, although still offered, will not be weighted when calculating the student's cumulative average on high school transcripts.

Colleges and universities are aware of and take into consideration the more rigorous curriculum offered in honors level courses. You may have already completed scheduling next year's classes with your child's guidance counselor. If you have any concerns regarding course selection, your child's guidance counselor is your best source of information.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ATTENDANCE  
DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Please be advised that any student taking Earth Science, Integrated Algebra, World Languages, or Studio Art A for high school credit will be subject to the High School Attendance Policy set up by the District.

The policy states that if a student’s absences from a class exceed the attendance requirements for that course, that student will be denied credit. Three times late to a class under 15 minutes will count as one absence in that course. Any lateness over 15 minutes will count as an absence. Remember **ALL** absences, excused and unexcused, count towards the attendance policy.

Daily course - all year	20 absences
Daily course - semester (Sept. - Jan. ) (Feb. - June)	10 absences
Odd/Even course - all year	10 absences
Daily course with lab on alternate days	20 absences

A student who is credit denied in a subject will not be eligible to take any midterm, final exam or state exam, i.e. Regents, Proficiency Exam, in the subject.

<b>BELL SCHEDULE</b> <b>9 Period Day</b>	
Period 1	7:57 -8:44 Attendance
Period 2	8:48 -9:30
Period 3	9:34 – 10:16
Period 4	10:20 - 11:02
Period 5	11:06 - 11:48
Period 6	11:52 - 12:34
Period 7	12:38 - 1:20
Period 8	1:24 - 2:06
Period 9	2:10 - 2:55
3:05 - Buses leave. All unsupervised students leave the building.	
3:45 - Library closes.	
3:30 - Main office closes.	

<b>SCHEDULE DELAYED OPENING</b> <b>2 Hour Delay 9:57 AM Start</b>	
Period 1	9:57 – 10:26 Attendance
Period 2	10:30 – 10:59
Period 3	11:03 – 11:32
Period 4	11:36 - 12:06
Period 5	12:10 - 12:40
Period 6	12:44 - 1:14
Period 7	1:18 - 1:48
Period 8	1:52 - 2:22
Period 9	2:26 - 2:55
3:05 - Buses leave. All unsupervised students leave the building.	
3:45 - Library closes.	
3:30 - Main office closes.	

