

WEST HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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THE WEST HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal name of this School District is the West Hempstead Union Free School District. The boundaries of the District have been set under state law by the State of New York. The State Education Department maintains a close check on standards and what has legally become part of state law through the mandates of our legislature. The state allows a local Board of Education to set whatever additional policies may be deemed necessary for the proper function of the District's schools. The Board is comprised of seven public-spirited citizens who maintain residences within the District and who serve without any financial compensation in the best interests of their community. Board members are elected to office for terms of three years, and once a year, the members of the Board elect a President and Vice President to preside over their meetings.

The District maintains an Early Childhood Center, which includes a UPK program for four-year-old children who reside in West Hempstead, a primary school, an intermediate school and a secondary school. The total school population as of June 2025 was approximately 1,670.

Address: West Hempstead Union Free School District
252 Chestnut Street
West Hempstead, New York 11552

BOARD OF EDUCATION

boe@whufsd.com

<i>President</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
Karen Brohm	Joseph Magaraci
2025-2028	2023-2026
516-483-0556	516-749-7391

Byars Cole	Jeanine Gallina	David Lazar
2025-2028	2025-2028	2023-2026
516-505-3565	212-300-5652	917-405-6731

Kurt Rockensies	Andrea Shinsato
2024-2027	2024-2027
516-551-6560	516-565-4305

BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR ARE POSTED UNDER THE BOARD TAB ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT WWW.WHUFSD.COM.

MISSION STATEMENT

The West Hempstead Union Free School District recognizes the unique value of each student. It is dedicated to the success of each student based on the highest standards of excellence in education. Each student will be challenged to achieve mastery in all subject areas in an educational atmosphere that strives to build positive self-esteem, mutual respect for others and a lifelong quest for learning.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools	516-390-3107	Daniel Rehman
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction	516-390-3119	Dina Reilly
Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations	516-390-3103	Brian Phillips

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

District Clerk	Awilda Cruz
District Medical Inspector	Eric Shoenfeld, MD
Board Counsel	Christopher F. Mestecky, Esq.
District Treasurer	Steven Guarini
Director of School Facilities and Operations	Peter Mayo
Director of Technological Services	Vincent Fleck
Transportation	Gina Gandolfo
Textbook Information	Lorraine Seveneant

BUILDING PRINCIPALS

**Chestnut Street
Early Childhood Center**
252 Chestnut Street
School Hours: 8:40 AM – 2:50 PM
Dr. Lisa Minicozzi, Principal
516-390-3150
Fax: 516-390-3152

**George Washington
Intermediate School**
347 William Street
School Hours: 8:55 AM – 3:10 PM
Robyn Milliner, Principal
516-390-3130
Fax: 516-489-0068

**Cornwell Avenue
Primary School**
250 Cornwell Avenue
School Hours: 9:05 AM – 3:20 PM
Deanna Sinito, Principal
516-390-3140
Fax: 516-489-0365

Secondary School
400 Nassau Boulevard
School Hours: 7:55 AM – 2:40 PM
Joseph Pumo, Principal
516-390-3218
Fax: 516-489-1769

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT PROVIDE SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION.

School Calendar for the School Year

September 2, 2025, through June 26, 2026

Month	Day	Event
August	27-28.....	Superintendent's Conference Days – Teachers Only
September	1	Labor Day/Schools Closed
September	2.....	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
September	23-24.....	Schools Closed
October	2.....	Schools Closed
October	13.....	Schools Closed
November	4.....	Districtwide Parent-Teacher Conference Day/Schools Closed for Students
November	11.....	Schools Closed
November	27-28.....	Schools Closed
December	24-January 2.....	Schools Closed
January	5.....	SCHOOLS REOPEN
January	19.....	Schools Closed
February	16-20	Winter Recess/Schools Closed
February	23	SCHOOLS REOPEN
April	1-10	Schools Closed
April	13	SCHOOLS REOPEN
May	22.....	Schools Closed
May	25.....	Schools Closed
May	26.....	SCHOOLS REOPEN
June	19.....	Schools Closed
June	26.....	Last Day of School - Students/Teachers

Additional modifications will be made to the calendar due to the total number of lost days of instruction because of weather or emergency closings and the NYSED June 2026 Regents Examination Period Schedule. All instructional days will be restored to the calendar. The following days will be utilized in this order: May 22, April 10, and April 1.

A NOTE TO PARENTS

This calendar of school events has been especially prepared for parents and community residents in the West Hempstead School District. All persons connected with our schools will find the information herein helpful. A strong partnership between parents and the schools is an important part of the quality of a child's education. When parents and schools work together toward common goals and when parents and schools expect and enforce common standards of behavior and excellence, children learn and grow.

CONTINUING REGISTRATION

West Hempstead has continuing registration for school elections and votes. Residents may register on any Tuesday or Thursday in the District Clerk's Office, 252 Chestnut Street. Hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, excluding the lunch hour (12:00-1:00 PM).

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Board holds regular meetings, all of which are open to the public according to the following schedule. The letter "B" indicates a Business Meeting, the letter "P" a Policy Meeting and "WK" is a Work Session.

July 1 - B/Reorganization
 Aug. 19 - B
 Sept. 16 - B
 Oct. 21 - P/B/Recognition
 Nov. 18 - B
 Dec. 2 - P/WK Session
 Dec. 9 - B
 Jan. 20 - B
 Feb. 3 - P/WK Session
 Feb. 10 - B

March 10 - Budget WK Non-Instructional Items
 March 17 - B
 March 24 - Budget WK Instructional Items
 March 31 - B/Ed. Budget Meeting, if needed
 April 14 - B/Ed. B/Adoption of Budget/Nassau
 BOCES' Budget and Candidate Vote
 May 5 - Budget Hearing/B
 May 19 - Budget Vote/Annual Meeting/
 Trustee Election
 June 16 - B
 July 7 - B/Reorganization
 Aug. 18 - B

The Board may, from time to time, schedule education and/or additional policy meetings for the purpose of considering and publicly discussing educational and/or policy matters and procedures. Residents attending the meetings have an opportunity to address the Board. The Board of Education and the school administration welcome comments from parents and residents.

LEGAL NOTICE NEWSPAPERS

The School Board has designated Richner Publications (Herald), Newsday, the Patch, and the New York Times as official papers for the publication of legal notices concerning the District.

The West Hempstead Union Free School District does not discriminate on the basis of a person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic group, national origin, creed, disability, gender, including gender identity and expression, in its educational programs or employment practices. Contact either the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations or the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for questions related to compliance with Title IX. The District Administrator assigned to insure our compliance with Section 504 regulations is Bridget Karis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services, who may be contacted in writing at West Hempstead Secondary School, 400 Nassau Blvd., West Hempstead, NY 11552 or by telephone, 516-390-3242.

The following administrators have been appointed as Dignity For All Students Act (DASA) coordinators:


Ms. Dina Reilly, Assistant Superintendent – 516-390-3119
 Mr. Joseph Pumo, Principal, Secondary School – 516-390-3218
 Ms. Deanna Sinito, Principal, Cornwell Avenue – 516-390-3140
 Ms. Robyn Milliner, Principal, George Washington – 516-390-3130
 Dr. Lisa Minicozzi, Principal, Chestnut Street – 516-390-3150

AUGUST 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2025

OCTOBER 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	Day 1 2 7/8 Fall Sports Begin: Football, Boys/Girls Soccer, Cheerleading & Cross Country First Day of School	Day 2 3	Day 3 4	Day 4 5	6
7	Day 5 8	Day 6 9	Day 1 10 6:00 PM ENL Parent Workshop - Cornwell Avenue 6:30 PM Cornwell Avenue Back-to-School Night	Day 2 11 6:00 PM ENL Parent Workshop - Chestnut Street 6:30 PM Chestnut Street Back-to-School Night	Day 3 12	13
14	Day 4 15 7:00 PM Mandatory Open Campus Meeting for Grade 12 Students/Parents Auditorium Grades 9-11 and Staff (Grades 9-12) Picture Day	Day 5 16 7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 6 17 6:00 PM ENL Parent Workshop - George Washington 6:30 PM George Washington Back-to-School Night	Day 1 18 6:00 PM ENL Parent Workshop - Secondary School 6:15 PM College Information Night for Grade 12 Students/Parents 7:00 PM Secondary School Back-to-School Night	Day 2 19 9:30 AM PTA/SEPTA Welcome Tea CS Cafeteria	20
21	Day 3 22	23 SCHOOLS CLOSED	24	Day 4 25	Day 5 26	27
28	Day 6 29 7:00 PM PTA/SEPTA Meeting George Washington Cafeteria	Day 1 30 7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room				

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OCTOBER 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
5	Day 4 6	Day 5 7	Day 2 1	2	Day 3 3 PEP RALLY Secondary School Interim Reports Viewable on Power School Picture Day for Students and Staff in Grades 7 & 8	4 Homecoming
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	14 Day 3 Picture Makeup Day for Class of 2026	15 Day 4 8:00 AM PSAT for Grade 11 Students	16 Day 1 9 7:00 PM College Financial Aid Night Secondary School	17 Day 2 10 Fall Photos CS/CA/GW	18
19	20 Day 1 7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room	21 Day 2 7:00 PM Board of Education Business Meeting/ Board Recognition Video Conference Room	22 Day 3 Cornwell Avenue Fall Festival	23 Day 4 Cornwell Avenue Fall Festival - Rain Date 6:30 PM-8:30 PM Districtwide Family Literacy Night	24 Day 5	25
RED RIBBON WEEK - "LIFE IS A PUZZLE. SOLVE IT DRUG FREE."						
26	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2 Chestnut Street Fall Festival	30 Day 3 Chestnut Street Fall Festival - Rain Date	31 Day 4 9:30 AM Chestnut Street Parade 2:30 PM Cornwell Avenue Parade George Washington Parade	

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NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2	<div>Day 5</div> <div>3</div> <div>DISTRICTWIDE Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:30 PM-9:00 PM</div> <div>UPK 26/27 Parent Interest Survey Opens</div> <div>7-8 Winter I Season Begins: Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Winter Track</div> <div>Picture Makeup Day for Students (Gr. 9-11) and SS South Staff</div>	<div>4</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS</div> <div>DISTRICTWIDE Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:30 AM-2:30 PM</div>	<div>Day 6</div> <div>5</div> <div>Picture Makeup Day for Students and Staff - Grades 7 & 8</div>	<div>Day 1</div> <div>6</div>	<div>Day 2</div> <div>7</div> <div>Emergency Management Plan Early Dismissal and Safety Drill</div> <div>End of Quarter I</div>	8
9	<div>Day 3</div> <div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>VETERANS DAY</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>	<div>Day 4</div> <div>12</div>	<div>Day 5</div> <div>13</div>	<div>Day 6</div> <div>14</div> <div>Secondary School Quarter I Report Cards Viewable on Power School</div> <div>K-6 Report Cards Sent Home</div>	15
16	<div>Day 1</div> <div>17</div> <div>9-12 Winter Sports Begin: Competitive Cheerleading, Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Winter Track, Boys/Girls Bowling</div> <div>7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room</div>	<div>Day 2</div> <div>18</div> <div>7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room</div>	<div>Day 3</div> <div>19</div>	<div>Day 4</div> <div>20</div> <div>7:00 PM DRAMA PRODUCTION GRADES 7-8</div>	<div>Day 5</div> <div>21</div>	22
23	<div>Day 6</div> <div>24</div> <div>7:00 PM PTA/SEPTA Meeting George Washington Cafeteria</div>	<div>Day 1</div> <div>25</div>	<div>Day 2</div> <div>26</div> <div>10:00 AM Secondary School ENL Thanksgiving Luncheon</div>	<div>27</div> <div>THANKSGIVING DAY</div>	<div>28</div>	29
30				<div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>		



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DECEMBER 2025

JANUARY 2026						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Day 3 1	Day 4 2 7:30 PM Board of Education Policy Meeting/Work Session Video Conference Room	Day 5 3	Day 6 4 6:00 PM GW Drama Performance	Day 1 5 Photos Retake Day CS/CA/GW	6
7	Day 2 8	Day 3 9 7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 4 10	Day 5 11	Day 6 12 Secondary School Interim Reports Viewable on Power School	13
14	Day 1 15	Day 2 16	Day 3 17 Secondary School Winter Concert: 6:00 PM for Grades 7 & 8 and 7:15 PM for Grades 9-12	Day 4 18 Cornwell Avenue Winter Concerts	Day 5 19 George Washington Winter Concert	20
21	Day 6 22 7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 1 23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
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JANUARY 2026

FEBRUARY 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				SCHOOLS CLOSED		
4	Day 2 5	Day 3 6	Day 4 7	Day 5 8	Day 6 9	10
				7:00 PM Secondary School STEMposium	UPK 26/27 Parent Interest Survey Closes	
11	Day 1 12	Day 2 13	Day 3 14	Day 4 15	Day 5 16	17
	UPK Lottery 7:30 PM PTA/PTSA/SEPTA Joint Meeting Video Conference Room					
18	19	Day 6 20	Day 1 21	Day 2 22	Day 3 23	24
	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	7-8 Winter II Sports Begin: Boys Volleyball, Girls Basketball 7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room			End of Quarter 2 and Semester I	
		MIDTERM EXAMS AND NYS REGENTS				
25	Day 4 26	Day 5 27	Day 6 28	Day 1 29	Day 2 30	31
	7:00 PM PTA/SEPTA Meeting George Washington Cafeteria Quarter 3 and Semester 2 Begin				Secondary School Quarter 2 Report Cards Viewable on Power School K-6 Report Cards Sent Home	

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FEBRUARY 2026

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1	Day 32	Day 43	Day 54	Day 65	Day 16	7
		7:30 PM Board of Education Policy Meeting/Work Session Video Conference Room		7:00 PM College Planning Night for Grade 11 Students and Parents		
8	Day 29	Day 310	Day 411	Day 512	Day 613	14
		7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room				
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK FOR 2026-2027						
15	16WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	17LUNAR NEW YEAR	18	19	20	21
SCHOOLS CLOSED						
22	Day 123	Day 224	Day 325	Day 426	Day 527	28
	7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room					
						

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MARCH 2026

APRIL 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Day 6 2	Day 1 3	Day 2 4 7:00 PM PTA/PTSA/SEPTA Reflections Ceremony SS North Cafeteria	Day 3 5 7-8 Winter II Sports Begin: Boys Volleyball, Girls Basketball Multicultural Night Secondary School	Day 4 6 Secondary School Interim Reports Viewable on Power School	7
FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK						
8	Day 5 9 9-12 Spring Sports Begin: Boys/Girls Track, Boys/Girls Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball and Girls Flag Football	Day 6 10 7:30 PM Board of Education Budget Workshop: Overview and Non-Instructional Items Video Conference Room	Day 1 11	Day 2 12	Day 3 13	14
				7:00 PM DRAMA PRODUCTION FOR GRADES 9-12		
15	Day 4 16 9-12 Spring Sports II Begin: Boys Tennis and Girls Badminton 7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 5 17 7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 6 18	Day 1 19	Day 2 20 Secondary School Blood Drive	21
22	Day 3 23	Day 4 24 7:30 PM Board of Education Budget Workshop: Instructional Items Video Conference Room	Day 5 25 7:00 PM PTSA Senior Prom Fashion Show Auditorium	Day 6 26	Day 1 27 Spring Photos CS/CA/GW	28
29	Day 2 30 7-8 Spring Sports Begin: Baseball, Softball, Boys/Girls Track, Boys/Girls Lacrosse 7:00 PM PTA/SEPTA Meeting George Washington Cafeteria	Day 3 31 Secondary School Quiz Bowl 7:30 PM Board of Education Budget Meeting (If Needed) Video Conference Room				



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APRIL 2026

MAY 2026

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	SCHOOLS CLOSED					
5	6 Grs. 3-8 ELA/Math and Grs. 5 & 8 Science Testing Window Opens See School Schedule	7	8	9	10	11
	SCHOOLS CLOSED					
	NYSESLAT Speaking 4/6-5/22					
12	Day 4 13 7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 5 14 7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting/ Adoption of Budget/ BOCES Budget and Candidate Vote Video Conference Room	Day 6 15	Day 1 16 7:00 PM PTSA Social @ TBD	Day 2 17 End of Quarter 3 7:00 PM Class Night for Grades 9-12	18
19	Day 3 20	Day 4 21	Day 5 22	Day 6 23	Day 1 24 Secondary School Quarter 3 Report Cards Viewable on Power School K-6 Report Cards Sent Home	25
26	Day 2 27 7:00 PM Secondary School Honor Society Induction Ceremonies	Day 3 28	Day 4 29	Day 5 30		

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MAY 2026

JUNE 2026						
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3	Day 1 4 NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing 5/4-5/22	Day 2 5 7:30 PM Board of Education Budget Hearing and Business Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 3 6	Day 4 7 7:00 PM PTA Social at TBD	Day 5 8	9
Secondary School AP Exams						
10	Day 6 11 7:30 PM PTSA Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 1 12 7:30 PM PTA/PTSA/SEPTA Candidates Forum Video Conference Room	Day 2 13	Day 3 14	Day 4 15 Grs. 3-8 ELA/Math/Science Window Closed	16
Secondary School AP Exams						
17 12:00-3:00 PM Community Arts Day	Day 5 18 6:00 PM Chestnut Street Incoming Kindergarten Parent Orientation 7:00 PM PTA/SEPTA Meeting CS Cafeteria	Day 6 19 Budget Vote/Annual Meeting/Trustee Election 7:00 AM-9:00 PM North Gymnasium Secondary School Spring Concert: 6:00 PM for Grades 7 & 8 and 7:15 PM for Grades 9-12 District Arts Exhibition	Day 1 20 Cornwell Avenue Spring Concerts	Day 2 21 George Washington Field Day Secondary School Quarter 4 Interim Reports Viewable on Power School	22 SCHOOLS CLOSED	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	Day 3 26 George Washington Field Day Rain Date	Day 4 27 George Washington Spring Concert	Day 5 28 6:00 PM Districtwide Family STEAM Night Secondary School	Day 6 29	30
31	SCHOOLS CLOSED	CLASS OF 2027 SENIOR PORTRAITS				




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JUNE 2026

JULY 2026						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Day 1 1	Day 2 2	Day 3 3	Day 4 4	Day 5 5 10:00 AM Secondary School International Luncheon	6
KINDERGARTEN SCREENING						
7	Day 6 8 8:00 AM Class of 2026 Yearbook Breakfast 1:00 PM Underclassmen Awards Grades 8-11 7:00 PM Grade 12 Senior Awards Night	Day 1 9 Cornwell Avenue Field Day English Language Arts Regents Exam Algebra II Regents Exam	Day 2 10 Cornwell Avenue Field Day (Rain Date) Physics Regents Exam Chemistry Regents Exam	Day 3 11 Chestnut Street Field Day	Day 4 12 Chestnut Street Field Day (Rain Date)	13
14	Day 5 15 9:30 AM Incoming Fourth Grade Parent Orientation - George Washington	Day 6 16 9:30 AM Incoming First Grade Parent Orientation - Cornwell Avenue Class of 2026 BBQ 7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room	Day 1 17 9:30 AM Incoming First Grade Student Orientation - Cornwell Avenue George Washington Moving Up Ceremony	Day 2 18 Cornwell Avenue Moving Up Ceremonies	19 JUNETEENTH SCHOOLS CLOSED	20
21	Day 3 22 Chestnut Street Moving Up Ceremony	Day 4 23 9:30 AM Incoming Fourth Grade Student Orientation - George Washington 11:45 AM Mandatory Graduation Practice for the Class of 2026	Day 5 24	Day 6 25 Elementary Half Day CS 8:40-11:30 AM CA 9:05 AM-12:00 PM GW 8:55 AM-11:55 AM SS 7:55 AM-10:30 AM SS 7&8 7:55 AM-10:30 AM Class of 2026 Senior Prom	Day 1 26 Last Day of School Students/Teachers Dismissal for Students CS at 9:30 AM CA/GW at 10:00 AM K-6 Report Cards Sent Home	27
FINAL SCHOOL EXAMS & NYS REGENTS						
28 2:00 PM Class of 2026 Graduation at Tilles Center, LIU Post	29	30 Secondary School Quarter 4 Report Cards Viewable on Power School				

This calendar is numbered for the elementary 6-day cycle. Please use this as a reference when preparing your child for school each day.

JUNE 2026						
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JULY 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:30 PM Board of Education Reorganization Meeting and Business Meeting Video Conference Room	8	9	10	11
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AUGUST 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 7:30 PM Board of Education Business Meeting Video Conference Room	19	20 7th Grade Student Orientation	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

BEFORE-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM SCOPE/WEST HEMPSTEAD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Education accommodates a SCOPE-operated before- and after-school program for children in grades pre-K-6. The SCOPE Program provides a safe, caring environment. Afternoons are spent working on or completing homework assignments, participating in a variety of enrichment activities and enjoying nutritious snacks. Children are picked up by their parents at or before 6:00 PM.

STUDY FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the school year teachers and their pupils may make study field trips. The trips are an outgrowth of classroom study and carefully planned to correlate with classroom work. The number and frequency of such trips may vary according to grade level and the overall educational contribution the administration feels the trip will make to the school program. Special consideration, such as clothing, equipment, variations from school hours, etc., will be indicated when parents receive their advance notification of the planned field trip. Adequate adult supervision is provided by teachers, administrators and/or parents. The number of chaperones will be decided in terms of the number of students, activities anticipated and the ages of pupils.

PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The West Hempstead UFSD has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Program in accordance with NYS Education Regulations. This program dictates that the least toxic pesticide be used only when absolutely necessary. Any student, parent or staff member may register to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a regulated pesticide application. Individuals may request that their name be added to the school registry at any time during the school year.

All interested parties should contact the District's Pesticide Representative, Peter Mayo, at 390-3105, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM

Extracurricular activities are considered a necessary part of any well-rounded secondary program of studies. Each student is urged to participate in at least one extracurricular activity or program per year.

The activities program of our schools is constantly being evaluated and programs are broadened and improved by experience. Physical activities, as well as experiences in the sciences, arts, music, social studies, writing, speaking, dramatics, service and hobbies will be offered. The West Hempstead Secondary School offers its newspaper, The Rampage, its yearbook, Westerly, and its literary-art magazine, Ink Blot.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Directory information including a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, etc., is available to public agencies and institutions. Parents and/or guardians who do not wish such information to be made available must inform the District, in writing, that the information designated may not be released without prior consent. These letters will be kept on file in the Superintendent's office and there is no need to repeat letter writing each year.

Public agencies are such groups as the Armed Forces, Department of Social Services, police, fire, sanitation department, congressmen and senators, Health Department, etc. Commercial groups are not even considered.

Parental requests for students to receive special education services in nonpublic schools within the District must be made in writing by June 1 preceding the school year for which the request for service is made. Anyone with a question should contact Bridget Karis, Executive Director of PPS, at (516) 390-3242.

CHILD FIND

In accordance with New York Education Law Section 4402 and Part 200.2, 200.4 and 200.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations, the Committee on Special Education is responsible for evaluating preschool and school-age students suspected of having a disability, identifying a disability or determining that no disability exists, and recommending a program and/or service within 60 days of the date of the receipt of consent for evaluation. Referrals may be made at any time during the year.

THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

FERPA provides that any local education agency (LEA) that receives Department funds may not have a policy or practice of denying parents the right to:

- Inspect and review education records (34 CFR § 99.10)
- Seek to amend education records (34 CFR §§ 99.20, 99.21, and 99.22)
- Consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records except as specified by law (34 CFR §§ 99.30 and 99.31)

These rights transfer to the student when he or she turns 18 years of age, or enters a postsecondary educational institution at any age ("eligible student").

Please refer to the District website @ www.whufsd.com under District Policy 5158 regarding confidentiality of student records and notification of rights.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

The West Hempstead School District utilizes an automated communication system. The District will utilize this automated system to communicate with parents in the event of a school closing, emergency situations and information regarding District activities.

Early in the school year, you will be asked to update your contact information including home, work and cell phone numbers. You will also be asked to supply your school with the name and telephone number of a person who will take care of your child/children if you cannot be reached. Please do not select someone who always accompanies you and thus is out when you are out.

If the schools must be closed because of an emergency, the following radio/TV stations will be informed, if possible: WHLI, NEWS 12, WABC, KJOY, WALK, WNBC and FOX 5.

School closings are posted on the website at www.whufsd.com.

The West Hempstead School District has created a two-hour delayed opening procedure to be used under certain weather-related or hazardous circumstances.

A two-hour delayed opening is used when the appropriate set of circumstances is present. This simply means that public schools will be open at the following times and classes would run on an abbreviated schedule.

Two-Hour Delayed Opening

Chestnut Street Early Childhood Center	10:40 AM
Cornwell Avenue Primary School	11:05 AM
George Washington Intermediate School	10:55 AM
West Hempstead Secondary School	9:43 AM

ALL BUSES, INCLUDING PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS LATE AS WELL. Parents/guardians of students who attend private schools are responsible for checking the open/closed status of the school their child attends.

Messages from the District

West Hempstead residents are welcome to become part of the West Hempstead Union Free School District's automated communication system. This system is used to provide public service announcements pertaining to School District matters. Interested residents may become part of the automated system by contacting Mrs. Christine Greco at 516-390-3107. District residents may also become part of an informational email listserv by contacting Mrs. Dina Reilly at 516-390-3119.

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DISTRICT POLICIES

The entire policy book of the West Hempstead Board of Education is available on our District website at: http://www.whufsd.com/Assets/Documents_Policies/021820_r_policy_book.pdf?v=855 and also under BoardDocs.

The following policies can be found in the policy book as follows:

- Dignity of Students/Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention – Policy 5161
- Sexual Harassment – Policy 2200
- Comprehensive District Program and Procedures for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse – Policy 5122
- Drug-Free Workplace and Concussion Management – Policy 5151A
- Use of School Telephones, Computers, Internet and E-Mail – Policy 3610
- Equal Opportunity – Policy 2155
- Confidentiality of Student Records – Policy 5158
- Adaptation, Modification or Amendment of Policy Meetings – Policy 8310

Additionally, all District plans, including the School Conduct and Discipline Code, can be found on the District Website at: http://www.whufsd.com/Assets/District_Links/051420_SCHOOL_CODE_OF_CONDUCT_2021-2022.pdf?t=637250529850030000

The West Hempstead School District is committed to the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment and requires measured, balanced and age-appropriate responses to discrimination and harassment, with remedies and procedures focusing on intervention and education.

The Code of Conduct prohibits discrimination and harassment against any student based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic group, national origin, creed, disability and gender, including gender identity and expression.

WEST HEMPSTEAD PTA, PTSA and SEPTA ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND MEETING DATES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – PTA

Co-Presidents:
Luwisa Smart-Rivas
917-292-2018
Luwisa.whepta@gmail.com

Stephanie Tambini
516-417-6232
DoingPTAThings@gmail.com

Vice President Room Rep. – Danielle Varon
Vice President Membership – Allison Gallo
Vice Presidents Fundraising – Lateefah Campbell and Martha Banks
Vice President Programming – Patricia DiMonda
Treasurer – Carla Wanzer
Corresponding/Recording Secretary – Melissa Del Rio
Historian – Brenda Garcia
Kindergarten Liaison – Rebecca Graham
PTA/PTSA Liaison – Vanessa Ortiz
Past President – Ed Brancato

MEETING DATES

Regular Meetings at the George Washington Cafeteria at 7:00 PM
September 19 (Welcome Tea 9:30 AM at Chestnut Street)
September 29
November 24
January 26
March 30
May 18 (7:00 PM at Chestnut Street Cafeteria)

Program Meetings

January 12 (Joint Program 7:30 PM Video Conference Room)
March 4 (Reflections Ceremony 7:00 PM SS North Cafeteria)
May 7 (PTA Social 7:00 PM @ TBD)
May 12 (Candidates Forum 7:30 PM Video Conference Room)
June TBD (Installation Dinner 7:00 PM @ TBD)

FOOTBALL PARENTS CLUB

Bob Ainbinder, President, 516-526-6399

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Santos Welti, President

SPECIAL EDUCATION – SEPTA

Co-Presidents:
Kerry Mummendey
516-547-2440
Kerric1127@yahoo.com

Chrissy Simmons
516-369-9964
Cdss3015@yahoo.com

Vice President – Membership: LaToya Woods
Vice President – Fundraising: Mara Hogan
Corresponding Secretary – Kathleen Macchia
Treasurer – Dinelle Grant
Historian – Tara Kushner
Past Co-Presidents – Same as Current

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WEST HEMPSTEAD ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION (WHASA)

President – Joseph Cangemi
Vice President – Joseph Pumo
Secretary – Bridget Karis
Treasurer – Michelle Lambo-Marón
Phone 516-390-3170

WEST HEMPSTEAD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (WHEA)

President – Jaime Lind
Executive Vice President – Colin Grey
Vice President for Legislation – Robyn Wagner
Secretary – Daniel DiPasquale
Treasurer – Lisa McCarthy
Grievance Chair – Dina Gould
Phone & Fax 516-481-1984

SECONDARY SCHOOL – PTSA

President:
George Noriega
516-993-5798
gn68121@gmail.com

Vice President Membership – Gene Heikkila
Vice Presidents Fundraising – Lateefah Campbell and Martha Banks
Vice President Programming – Desiree Hill
Treasurer – Lisa Noriega
Secretary – TBD
Historian – Tara Brancato
Past President – Jennifer Johnson
PTA/PTSA Liaison – Vanessa Ortiz

MEETING DATES

To be held in the Video Conference Room at 7:30 PM unless otherwise stated:
September 30
October 20
November 17
December 22
February 23
March 16
April 13
May 11

Program Meetings

January 12 (Joint Program 7:30 PM Video Conference Room)
March 4 (Reflections Ceremony 7:00 PM SS North Cafeteria)
March 25 (Fashion Show 7:00 PM Auditorium)
April 16 (PTSA Social 7:00 PM)
May 12 (Candidates Forum 7:30 PM Video Conference Room)
June TBD (Installation Dinner 7:00 PM @ TBD)

2025-2026 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS OR MILK

2025-2026 REDUCED-PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART Effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026					
Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
Each additional household member add:	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196

"Family" means a group of related or not-related individuals, who are not residents of an institution or boarding school, but who are living as one economic unit. This includes son, daughter, relatives, etc.

"Income" means all sources of earned or unearned monies before deductions for income taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, alimony, child support, etc., which would be available to the "family" to pay the price of a child's meal.

"Foster Children" – a foster child placed in a private residence, **where adoption is not involved**, would be eligible under the criteria for a family of one, if the income for that child does not exceed the applicable Family Income Scale. This provision is in effect regardless of the gross income of the foster parent.

"Adult" – For the purpose of providing Social Security numbers, adult means all related and unrelated individuals within the household, 18 and over, who contribute to the income of a household by sharing living and food expenses. This does not, however, include individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 if they are eligible and an application has been filed to receive free and reduced-price meals.

NOTE: There is no allowance for hardship deductions from the above revised family Income Eligibility Guidelines. A standard deduction has already been included in all of the above income level figures.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: STUDENT ACCIDENTS

We are insured for general liability, which means that our insurance company will defend the School District for any legal action arising out of claims brought as a result of alleged negligence.

We also carry student accident insurance that pays for medical and dental bills not covered by the parents' primary insurance.

ENTRANCE PROCEDURE

The West Hempstead Public Schools are open to all residents between the ages of 5 and 21. To be eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1 of the school year.

To be eligible for UPK, a child must be 4 years of age on or before Dec. 1 of the school year. To be eligible for first grade a child must be 6 years of age on or before Dec. 1 of the school year. A child who reaches 6 years of age after Dec. 1 may be eligible under these conditions:

- a. If a child has attended and satisfactorily completed a full year's work at a registered nonpublic kindergarten, he/she will be admitted to first grade.
- b. If a child has attended and satisfactorily completed a full year's work in an unregistered, nonpublic kindergarten, he/she may be admitted to first grade only if:
 1. The kindergarten attended provides substantially equivalent instruction* to that provided in a registered or public kindergarten in the opinion of the school authorities; and
 2. The pupil demonstrates physical, social and emotional maturity necessary for success in first grade in the opinion of the school authorities; and
 3. The pupil completes, to the satisfaction of school authorities, a battery of tests selected by the school.

*Equivalency will be judged by using the Regulations of the Commissioner for registration of nonpublic nursery schools and/or kindergartens.

(Note: Attendance at nursery school is not an acceptable substitute for kindergarten and attendance does not entitle a child to be considered for admission to the first grade.)

The Board reserves the right to make other arrangements in the best interest of students who are physically or mentally handicapped or emotionally disturbed.

Finally, the Board reserves the right to exclude insubordinate or disorderly students. Students who are enrolling for the first time must present proof of age to the Central Registration office. A birth certificate or passport is customary.

Public Health Law requires every pupil entering a public, private or parochial school to submit acceptable evidence of having received poliomyelitis, measles, German measles, Hepatitis B, diphtheria, Varicella, Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib), and mumps immunizations before being admitted to school. Additional immunizations as suggested by your physician are also recommended.

The only exception from the law may be made upon receipt of a physician's statement that such immunizations may be detrimental to the child's health or a written statement from parents certifying that they are bona fide members of a religious organization whose teachings are contrary to this requirement.

Students who are transferring to our schools from other schools must:

- Present transfer from previous school.
- Present evidence of immunizations as detailed above.

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

In accordance with federal and state regulations, the West Hempstead District provides appropriate Special Education services to students with disabilities. Any parent who suspects that his or her child may have a disability may refer the child for an evaluation by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) for eligibility for Special Education services. This written referral, with original parent/guardian signature, can be made to their school's principal or to Bridget Karis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services, 400 Nassau Blvd, West Hempstead, New York, 11552. More detailed information on this process is available in "A Parent's Guide to Special Education," which is published on the New York State Education Department's website in English and Spanish and can be found at the following links:

English handbook: <https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/special-education/a-parents-guide-to-special-education.pdf>

Spanish handbook: https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/special-education/spanish-parent-guide_0.pdf

Parents who suspect that their child under the age of 3 may need Special Education services should contact the Nassau County Department of Health's Early Intervention Program at 516-227-8661.

Parent requests for students to receive Special Education services in nonpublic schools within the District must be made in writing by **June 1** preceding the school year of which the request for service is made. Anyone with a question should contact Bridget Karis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services, at 516-390-3242.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Section 903 of the State Education Law, which provided for annual physical examinations of all pupils, has been amended to provide periodic examinations. The pertinent amendment provides as follows:

Health examinations will be required in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Vision screening for distance and near vision acuity will be required within six months of admission to school and in grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11. Hearing screening utilizing pure tone testing will be required within six months of admission to school and in grades pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11. Scoliosis screening will be required in grades 5 and 7 for girls and grade 9 for boys.

This examination may be performed either by the family doctor or the school doctor. Notices will be sent home in the fall and the spring concerning this program. Parent/guardian will be notified if a student needs to be referred for medical evaluation following vision and hearing screenings.

All **medication**, including **nonprescription drugs** given in school, must have a **written order from a licensed prescriber. A written statement from parent/guardian requesting administration of medications ordered by prescriber is required.** The parent/guardian must assume responsibility to have the medication delivered directly to the Health Office, in a properly labeled original container. Any questions regarding medication, please see the school nurse.

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Homebound instruction will be provided for any child enrolled in the West Hempstead Public Schools who is expected to be absent from school for a period of at least four weeks because of a temporary medical disability.

Your doctor must provide the information in writing about the disability and give his/her diagnosis and prognosis regarding the amount of time your child is expected to be absent. This statement should be taken to the school doctor so that he/she can ask questions and determine the advisability of homebound instruction. Your doctor supplies the information, but we must have the school doctor's recommendation before granting homebound instruction.

Homebound instruction is limited to one hour a day or five hours per week for elementary students. Secondary students will receive a minimum of two hours a day or a total of 10 hours a week of homebound instruction.

Homebound instruction is generally not provided after May 15.

HOME INSTRUCTION

Parents of, or persons in parental relation to, compulsory school-age children have the legal right to instruct their children at home. If a child is being educated at home, the local school district must be assured that the child receives instruction in specific required courses/subjects.

Parents who wish to homeschool their children must provide written notice of intent to the school district superintendent and/or his designee. The district must then respond to the family and provide a

copy of the home instruction regulations as well as an individualized home instruction plan (IHIP) form to complete. Parents are responsible for identifying the curriculum materials that they will use to instruct their children in the required subject areas. For additional information, please visit NYSED's website at <https://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/home-instruction>.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

The Director of School Facilities and Operations, Pete Mayo, is the official designee for asbestos monitoring and abatement activities. Reports which provide comprehensive information on asbestos-bearing materials (Management Plans) are located in his office and are available for public inspection, upon request.

Every six months the District's designee conducts a visual surveillance of each building.

POLICE PROTECTION

Should you notice any act of vandalism or suspicious loitering, please call 911. The information you supply will be kept in confidence and anonymous; reasonable information is also investigated.

SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Smoking and other use of tobacco products is prohibited by students, staff and visitors in school buildings and all school property at all times.

VISITORS

All visitors to any school building in West Hempstead must receive a Visitor's Pass upon arrival. It is recommended that visitors make an appointment by telephone prior to visiting the school.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is provided for public, private and parochial schools within the District; present policy for distance requirements is as follows:

- For pupils in kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 where the school is located at least 3/4 mile from the pupil's home.
- For pupils in grade 6 where the school is located at least 1 mile from the pupil's home.
- Pupils in grades 7-12 where the school is located at least 1 1/2 miles from the pupil's home. Bus transportation may be provided to pupils attending a private or parochial school outside the district according to the formula listed above as long as the school is located no more than 15 miles from the pupil's home. Transportation will be provided to physically or mentally handicapped children attending special classes or schools as recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

Distances from a given home to a given school will be measured with a specially calibrated odometer. Measurement shall be made from the curb nearest the front door of each home to the curb of the officially designated entrance of the school attended, and it shall be the shortest possible route between the home and the school using public streets or roads.

Bus passes may be obtained from Gina Gandolfo, Transportation Clerk, in the Administration Office, 252 Chestnut Street, 516-390-3112. Pupils who lose bus passes may have them replaced for \$5 the first time and \$5 for each subsequent loss.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION DEADLINE

The State Education law makes it necessary for parents of children attending nonpublic schools who meet the requirements entitling them to transportation to submit a written request for transportation. For the current school year, all such written requests for transportation were required to have been filed in the West Hempstead School District Transportation Office on or before April 1 of the **previous** school year. For the following school year, all requests for transportation must be filed in writing by April 1 of the current school year. If a family moves into the District **after** April 1, the request for transportation should be made within 30 days after establishing residence in the District. This request for transportation should include the student's name, address, phone number, grade, and the school for which transportation is being requested. Information on how to submit a request for transportation and an application for transportation can be found on our school district website. **THIS REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR.**

BUS INFORMATION

(Before and After School Hours)
Cheese Bus Inc. 718-276-3568
Dell Transportation 516-883-6711
First Student (Laidlaw) 516-433-7600
Guardian Bus Company 516-723-3287
Independent 516-569-5364
Suburban Bus Co. 516-781-5484
VTC Bus Corp. 516-561-7070
WE Transport Inc. 516-349-8200

CONFIDENTIALITY AND ACCESS

Parents have a right to view their child's records with appropriate administrative staff or their designee. A letter requesting a review must be on file. A copy of the child's record is available to the parent at a cost of 25 cents per page. The District assures and recognizes the law of confidentiality. Additional information is available upon request by contacting the office of the superintendent.

PARENT MEETINGS

Meetings for parents and professional staff are held periodically to discuss programs, orientation of students, pre-college planning, class levels, courses of study and new requirements. These meetings are usually held at a particular school, and parents are notified of such meetings in advance. The various meetings also afford parents and teachers an opportunity to meet informally.

There is an annual Back-to-School Night at each of the schools in our District for the specific purpose of hearing a general report from the teacher with respect to the curriculum being offered.

HONORS AND ACCELERATED PROGRAMS

We encourage all students to take the most rigorous coursework.

GRADES 7 & 8 ACCELERATED

Accelerated STEM Programs:

Algebra 8:

- Universal acceleration in Algebra 1 for eighth grade students to prepare them for the Algebra Regents exam and credit

Living Environment:

- Challenge Up - Students will have the opportunity to accelerate by enrolling in the Living Environment course that will prepare them for the LE Regents and credit.

Please Note: The following courses are taught using our universally enriched curriculum:

- Math 7
- Science 7
- English 7
- English 8
- Social Studies 7
- Social Studies 8

GRADES 9-12 HONORS/ACCELERATED

GRADE 9 – HONORS/ACCELERATED

1. Student Selection
2. Teacher Recommendation
3. Departmental Director's Recommendation
4. School Counselor Recommendation
5. Principal Recommendation

GRADES 10-12 – HONORS/ACCELERATED

1. Student Selection
2. AP Requirements
3. Teacher Recommendation Based Upon Course Achievement
4. Departmental Director's Recommendation
5. School Counselor Overview of Student Profile
6. Principal Recommendation

WEST HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Principal, Chestnut Street Early Childhood Center – Dr. Lisa Minicozzi
Principal, Cornwell Avenue Primary School – Mrs. Deanna Sinito
Principal, George Washington Intermediate School – Mrs. Robyn Milliner
Principal, Secondary School (Grades 7-12) – Mr. Joseph Pumo
Assistant Principal, (Grades 7-8) – Mr. Vronski Mesidor
Assistant Principal, (Grades 9-10) – Mr. Richard Santoro
Assistant Principal, (Grades 11-12) – Mrs. Michelle Lambo-Marón
Director of English as a New Language (ENL)
and Instructional Technology - Dr. Katie DiGregorio
Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Health - Mr. Jonathan Gill
Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services – Mrs. Bridget Karis
Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services – Mrs. Patricia Scollo
Director of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering,
Mathematics and Business) – Mr. Joseph Cangemi
Director of Fine, Performing and Culinary Arts – Ms. Laila Sales
Director of Humanities (English, Social Studies, World Languages,
Reading and Library) – Ms. Maureen Gegerson
Directors of School Counseling – Mrs. Bridget Karis and Mrs. Michelle Lambo-Marón

Students in grades 9 through 11 may not leave the campus. **Eligible seniors** may leave the campus for lunch only with written parental permission, and they must return in time for their next class period. Eligibility shall encompass academics, behavior and community service during junior and senior years. Students who are scheduled for Study Hall are not permitted to leave the building during Study Hall. There are no free periods. Eligible seniors may also leave for the purpose of dismissal if they have no classes during Period 9.

REPORT OF PROGRESS

To keep parents informed of a pupil's progress, academic information is shared periodically in each school.

At the elementary schools (K-6), report cards are issued four times a year.

At the Secondary School (Grs. 7-12), interim reports are issued quarterly, noting progress in specific areas. Furthermore, report cards are also issued quarterly. All reports are available on PowerSchool.

Parents are urged to contact the school for consultation if for any reason they do not feel a student is succeeding, or if any questions arise about the caliber of a student's work or status.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Participation in the West Hempstead Secondary School's graduation ceremony is an earned privilege. Only those students who meet **ALL** the requirements by June of their graduating year will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Any students who need to take summer school courses or required tests to satisfy graduation requirements **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in the June graduation ceremony.

SCHOOL COUNSELING/GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

All of our schools have assigned psychologists and social workers for the benefit of our students. In addition, school counseling/guidance services are regarded as an integral part of the educational process. Counselors provide educational, vocational and personal-social guidance. The counselor assists the student as an individual to make appropriate and satisfying educational choices of adjustments to his/her school environment.

The counselors and psychologists work closely with parents and the school staff and will assist the student when any personal problem seems to be impeding school progress.

LEAVING SECONDARY SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL DAY

No student may leave school for any reason without signing out with permission. To do so is a cut for each period missed. These cuts will not be cleared after the fact even with a note. Students **MUST** sign out after parental contact is made with school officials. Cuts will affect eligibility for extracurricular activities.

USE OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES BY ORGANIZATIONS

The procedure for the use of school buildings, fields, and facilities is as follows:

Use of buildings, fields, etc., will be considered in relation to two seasons:

- a) Fall-Winter Season – September 1 to March 31
- b) Spring-Summer Season – April 1 to August 31

Deadlines for filing applications are:

- a) Fall-Winter Season – March 31
- b) Spring-Summer Season – December 31

Applications for the Fall-Winter Season of 2026-27 may be filed anytime up to March 31, 2026. The Board of Education will then consider all applications and approve use as appropriate. Notifications of approval and/or disapproval will be sent to all organizations prior to June 30, 2026. Applications for the Fall-Winter Season 2026-27 received after the March 31, 2026, deadline will be approved only when, and if, facilities are available for use.

Similarly, applications for the Spring-Summer Season of 2026 may be filed anytime up to the Dec. 31, 2025, deadline date, and the District will make appropriate notification to all organizations prior to Jan. 31, 2026. Again, applications received after the Dec. 31, 2025, deadline will be approved only when, and if, facilities are available.

Organizations are reminded that groups must provide proper supervision for participants and visitors so that there is no roaming about the corridors, classrooms and offices in the buildings. Premises are to be left in a clean, orderly condition, and any damage to the buildings from an organization's use will be charged directly to the group.

Please bear in mind that the school functions have priority over all outside organization activities; in the event of a conflict, an organization may be required to shift an activity to another evening, or in unavoidable instances, cancel an activity for a period of time, etc.

Questions regarding building use, dates, etc., should be directed to the facilities department.

We realize there may be some overlapping in seasons for certain activities which is unavoidable; in such cases an organization will be asked to file an additional application.

The District will follow all Department of Health and CDC guidelines, both state and Nassau County.

REGULATIONS OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

As authorized by Section 1670 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law:

1. The following vehicles, and no others, shall be permitted to be parked on school grounds or property:
 - a. Those vehicles which have been registered with the school office, and for which parking permits have been issued. Such parking permit, once issued, shall be visibly displayed on the vehicle for which it has been issued.

- b. Those vehicles belonging to bona fide visitors in pursuit of official school business, school-related matters or other approved use.

2. Between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on days when school is in session:
 - a. Where specific parking spaces have been assigned to registered vehicles, such vehicles shall be parked only in such assigned spaces. It shall be unlawful for any other vehicle to be parked in such assigned spaces.
 - b. Unregistered vehicles belonging to bona fide visitors in pursuit of official school business or school-related matters, or registered vehicles when at locations removed from assigned parking spaces or to which no spaces have been assigned, shall be parked only in spaces designed for "visitors" parking or in unassigned or unmarked spaces.
3. Parking in areas designated as "No Parking" or "Fire Lanes" is prohibited.
4. No vehicle shall be driven at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour on any school ground or property.

Any violation of these regulations is a traffic infraction, as provided in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, and the provisions of such regulations may be enforced by the Nassau County Police Department.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PARKING REGULATIONS

Permission to drive and to park on campus is reserved for 12th graders who attend the Mandatory Open Campus meeting in September with a parent/guardian, who are in possession of a senior (D) license, vehicle registration, a current insurance card and who have been issued a West Hempstead Secondary School student's parking sticker (\$10 deposit required). Students requesting a sticker must report to the Assistant Principal's Office in the Secondary School with license, vehicle registration and insurance card. If the vehicle is sold during the year, it is requested that the sticker be removed and returned even if it is damaged. We will then issue a second sticker. No student is permitted to park on campus without a parking sticker.

Seniors may park only in areas designated for student parking, not in the staff parking area. Juniors are not permitted to park on campus.

Seniors must drive safely in the parking lot. They may not leave the campus in their cars during the school day and may not transport underclassmen in their vehicles in violation of the closed campus policy. Seniors may not sit in cars, nor should any underclassmen, subject to closed campus, be in any senior's car during the school day. Failure to follow rules may result in loss of parking privileges.

At no time may students park in the north entrance parking lot.

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WEST HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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Superintendent of Schools	516-390-3107
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Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	516-390-3119
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Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations	516-390-3105
Director of Technological Services	516-390-3105
Accounting	516-390-3110
Payroll	516-390-3126
Health Insurance	516-390-3111
Textbooks	516-390-3115
District Office Fax	516-489-1776

CHESTNUT STREET EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Principal's Office.....	516-390-3150
Nurse's Office	516-390-3155
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CORNWELL AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's Office.....	516-390-3140
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GEORGE WASHINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Principal's Office.....	516-390-3130
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School Counseling Office	516-390-3221
School Counseling Fax	516-390-3280
Attendance Office	516-390-3239
Department Chairmen's Office	516-390-3170
Nurse's Office - North Building	516-390-3165
Nurse's Office - South Building.....	516-390-3256
CPSE Office	516-390-3240
Special Education Office	516-390-3242
Special Education Fax	516-390-3245
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