

White Bear Lake Area High School update



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Our purpose:

We exist to influence student belonging, student agency & student efficacy for and of learning.

Our three guiding questions that all students answer yes to:

1. *Do I belong here?*
2. *Is this Meaningful?*
3. *Can I do this?*

Our Core Values

1. Relationships
2. Ownership
3. Awareness
4. Respect



Staff meetings

Principal Reetz scheduled 1:1 meetings with

- 90+ certified teaching staff
- 30+ Support staff
- 14 clerical staff

Monthly 9-12 Admin meetings

Weekly Building Steering Committee meetings



Student Voice Committee

40 student members of the Class of 2025

1. Student culture, traditions, communication
2. Welcoming, belonging & Leading
 - *Help plan first day of school for Seniors
 - *Homecoming week (9/16-9/21)
3. Tour the of the new building followed Q & A



New Spaces

Staff worked with Dr. Dillon on October 23, 2023

1. Re-think instruction & create norms & expectations for the new learning studios
2. Heard from a student panel on what they hope to experience with the new spaces
3. Heard from a staff panel on impact of new spaces and flexible furniture to instruction



Grand Opening Events

August 22, 2024 - Ramp up to school event

August 26, 2024 - Ramp up to school event

August 26, 2024 - Convocation in stadium

August 28, 2024 - 9-12 Open House

August 29, 2024 - Community Open House



First day of school

Seniors First day of school

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Freshmen First day of School

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Sophomore & Juniors First day of School

Thursday, September 5, 2024



A typical day at WBLAHS

- We will serve approximately 2670 students 9-12
- Staff contract day is 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- School start time is 8:25 a.m.
- Passing time is 6 minutes
- Lunch served during Period 4 (3 total lunches)
- 55 minute class periods
- BEAR time (Flex) schedule TBD
- End School Day 3:10 p.m.



Building Layout

WBLAHS has 3 floors, 9 learning towers & 16 learning studios. Each learning studio has between 7-16 rooms.

The room numbers indicate floor, tower, room in that order. *Room #2307 is 2nd floor in tower 3, room 07.



Studio/Classroom Assignments

Towers are assigned by department

Studios are assigned by grade level/content area

This will help limit student movement between floors.

1st & 2nd Floor: (Tower 7/Circle) Freshmen (BARR)

1st Floor: (Tower 2-4) Seniors

2nd Floor: (Tower 2-4) Juniors

3rd Floor: (Tower 2-4) Sophomores



Student Support Teams (by alphabet)

4 Student Support Teams

Associate Principal

Academic Achievement Specialist

School Counselor

Social Worker

School Psych

Chemical Health Specialist

Equity Specialist

1	A-BU
	BUS-FER
2	FES-HOM
	HON-LED
3	LEE-MO
	MP-RIC
4	RID-THA
	THB-Z



Teacher Leadership

Building Leadership Team

Department Representation

Focus on operations &
communication

Department meetings agendas

Staff meeting agendas

Learning Leadership Team

Department Representation

Instructional Playbook

Standards based learning

CIT planning

Staff development planning



Building Operations

- Emergency protocols
- Student attendance/behavior expectations
- Passing Time & hall passes
- BEAR time protocols & expectations
- Student Parking protocols
- Lunchroom expectations
- Student drop-off/pick-up
- Building Leadership Team



Teaching & Learning

- Staff development planning
- Support for new teachers to WBLAHS
- Define roles for instructional coaches
- Plan classroom observations & walkthrough
- Support standards based grading work
- Develop Learning Leadership Team
- Develop plan for Collaborative Inquiry Teams
- Plan transition to Trimesters 2025-26



Student Supports

- Alpha Support Teams
- Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
- BARR program for Freshmen
- LINK Crew
- Credit Recovery
- Family engagement & Outreach
- Advisory period
- ROAR Time



Staffing & Scheduling

- Course Guide Review & update
- New Course proposal approval
- Student registration planning & implementation
- Determine staffing allocations for 2025-26
- Create master teaching schedule



Activities & Athletics

- School programs
 - Link, StudCo, NHS, Yearbook
- School sponsored clubs
 - Affinity Groups, Key Club, DECA
- Student Interest clubs
 - Any student interest club
- Fine Arts, Activities & Athletics

