

# Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2024

WRHS SPECIAL EDUCATION

## Enhancing Inclusionary Practices

**Special Education Liaison:** The special education liaison is listed on your student's PowerSchool schedule as an academic advisor. The liaison is the primary contact for parents and guardians regarding IEP questions and concerns. Additionally, the liaison writes the next IEP, conducts some assessments in preparation for the team meetings, and ensures the IEP is followed. Each parent/guardian can expect to hear from their student's special education liaison by the end of the first week of school.

### **Grade 9-12 Program Updates:**

This year, our course offerings have increased to include 23 core academic classes featuring co-teaching models. Our special education teachers will collaborate across all content areas to specialize instruction and support students within general education classes. This model ensures that every student receives personalized attention and resources tailored to their needs alongside their peers.

### **Unified Sports Opportunities**

We are also expanding our inclusion efforts beyond the classroom and into the sports arena. Last spring, we had a successful unified track program, and starting in a few weeks, we will launch a fall unified basketball program. This initiative is designed to bring together students of all abilities to compete, learn, and grow as a team. We encourage all interested students to participate and make this a memorable season! More information about unified sports can be found on the school's athletic website.

### **Post-Grad Increase in Educational Opportunities**

#### **Partnership with QCC and MAICE**

We are beginning a partnership with Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) through the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MAICE). This is a significant step forward in providing additional post-secondary educational opportunities for our students. To start, we will participate in monthly workshops designed to equip us with the necessary information to ensure our students achieve the level of independence required for success in MAICE. The MAICE

director has offered to host an informational meeting for parents and students this fall. More details about the informational meeting will be available in October.



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