

The General News

August 22, 2025

Upcoming Dates



August 26 & 27 - Math iReady Testing

September 3 & 4 - Reading iReady Testing

September 4 - PTA 7:00

September 13 - The General Jog 8:00AM

Date	Sport	Time	Location
Monday 8.25.25			
Tuesday 8.26.25			
Wednesday 8.27.25	Cross Country vs. Rotolo & Jewel	4:15	Rotolo
Thursday 8.28.25	8th Grade Volleyball vs. Jewel 7th Grade Volleyball vs. Jewel 7th/8th Grade Soccer vs. Jewel 7th/8th Grade Football vs. Jewel	4:15 4:15 4:30 4:30	WMS Jewel WMS Jewel
Friday 8.29.25	6th Grade Soccer vs. Herget 6th Grade Volleyball vs. Herget	4:15 4:15	WMS WMS

August 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our district's assessment program, all students in Kindergarten through 9th grade participate in the iReady Diagnostic three times each year in the fall, winter, and spring. This assessment is given in both Reading and Math and is designed to help us better understand each student's individual learning needs.

After each testing window, you will receive an **iReady Parent Report** for your child. This report will provide details about your student's performance, including overall results and insights into specific skill areas. We encourage you to review the report and use it as a conversation starter with your child and their teacher about progress and next steps.

While these scores offer some insights into your student's learning, they do not reflect their overall performance at their grade level. This assessment is just one of many data points we use to evaluate student performance. Together with formal and informal assessment data collected throughout the year, we are able to create a more comprehensive picture of each West Aurora learner.

If you have any questions about the report or your student's learning, please feel free to contact your student's school. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to support every West Aurora learner.

Sincerely,



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Agosto de 2025

Estimados padres y tutores:

Como parte del programa de evaluaciones de nuestro distrito, todos los estudiantes de Kinder a 9º grado participan en la prueba **"iReady Diagnostic"** tres veces al año: en otoño, invierno y primavera. Esta evaluación se realiza en Lectura y Matemáticas y está diseñada para ayudarnos a comprender mejor las necesidades de aprendizaje individuales de cada estudiante.

Después de cada periodo de evaluación, usted recibirá un **Informe para Padres de iReady** de su hijo(a). Este informe proporcionará detalles sobre el rendimiento de su estudiante, incluidos los resultados generales y observaciones sobre áreas de habilidades específicas. Le animamos a revisar el informe y usarlo como punto de partida para conversar con su hijo(a) y con su maestro(a) acerca del progreso y los próximos pasos.

Si bien estos resultados ofrecen información valiosa sobre el aprendizaje de su estudiante, no reflejan por completo su desempeño general en el nivel de grado. Esta evaluación es solo uno de los muchos puntos de referencia que utilizamos para evaluar el rendimiento estudiantil. Junto con los datos de evaluaciones formales e informales recopilados durante el año, podemos crear una visión más completa de cada estudiante de West Aurora.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el informe o sobre el aprendizaje de su hijo(a), no dude en comunicarse con la escuela de su estudiante. Gracias por su apoyo continuo mientras trabajamos juntos para respaldar el aprendizaje de cada estudiante de West Aurora.

Atentamente,



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OPEN HOUSE WAS A HIT!



Mr. Danzinger bringing the charm at Open House!



Ms. Corral welcomes her student and family at her door.



Mr. G enjoys a conversation about robotics with a student and family

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OFF AND AWAY

CELLPHONES, EARBUDS/HEADPHONES, AND OTHER
ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE OFF AND AWAY, ALL DAY.

STORE IT SAFELY:



Backpack



Locker



Purse

To avoid interrupting classes,
students will be notified
through Schoology Message
if an item is dropped off for
them during the school day.





Middle School

Attendance Guide

2025 - 2026

We believe that all students can learn and thrive in our schools when they attend each day. According to the State of IL:105ILCS5, students ages 6-17 must attend school. This guide is to help you understand the district expectations surrounding attendance. If a student is absent from school, excused and unexcused, it is considered a Non-Attendance Day as the student has missed instruction.

Important Attendance Words To Know:

Non-Attendance

This refers to any day, class period and/or period of time that a student is not in attendance at school and includes both excused and unexcused absences.

Chronic Absenteeism

This refers to absences that total 10% or more of school days of the most recent academic school year, including absences with and without valid cause ... - 105 ILCS 5/26-18

Chronic Truancy

A student is "Chronically Truant" if they missed 5% or more of the previous 180 school days without a valid cause.

Excused Absence*

Absences that fall under the excused category and that have been communicated to the school.

Unexcused Absence**

Absences that do not fall under the excused categories will be considered unexcused and any absence that has not been communicated to the school.

Nudge Letter

Quarterly letters sent home that detail the number of non-attendance days a student has accumulated.

Tardy

Students arriving to school or class after the tardy bell.

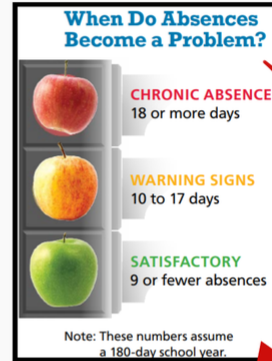
What you can do?

Communicate with the School

- Contact your teen's teachers and let them know how to reach you.
- Request a schedule of classes and log in information for your student.
- Ask for help from school officials, after-school program providers, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting online or need help with food, housing or some other challenge.
- Know the school's attendance policy and the consequences for absences.
- Check on your teen's attendance to make sure they are attending all of their classes.

Herget Middle School
1550 Deerpath Rd.
Aurora, IL 60506
Main: 630.301.5006
Attendance: 630.301.5230

Jefferson Middle School
1151 Plum St.
Aurora, IL 60506
Main: 630.301.5009
Attendance: 630.301.5300



Why it matters?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

Jewel Middle School
1501 Waterford Rd.
North Aurora, IL 60542
Main: 630.301.5010
Attendance: 630.301.5345

Washington Middle School
231 Constitution Dr.
Aurora, IL 60506
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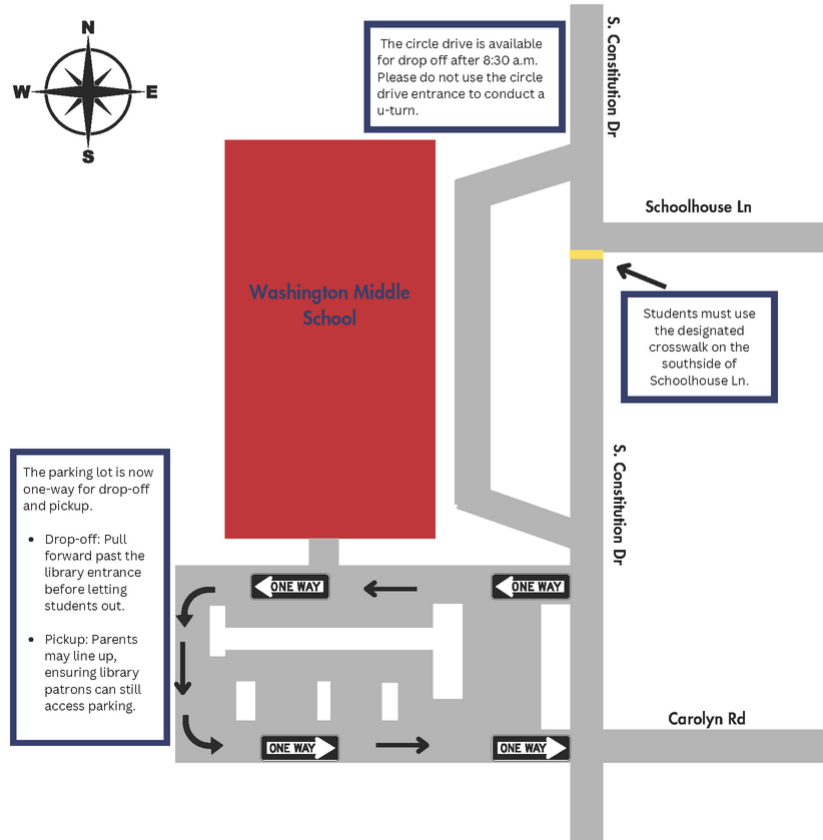
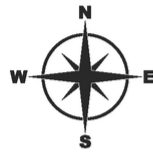
Washington Middle School

Arrival and Dismissal Traffic Plan



To ensure a safe and smooth arrival and dismissal, please follow these guidelines:

- Use the provided map to follow the one-way traffic flow.
- Form a single pick-up line without blocking open library parking spaces.
- Students must use the Constitution crosswalk—do not prompt them to cross elsewhere.
- Please park alongside the curb on Constitution when picking up your child.



Weekly Words of Wisdom:

Mistakes are proof that you are trying.

– Unknown

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

REMEMBER TO CALL THE **ABSENCE LINE** IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL



630-301-5500



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