

Wall Intermediate School



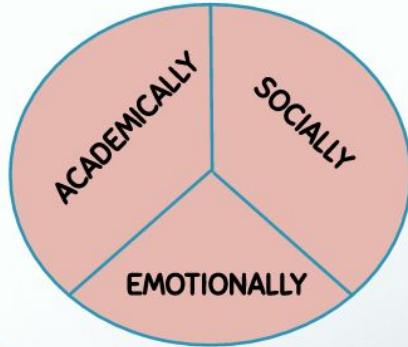
5th to 6th Grade Transition (March 5, 2026)



WIS MISSION STATEMENT!

Our mission is to help all students...

GROW..



THROUGH:





Agenda

- Introductions
- The Transition Program
- Elementary School -vs- Intermediate School
- A Day in the Life of a Sixth Grader
- Supports for Students
- Further Questions





WIS Administration

- Eric Laughlin - Principal
- Kristen Scott - Assistant Principal (6th/8th)
- Don Lintner - Assistant Principal (7th/8th)
- Supervisors of Instruction
 - Dr. Krystyne Kennedy (Science/Music)
 - Laura Kurmin (Math/Art)
 - Dr. Nancy Samaha (Special Education 6-12)
 - Dr. Tracy Skinner (SS/WL/ML)
 - Kelly Weiner (ELA & Media)





WIS Counselors

- Mollie Curran - 6th Grade Counselor
- Hannah Sarrecchia - Student Assistant Counselor
- Nadine Wade / Dana Hanlon / Dana Jelinsky / Lauren Jezycki - Case Managers





Transition Presentation - Student

March 24, 2026 - Principal and Counselor Visits to Elementary Schools

- *AM presentation - about an hour - 9:30 - 10:30 AM - Allenwood*
- *PM presentation - about an hour - 2:00 - 3:00 PM - Old Mill*

March 26, 2026 - Principal and Counselor Visits to Elementary Schools

- *AM presentation - about an hour - 9:30 - 10:30 AM - Central*
- *PM presentation - about an hour - 2:00 - 3:00 PM - West Belmar*

These events are students only events.





Transition Presentation - Student

April 14, 2026- 5th Grade Students Visit WIS (9:30 - 11:00)

- *Field trip to WIS! Students will enjoy a smattering of different presentations as well as participate in a Q & A panel with our National Junior Honor Society Members. A tour of WIS will also be provided.*
- *Allenwood and Old Mill*

April 16, 2026 - 5th Grade Students Visit WIS (9:30 - 11:00)

- *Field trip to WIS! Students will enjoy a smattering of different presentations as well as participate in a Q & A panel with our National Junior Honor Society Members. A tour of WIS will also be provided.*
- *Central & West Belmar*

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Welcome to WIS - Student

September 2nd, 2026

- 6th Grade Orientation / Pizza Party
 - Orientation & Pizza Party (without parents)
 - Schedules, lockers, building tour, expectations/rules/procedures
 - Extended time after the orientation will be provided for students identified as in need of it.

September 3rd, 2026

- Locker Night

Throughout September

- Setting our 6th graders up for Success Presentations
- Activities Fair
- What's In The Media Center Presentation
- Individual Get to Know Meetings





Elementary -vs- Intermediate

5th

- 2-3 teachers
- 2 classroom
- 2 desks
- PE
- 20 minute lunch & 20 minute recess
- Daily schedule is somewhat flexible
- 9:05 AM - 3:20 PM

6th-8th

- 7-8 teachers
- 7 classrooms
- 2 lockers
- PE
- half period lunch & half period study hall
- No recess
- Schedule is set with hallway passing time
- 8:10 AM - 2:50 PM





Coursework

ELA - (full year course)

Math - (full year course)

Science - (full year course)

Social Studies - (full year course)

Phys. Ed. - (full year course A/B)

World Language - (full year course A/B) SPANISH - FRENCH

Electives - (1 semester each A/B).....(full year A/B) Band/Orchestra/Choir





Coursework

| Grade 6 | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| <i>Period</i> | <i>Class</i> |
| 1 | Core Content |
| 2 | Elective |
| 3 | Core Content |
| 4 | Core Content |
| 5 | Lunch |
| 6 | Elective |
| 7 | Core Content |

| Potential Schedule |
|----------------------|
| <i>Class</i> |
| Language Arts |
| S1 A-B....S2 A-B |
| Math |
| Science |
| Lunch |
| PE / World Language |
| Social Studies |





Electives

A/B Semesters

6th Grade Art

6th Grade Music

Media and Message

6th Grade
Technology

A/B Full Year

**Choir, Band, or
Orchestra**

6th Grade
Technology

Media and Message





Band, Orchestra, Choir (Full Year Elective A/B)

- Each is a full year elective
- Weekly lessons
 - Lesson differentiation will occur during lunch enrichment periods





Mathematics

- Grade 6 Math Courses
 - Math 6
 - PreAlgebra - Must be Placed into Course
 - Double Accelerated Program
 - Math 6 and PreAlgebra Standards
- Placement - Communicated early April
 - Math Placement Test (March 12, 2026)
 - iReady MidYear Diagnostic
 - NJSLA Math 4
- Course Sequencing
 - Math 6 → Math 7 → Math 8 (PreAlgebra)
 - *Math 6 → Accelerated Math 7 → Algebra 1
 - PreAlgebra → Algebra 1 → Geometry

PreAlgebra Placement

Students who demonstrate readiness for a double-accelerated course consistently exceed current grade-level standards and show strong mastery of prerequisite skills.

Accelerated Math 7 Placement

Students meet grade-level standards and mastery of prerequisite skills as demonstrated through multiple measures.

**New Sequence Added for 2026-2027*

*Students placed in Math 7 will **still** be evaluated for Algebra 1 in Grade 8.*





ELA - English Language Arts

- Everyone enters into ELA 6
- Course Sequencing
 - ELA 6 → ELA 7 → ELA 8
 - ELA 6 → ELA 7 → ELA 8 Advanced
 - ELA 6 → ELA 7 Advanced → ELA 8 Advanced
- Multiple measures are used to determine readiness for ELA 7 Advanced & ELA 8 Advanced
 - MP Grades
 - LinkIt Benchmark
 - iXL MidYear
 - NJSLA Writing Score from the year prior
 - Teacher Recommendation





World Language

- Full year course A/B:
 - Spanish
 - French
 - Latin
- Progression into high school





Physical Education (Full Year Elective A/B)

- Full year course includes:
 - Physical Education
 - Health Education (October - March)
 - Replaces Physical Education at those times during the school year





Science Education

- Grades 6,7,8
 - Integrated Science
 - Earth, Life, & Physical Science every year
 - Open Sci Ed
 - Student discovery approach, questions & student answers,
 - Focus on the science & engineering practices





Interdisciplinary Teaming

An interdisciplinary team consists of grade level teachers from different subjects who instruct a common group of students.

Example: Interdisciplinary Team

- ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Special Education Teacher
- Combination of Special Needs and Advanced Students
- 9 Teams = 3 per grade level
- 9 Communities within the WIS Community





Whom should I contact?

Academic Issues

Subject Area Teacher
School Counselor
Case Manager
Supervisor of Instruction
Supervisor of Special Education
I&RS Coordinator

Social Emotional Issues

Teacher
School Counselor
Case Manager
School Family Liaison
Counselor / ABS
Assistant Principals
Principal





Student Support - Academic

During School:

- Differentiated instruction within the classroom
- Co-taught classrooms
- Intervention Specialists

Before/After School:

- Extra help day (before/after school)
- FOCUS program (after school)

Additional Support Mechanisms:

Teacher, School Counselor, Case Manager, Supervisors of Instruction (ELA/M/Sc/SS), Intervention & Referral Services Committee (I&RS), Assistant Principals and Principal





Student Support - Social / Emotional

During School:

- Individual or group counseling services
- Classroom lessons aligned with school counseling standards

After School:

- Clubs and Activities
- Athletics and Intramurals (please pay attention to dates)
- FOCUS

Additional Support Mechanisms:

Teacher, School Counselor, Case Manager, Supervisors of Instruction, Intervention & Referral Services Committee (I&RS), Assistant Principals and Principal





Student Recognition at WIS

- Honor Roll/High Honor Roll
- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- Knighting
- Shielding
- Website accolades
- Newsletter / Signboard / Daily Announcements accolades
- Student of the Marking Period





What else goes on at the WIS?

- Grade level and/or Team service learning projects
- Assemblies
- School play
- Volley 4 Autism
- Concerts and musicals
- Field Trips (1 per grade)
- 6th Grade Dance
- Spirit Days and Pep Rallies



Sports Offered at Wall Intermediate School



Fall Sports

- Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Cross Country

Winter Sports

- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Softball
- Track

Sports Eligibility

- Valid physical and register with FamilyID
- Students must be passing all classes



Clubs and Activities Offered

- **Academic Clubs**

- Book Buzz
- Creative Writing
- Engage and Create
- National Junior Honor Society
- Newspaper Club

- **Active Clubs**

- Fitness Club
- Disc Golf
- Fall, Winter, Spring Intramurals

- **School Pride Clubs**

- Student Council
- Yearbook Club

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(MORE) Clubs and Activities

- **Performing Arts Clubs**

- School Play
- Yearbook Club

- **Clubs for Everyone**

- Chess Club
- Unified Sports
- Computer Club
- Diversity Club
- Social Club
- Mindfulness Club



