

Welcome to

Winona Senior High School

Your student's next four years begin here.



Our Administrative Team



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Meeting Topics

Link will be sent home!

Tonight we'll answer four important questions...

1. What kind of school is WSHS?
2. Will my child be known here?
3. How will you help my child succeed?
4. How can we partner together?



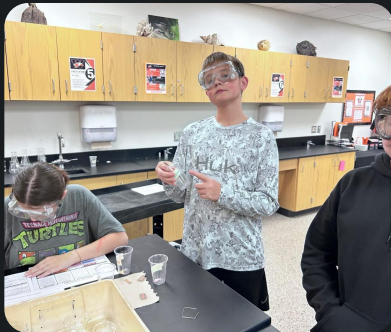
Starting Strong at WSHS

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At WSHS we believe:



Every student deserves to be known.



High expectations and high support go together.



School and family are partners.



High school is about preparing students for life.



Preparing Students for What's Next

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Freshman Transition

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LINK Day — 8/31

- Only 9th grade students attend school on this dedicated transition day.
- Students are paired and connected with supportive upperclassmen.
- Students receive personalized support navigating lockers and school schedules.

Year-Round Support

LINK Leaders conduct several regular check-ins throughout the school year to ensure ongoing freshman success.



Our focus is on creating an easy transition and building meaningful connections for all students on day one.



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Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR)



- Every 9th grader is intentionally known by a team of teachers.
- Weekly meetings to celebrate strengths and identify students who may need support.
- Early intervention before small concerns become larger challenges.
- Tiered support to meet each student's individual needs.
- Strong partnerships with students, families, and support staff.

At the end of the day, BARR is really about making sure no student falls through the cracks.



Student Support Office



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Counselors

- Academic planning
- College & career
- Personal support

School Social Worker

- Mental health
- Family support
- Community resources

School Psychologist

- Academic evaluations
- Student services
- Learning supports



Finding Your Place at WSHS

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- Every student deserves to feel like they belong.
- We encourage every student to get involved in at least one activity, club, or organization.
- Students who are connected to their school are more likely to succeed—in the classroom and beyond.
- Whatever your interests, there is a place for you at WSHS.

Students who participate in two more more activities have significantly higher odds of enrolling in postsecondary education after high school.



School Climate

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Every Student Deserves to Feel Safe, Welcome, and Connected

Safe Environment: We are committed to creating a safe, respectful, and welcoming learning environment for every student.

Speak Up: We encourage students and families to speak up if something doesn't feel right—we can't help if we don't know.

We Take Every Concern Seriously: Every report is taken seriously and carefully reviewed to determine the appropriate response.

Fair and Thorough Process: We work to distinguish between conflict, bullying, and harassment so each situation is addressed appropriately.

A Culture of Belonging: Our goal is not simply to respond to problems, but to build a school culture where every student feels they belong.

Who Helps My Student?

When your student needs...

Help with a class

Classroom Teacher

Schedule changes

School Counselor

Attendance questions

Attendance Office

Behavior & Concerns

Dean of Students

Activities & Athletics

Activities Office

Not sure who to call

Principal or VP

If you aren't sure who to contact, reach out to us. We'll make sure you connect with the right person.



Academic Expectations

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At WSHS, success is built on a few simple habits:

- **Be present.** Every day matters, and regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of success.
- **Take ownership of your learning.** Stay organized, monitor your grades, and ask for help early.
- **Learn with integrity.** We value honest work and responsible use of technology, including AI.
- **Challenge yourself.** Growth happens when students are willing to stretch beyond their comfort zone.



By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation than test scores.

Daily Life at WSHS

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Winona Senior High School Daily Schedule

A Day Period	Time	B Day Period	Time
1	9:00-10:15	2	9:00-10:15
3	10:25-11:40	4	10:25-11:40
Lunch/Advisory	11:40-12:45	Lunch/Advisory	11:40-12:45
Grade 9/10	Lunch 11:40-12:10 Advisory 12:15-12:45	Grade 9/10	Lunch 11:40-12:10 Advisory 12:15-12:45
Grade 11/12	Advisory 11:45-12:15 Lunch 12:15-12:45	Grade 11/12	Advisory 11:45-12:15 Lunch 12:15-12:45
5	12:50-2:05	6	12:50-2:05
7	2:15-3:30	WINhawk Time	2:15-3:30

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1	9:00-9:47
2	9:52-10:39
3	10:44-11:31
4/Lunch	11:36-12:54
A Lunch Class	11:31-12:02 12:07-12:54
Class B Lunch	11:36-12:23 12:23-12:54
5	12:59-1:46
6	1:51-2:38
7	2:43-3:30



Monday–Thursday

Four 75-minute classes each day. You'll see half of your classes on A Days and the other half on B Days.



Friday: All Seven Classes

47-minute class periods. A chance to connect with every teacher each week.



WIN & Advisory

Time to get extra help, build relationships, and stay on track.



Daily Routine

Free breakfast and lunch. Bring what you need, stay organized, and take ownership of your day.

Establishing a consistent routine helps students build confidence, develop independence, and focus on what matters most—their learning and relationships.

Protecting Learning Time

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 **Minimize distractions**
Cell phones remain put away during class so students can focus on learning and engagement.

 **Promote organization**
Students use lockers and keep backpacks out of classrooms to create organized, distraction-free learning spaces.

 **Respect our shared spaces**
Students are expected to care for classrooms, common areas, and school property.

 **Every expectation supports learning**
Our procedures are designed to maximize learning, safety, and student success.



At WSHS, our expectations are about creating an environment where every student can learn, belong, and succeed.

Building the Habits of Successful Winhawks

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Be Curious

Ask questions, seek feedback, and embrace new challenges.

Take Responsibility

Be present, stay organized, and own your learning.

Build Connections

Get involved, communicate well, and contribute to our school community.

Grow Through Challenges

Learn from setbacks, ask for support, and keep moving forward.



Success in high school isn't about being perfect—it's about showing up, getting involved, and continuing to grow every day.

Partnering for Student Success

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Encourage Independence

Encourage students to communicate with teachers, advocate for themselves, and solve problems to grow.

Stay Connected

Check Infinite Campus regularly to monitor grades and attendance, and celebrate progress early.

Communicate With Us

Reach out early—we want to partner with you to support your student's success.

Keep the Big Picture in Mind

Celebrate effort, growth, and involvement—not just grades.



Students are most successful when school and families work together with a shared commitment to their growth and success.

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Infinite Campus

Monitor grades, attendance, and student progress.

WSHS Website

School news, calendars, activities, and important announcements.

Student Handbook

Policies, procedures, and student expectations.

We're Here to Help

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Questions don't always happen tonight. We encourage you to stay connected and reach out whenever we can help.

Questions?