WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Start of School Information

The following information may be accessed online via the links indicated in each section.

Bus Transportation
First Student is our transportation provider this year. Please call the terminal at 203-293-0574 with any issues pertaining to your student's transportation.
https://www.westportps.org/parents/transportation-safety

Form to Opt Out of Students' Images in Media Publicity
A form is available for those parents/guardians who DO NOT wish to have their students featured in media publicity related to school programs, our website, individual school activities or accomplishments, or the announcement of honors or awards. If you wish to opt out for this school year, please make sure to choose the appropriate opt-out selection in the Returning Student Form in PowerSchool. More details are available at the link below.
https://www.westportps.org/district/k-8-publicity-guidelines

Parent/Guardian Handbook
This resource contains a vast amount of important information about our schools, including summaries of a host of vital school policies and procedures that you can rely upon as the school year progresses. If you have any questions about our schools or school programs, I urge you to contact your building principal or any of the central office administrators listed on the last page of the Parent/Guardian Handbook.
https://www.westportps.org/parents/parent-handbook

Application Form for Free and Reduced Lunch Program
Those within our community who may need to take advantage of this opportunity on a short- or long-term basis should complete the form and return it directly to their child's school. These forms are handled with the utmost of confidentiality.
https://www.westportps.org/parents/free-reduced-lunchhusky-health

CT Husky Health Program
Information on Connecticut's HUSKY Health Program and SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is available at the following link.
https://www.westportps.org/parents/free-reduced-lunchhusky-health

To Whom I Ask For Assistance
To assist families in addressing questions or concerns about District matters, we have created an overview of who to contact first, which can be found at the following link. (We are also sending a separate PDF of this document with this communication.)
https://www.westportps.org/uploaded/site_files/www/District/Chain_of_Communication_2018.pdf

Moving or Temporarily Relocating
Planning a move, renovation, or temporary relocation during the school year? Please contact your school administrator before making final housing arrangements so we can help you understand how a change of address may affect school attendance, placement, transportation, or continued enrollment.

Under Connecticut law, school attendance eligibility is generally based on where a student resides. Reaching out early helps us support your family, avoid surprises, and keep the transition as smooth as possible for your child.

Weather-Related School Delays

In order to provide the greatest flexibility for student safety in determining the appropriate start time during periods of inclement weather, our District utilizes the 1-2-3 plan for delays. This means that the District can delay 1, 2, or 3 hours, as needed. We anticipate that the majority of the time the 2-hr. time frame will serve our needs, but having the option for either a 1-hour or 3-hour adjustment provides a safety net when an unexpected shift in weather conditions occurs rapidly. Delay times are listed at the link below.
https://www.westportps.org/district/closing

A Strong Partner of WPS – Our Westport PTA Council

Our Westport PTA Council oversees and coordinates all the activities of the PTAs within our schools. I encourage you to support and become actively involved with the PTA in your school and to participate in the various parent programs that are offered in collaboration with the PTA throughout the school year.
http://www.westportps.org/pta