Are there any communication tools the district is not currently using that you would like to see utilized in the future?
No
N/A
No, I like the amount of communication provided.
No
no
no
N/A
More social media like Instagram for the schools
I think you are using great communication tools
Comprehensive district calendar. Especially summer camps, clinics, experiences, career exploration - right now they are piecemeal and only available through email newsletter links (which get lost). There is nowhere central to go to find these enrichment activities - not even on the website of the school hosting them.

No

No

The app that the teacher can use that communicates behavior and other messages directly - cannot remember the name but other districts use it.

N/A

Perhaps AI?

No

No

Not that I know of

No.

No

no

No

Na

I enjoy the tools currently being used by the district.

Not necessarily, but more communication is better. It's hard to decipher where to focus.

No

Nope! Everything works great as is ;)

Instagram (increase usage, allow schools to have instagrams)

No

The bus app is awful. It doesn't update times when buses aren't on time and is difficult to navigate. Coming from FSD, the switch from BusRight was not easy.

No

No

No

none

No

No

N/A

Parent access to TN Pulse Connect — specifically for families of students with IEPs, allowing direct visibility into service logs, session notes, progress data, and provider communication in one centralized place. Currently, this information is only obtainable through individual email requests, or formal FERPA requests, which is inconsistent and creates unnecessary back-and-forth for both parents and staff.

No

No

No

No

No

No

A single app for all our needs instead of 5 separate apps.

One portal that pushes out notifications/emails and also where you can go read things that you may have missed would be very nice. One system for the district and the school. For example, the PlayMetrics app used in sports
My spouse wishes that there would be an AI-assisted question and answer tools and tools that can connect to Claude and ChatGPT.

None

None

Zoom

No

No

none

No

No

N/a

no

No

Not at this time.

None

No

nope

Yes.The food service department needs an email address for communication and feed back.

I feel that the district does a great job of keeping us informed!

No

Instagram for the schools, and clubs for high and middle school

No

No

No

Parent square

I can’t think of any

No

I am not sure what the WCS app is but would love to see an app I can scroll through all messages historically to quickly reference past notifications.

No

No

No

NA

No

Texts/emails to students

No

Nope; it works great!

No

No.

No

Facebook

Facebook

not sure

no

no

N/a

No

No

no

no.

No

None at this time

none

no

Dk

I struggle as an employee that we cannot share google docs with families. We do presentations and like to share them, but I have to PDF to send out. That does not seem like a big deal, but if there is an error on a slide, I have to correct and resend the PDF. In a live doc, I could just change it and nobody knows it was updated! Also, I came from a school where my department had an Instagram account. It was how we communicated with students about everything! We now have the school account, so that is helpful and we appreciate it! Also, my former district could use "Remind". Having a one way text option was super helpful to give timely info. Student emails not being able to communicate with outside entities is also a struggle. We have many partners (colleges for DE, scholarship applications, volunteer opportunites) that we tell student to use their personal email to communicate with. If we allowed the WCS email to communicate, it actually feels a little safer.

No

I don't know of any other communication tools that we would use.

no

No

I'd love to see the app used better. It doesn't seem to be updated as often as it should be. If alerts could come that way, it would be great.

I would like to see the district consider developing a district-specific chatbot or AI assistant on the district website or mobile app. Families could ask everyday questions in plain language and receive quick, accurate answers based only on current district-approved information.

For example, parents could ask about school calendars, lunch menus, bus information, registration, attendance procedures, school closures, extracurricular activities, forms, contact information, or district policies without having to search through multiple webpages or documents.

For this to be successful, the chatbot would need to be easy to use and not frustrating. It should provide short, direct answers, understand normal conversational questions, work well on mobile devices, support multiple languages, and clearly admit when it does not know an answer rather than providing incorrect information. It should also always make it easy to contact a real person when needed.

A particularly useful feature would be allowing parents to ask questions such as, “What is for lunch at my child’s school today?” or “When is fall break?” and immediately receive the answer.

The goal should be to make district information easier to access, reduce the amount of searching parents have to do, and provide families with a reliable 24/7 starting point for common questions, not to replace personal communication with teachers, schools, or district staff.

no

none at this time

n/a

no, less is more. Too many platforms makes it hard to keep track of in my opinion.

none

No

The ones above are all I can think of.

No

No

no

No

no

No

Email and text is good. Please don’t add another app to download and check!

N/A

No

No

social media

I don’t know about any info through the WCS mobile app

no

None

No

No

one cohesive ap instead of many separate aps

no

Nope

No

None

No, communication is great. I just wish you would be honest with us and tell us how bad things are instead of pretending everything is great, but I get that many of our parents live in la la land and have no concept of reality. My kids are at BHS ;) whoo boy

yes, individual school climate surveys. Many other districts utilize them for strengths and areas of growth. I personally believe it is very needed at the school level. Parents who do not feel comfortable at the school level do not have a way to communicate concerns or positive feedback. As well as being a parent I have a masters in education and my role has been community involvement in the school setting. Surveys of this type can be very useful.

no

Parents communication/climate surveys at the school level that the district and school can review. This would provide parents an opportunity to give feedback. We could then as a district guage where our areas of growth are at the school level. If one school feels unsafe but parents are uncomfortable with admin, this would hopefully catch those issues. I am unsure why Williamson County has not opted into this survey the state provides or if not opting in, created their own.

none come to mind

unknown

Parent square

no

None

No

No

N/A

no

Not that I can think of

Instagram

NA

No

No

No

no

No

No

None

no

NA

None

No

No

No

Maybe youtube

No

N/a

No

No

Smoke signals

None

None

No

No

No

No

No

N/A

No

N/A

No

No

Please no we are harassed enough

As an employee and parent, I feel text messages are the best way to communicate to parents. Many parents do not filter through the multitude of emails they receive and forget login credentials through Skyward.

No

No

No

None

text and email are the most frequently used for business professionals like myself

No

Nthg up to now it’s good

No. We are inundated with an app for everything. Simple is best.

Social media, text (unless it's a big event like shelter in place). Our phones buzz all day and some us work full time.

Na

N/A

No

No

No

NA

No

No

Not for me

No

No

N/A

It’s perfect and I have three at BHS
I do wish there was a parent teacher portal where we could respond to teacher emails in a way that did not blow up their email

No

No

No

no

No

no

No

No

No

No

No

No

N/A

No

Na

Not that I know of

Na

No

No. I need information on the WCS mobile app and how parents can add money to students lunch account. (Centennial high school)

None. I receive all of the communication needed.

No

No

No

No

N/A

None

none

Please - no more apps

No

no

I would like the district to receive and respond to communication. Currently communicating is only one-way

No

No

I can't think of any.

no

No

N/A

No

no

I think GroupMe is becoming a great way to get out information and collaborate between administrators.

N/a

No

Nono

No

None

No

No

No

Parent side of schoology

No

Dismissal Manager

None

Schools using Instagram

Instagram more

No

Not at this time

None

Texting is great emails are also fine

No

None that I can think of

Let the students have more access to there phones.

Na

No

No

No

None

N/a

Call or text message is the best to get the notification without being overlooked

n/a

No

No, I like the multiple forms of communication we get although the newsletters get very long and some are not formatted for being read on a phone.

No

No

For Middle School only, would like better and more often comms on past due assignments and better tracking on what type of assignment handout vs. online.

Facebook

No

None

No

No

No

WhatsApp messenger

None identified

None

Carrier Pigeons
Singing Telegrams

No

No

No

N/A

No

No

Singing telegram and carrier pigeons.

No

No

No.

No

None

Talking Points should be district-wide.

No

No

no

na

No

N/a

No

No

No

Just less places at once

No

Push notifications
Make the app (one app!) useful for all needs

No

Update school updates/ notifications/ closings via social media - X and Instagram ideally as well as via text

No

No

No

no

n/a

None

No

N/a

No

None known

N/A

I would like to use Instagram as a performing arts teacher. X is not helpful.

No

I'd like to see a dedicated WCS emergency-status page with time-stamped updates during active incidents, along with a simple parent reunification guide explaining how reunification would work, where parents should get official updates, and what parents should do during a serious emergency.

Na

No

No

No

None

None

Email and text together is about too much unless it's an emergency

No

No

No

No

No

no

No

AI Agent that we can engage with to locate the information we need. Very difficult to find things on website.

None known

No

No

None.

Unknown

No

No

No

No

No

Snap or Whatsapp

Some sort of app

N/A

Consolidate. We get emails, text, calls, need apps for dismissal and bus schedules.

No

Na

No

The school website; its very hard to find information on the Franklin High webpage.

No

NA

In app communication

Smoke signals

No

N/a

No

No

no

None

No

N/A

No, would love school uniforms though.

no

Na

It’s too much!

No

N/A

NA

No

App for transportation and communication to teacher during day (email is slow)

No

Instagram at the school level. Facebook at the school level

No

No

Push notifications.

No

No

No

No

We kind of miss regular mail. The amount of emails gets really overwhelming and because we're at work during the day, emails and phone communication is easily missed during those hours.

No

N/A

There is a form where you can restrict ice cream and diet stuffs. It's misleading the way its worded. It called dietary restrictions form. It implies things like celiac issue or pork for religious purposes etc. But it's also for littles who over spend on ice cream and snacks. I wish this was marketed more especially for kiddos under 2nd grade who get a credit card almost experience in the cafeteria.

No

N/A

No

Too much reliance on social media

No

No

No

No

None

No

No

no

N/A

No

If you could consolidate into one platform with duplicates in optional platforms (one app, then opt into texting for instance) that would make me feel more confident I'm not missing something.5

No

InFocus eNewsletter

No

N/a

No

No

N/A

None

No

No

no

None

No

More social media

No

Not that I can think off

No

The fewer messages the better. And please counsel principals to send no more than one daily announcement per day. Recently our children's principal sent out three announcements within about 50 minutes. These should have been in the one Daily Announcemrnt email

See answer below

No

None

No

No

No

In person when applicable

No

N/A

No

Like receiving info directly vs needing to rely on social media

No

Na

No

No

No

Nope

None

No

No

No

N/A

No

No

No

No

No

Instagram

Updating the school's websites and socials frequently so parents can access relevant info timely

It would be so nice to have all of the info in the same place. Like check this website, toggle on which schools you want to see info about, etc. and then all the info (and especially deadlines and payment links) are in one place. It is definitely a scavenger hunt finding everything and with multiple kids it always feels like something is falling through the cracks. I would be much more motivated to pay all of the fees in a timely manner if I wasn't needing to check multiple emails, GroupMes, skyward messages, etc.

No. Text messages are easiest.

No

no

NA

No

NA

RCS

Teachers using Remind app

None at this time.

No

I didn’t know there was an app. I now have it!

No

No

Class dojo.

None

See below message

Nope

No

None

No.

No

No

No

No

No

WCS seems to be utilizing all forms of communication!

No

No

no

No

No

NA

Current list is good

No

No

Communication is always excellent.

No

No

None

N/a

No, I don't think so! I think you all do a great job keeping us informed, both as a parent and a teacher.

No

No

no

No

Watsapp

No

no

ParentSquare. Franklin Special uses it across their district and schools, and it’s so nice to have all teacher, school, and district communications coming from the same place. You can access it via an app or set preferences for email & text. There are too many apps used by the schools.

No

No

None

No

No

No

No

Existing ones are more than sufficient.

Yes

No

NA

N/a

No

No

None

None

No

No
Answer

None

No

N/A

None

No

groupme. - most classes use it informally

Whatsapp

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

Video database of resources to help me better support specific learning styles/methods at home. For example, the way I was taught math is not the way it's taught now and that leads to frustrating homework times for both myself and my son. I would love to help him but also not confuse him.

Parent workshops via Zoom. I believe these were offered last year and I thought that was a great idea to keep parents informed on recent trends in schools.

No

Not that I know of

no

No

NO

N/A

Anything other than the InFocus eNewsletter

None

I prefer less social media

I honestly think a link in the school newsletters would work best. We are currently overwhelmed with the amount of communication.

No

NA

None

All good

No

no

None

NA

No

I'm getting a text because you morons won't let someone drive when it's hot

None

N/A

No

no

No

No

no

No

No

NA

Dinners with parents in their homes

I only get weather/closure text. I currently don’t receive any other notifications

NA

No. There are too many ways of communication and I recommend it be simplified.

No

Maybe a bigger presence online - Facebook, Instagram

No

No

None

No

Not that I am aware of

Nothing else

We would like the district to use more direct communication tools, such as email and text-message alerts, especially for important or time-sensitive updates. Social media can be helpful as an additional channel, but it should not be the primary method because not every family uses it regularly. A centralized communication platform or parent app that sends notifications by email and text and keeps announcements, calendars, forms, and updates in one place would help ensure all families receive the same information promptly.

No

None

No

No

Facebook

N/A

I feel like social media is underutilized and could help reach a broader audience than the app as lost of parents don't want to have to access another app for information. Our family already uses the following apps in addition to the WCS app: PBIS, My School Bucks, Stopfinder, School Dismissal Manager, Skyward.

No

Nah

n/a

No

No

I don’t know of any off hand

Na

No

N/a

No

No

None

No

No

Na

No

No

No

None

No

Text message

Prioritize text over email

No - There is full use of all communication methods.

None

None

No

TikTok

None

No

No

No

No

The questions are narrow, my preferred channel really depends on what you're communicating. School cancellation due to weather? That requires parents to see the message immediately thereby should be a text-led followed email plus other channels. A new calendar for next year? Put it on the wca website and include it in the e-newsletter.

And no, no news tools for me. Best not to encourage parents to fragment their comms channels too much. Trying to keep up with all the apps we have to use for school is already too much (WCS app, skyward, SDM, my school bucks, Stop Finder, PTO web site, school cash online web site, etc). Do we really need more comms channels?

No

No

No

None

No

No

No

N/A

Just like email

No

I think school is doing great job in communication.

No

No

Remind app

None that I can think of.

Have been using all of them

No

No

N/A

no

No, I can't think of anything else to use. I think the district uses appropriate tools to communicate to the district.

WhatsApp

Push notifications on my phone

No

No

Allow groups and schools to post on social media sites, ie. instagram, ticktock, facebook. No one is on twitter anymore!

No

No

No thank you

None

no, I like the recorded calls and the email

no

No

No

No

no

You all are doing a great job. Thank you all.


No

none

No

None

None

N/A

None

No

No

N/A

TikTok

None

None I can think of at this time

No

No

Not that I'm aware of

No

Not that I know of

A consistent number and email address to look for when searching for information

No

no

No

I would like to see the Apple Business for iMessage.

N/A

No

WCS Podcast recapping board meetings, feature different departments, upcoming events, updates on sports teams and other clubs, interesting EIC projects

No

No

No

There's too many already

Nope

None

Less

Na

No

Not that I know of.

No

Nope. You all are doing a great job in my opinion. I feel totally updated on WCS activities with all of the available tools.

No

no

No

None that I am aware of.

No

No.

I always enjoy receiving texts with any last minute information or very important changes

No

discord

mobile app

not sure

No

No

No

Nixle, text message options

No

A centralized two-way parent communication portal where families can submit questions or concerns, see who is responsible for responding, track the status, and receive urgent notifications by text or through an app.

No

No

n/a

no

None

No.

Nope

Written minutes of board meetings

N/a

emails for facility and staff should be easier to access. currently they are links that hot connect to email programs. if wanting to email multiple staff ie the teachers of your child, the addresses are not visible individually. some staff are very difficult to find unless you know their exact spelled name or title ie bookkeeper, athletic office
It would be convenient to have a directory by type or location of job title: list of people in office, guidance office, etc
many staff might also have specialized roles they are the contact for but it is difficult to find that person to contact without a name ie yearbook staff, club teacher representatives
it seems that the directory was made for people who work inside the school not for the ease of those outside the system who are unknown of the names, job roles and various spellings.

No

no

I think you do a great job with communication!

No

No

No

WhatsApp

No

None noted

Less communication

No

No

No

N/A

No

N/A

No

I don’t think so

Not that I’m aware of

All I get is emails from the teachers and principal once a week, nothing from WCS

In person townhalls with opportunity to meet personnel and ask questions directly

Email is fine but it’s too easy to miss, loose or get buried.

None

No

Precious superintendent would post to twitter first on snow days, then Mrs Birdsong calls. Pick a social media platform that will be first and tell the community. Alerts are easy to set up these days. Waiting for an automated call is outdated.

no

N/a

No

NA

No

B/A

No

NA

Instagram/ tik tok

Please just don't use too many.

N/A

N/A

School website

Chapman's Retreat has a Cheetah Chatter, important notices are often included in there and more comms in there would be nice

No

None

None

I would like to see WCS consider a more centralized, two-way communication platform such as ParentSquare or a similar system. Parents currently receive information through several different sources, including email, text messages, school newsletters, Skyward, websites and the WCS app. Having one primary location where parents could receive messages, respond when appropriate, access calendars and find important information would make communication easier to manage and reduce the chance of important information being missed.

no

No

No

None

No

N/A

No

app

Nil

Na

Not sure

Websites for more up to date and easier to find resources

None

no

No

No

No

N/A

A general mass text of upcoming events would be great.

no

No

No

None

No

No

No

Not that I can think of

no

Don't mind a phone call if it's an emergency, weather, etc.

no

None

none

No

No

No

More short video content

No

Me siento bien recibiendo los Email

no

none

No

N/a

Possible paper copies given to students to take home of important information.

No

No

not that I can think of or know about

None

None

Instagram

N/A

No

No

Keep it simple....quick to read itinerary ...bullet points

No

None

None

Not that I can think of. 😊

no

No everythjng is just perfect.

None

Instagram

No

No

No

No

No

Social Media - 1:1 more meetings either teachers

None

No

I would love to see the Remind App used for middle school to keep parents in the loop with assignments and announcements. Also the ClassDojo app for elementary students.

No idea

No

I would rather they consolidate communication.

Correct eta for bus schedule

No

No

Na

no

No

No

No

None

No

None

no

No

X

No

No

No

None that I know of.

N/A

None

No

no

No

No

No

no

No

no

No

no

no

No

None that I'm aware of.

None

It would be phenomenal if the there could be one app, instead of all the apps we currently have

No

Not that I can think of

I work in corporate and I can say with incredible confidence that I would get a lot more value out of comms from the school if they simplified comms by using bullet points and tables. Bullet points are an excellent tool for explaining reasons why something is changing, new goals or actions to be taken. Try to limit bully points to under 5. Tables are excellent for organizing event details and expressing suspense dates. And my last rule of thumb, is that if a reader (parent) has to scroll more than twice to see all of the info, they are NOT reading it. Simplification is key to successful comms and we would appreciate clear and effective comms moving forward.

X

N/A

NA

no

No

none

no

No, I can’t think of any.

Maybe an app specific to each school regarding events, activities, deadlines, etc. that is specific to that school. N/a

no

No

No.

no

N/A

no

N/a

No.

No

No

No

I didn’t know or the social media or text option—in the next InFocus newsletter, can we get the full listing of communications options?

No

No

ParentSquare or Remind: Sends quick text alerts, announcements, and translation features for families.

ClassDojo: Tracks student engagement and provides direct messaging for teachers and parents.

no

No

None at this time.

no

No

No

N/A

no

No

No

No - no more new tools, already way to many

none

Moser active on social media. We hate emails.

Not at the moment

No

No

N/a

No

No

none

No

No

It’s more that we get so much communication that I just want a place where it all lives. We get an email everyday for high school but I can’t find yesterday. Then I have to dig through and find it again

Last year, when Williamson County Schools decided to recalculate the GPAs of transfer students, they did not contact the parents of transfer students directly via email. It was mentioned after the fact in an InFocus newsletter that nobody reads.

No

No

Get rid of skyward and get a user friendly software system like private schools have.

Not that I'm aware of.

NO

No

no

No

I believe direct mail would be helpful for the start of school. Also, having one centralized place to find all links to school dismissal, lunch funding, forms for absences and list of all teachers email addresses for direct communication.

Is Nixel a possibility for WCS?

no

no

No

N/A

no

An app such as parent square or another messaging app so middle school teachers can communicate with parents and students via text message.

No

No

None

No

None

NA

No.

No

no

no

No

no

Not that I'm aware of.

None

No

N/A

Not sure.

whatsapp

No

no

not at this time

None

No

No

No

no - we have too many communications in different places, no one could keep up with all this

no

no

No

No

No

No.

Not at this time

None

no

None

No

All avenues seem covered.

N/A

Not that I know of

No

No

Nope

no

no

No

Threads

I don't know of anything.

No

N/A

no

NA

n/a

N/A

None

No

n/a

No

Communication is good as is.

no

No

None that I can think of.

No

no

No.

no

If the app offered push notifications for changes to events and/or urgent updates, I think it would reach people effectively too.

N/A

not really

None

Na

No

Do a great job of communications!

Not that I am aware of.

None I can think of as of this time.

no

No

SDM app should start soon in the schools that don't use it , its is very helpful app

It would be so amazing to have one centralized app. We get communications from so many people and it is hard to keep track

No

No

No

I like a text that says check email. That’s helpful.

No

If anything, there's too many comms.

NA

More Instagram. The schools needs official Instagram accounts and do away with X. Is there a way (not communications job) but we have either a list of approved communication devices staff can use with students or at least the ones they cant?

No

No

No

No.

no

not at this time

None

N/A

no

no

Yes, I would like to be able to use my wcs.edu email to receive emails regarding my child who is a WCS student. The amount of emails that pour into our inboxes is so excessive that I cannot attend to my personal email promptly and consistently.

no

None.

no

No

No

No

No. I don't need more places to look....lol.

nope

n/a

no

NO

No

no

not that I am aware of

Push notifications are helpful. Communication sent personalized to devices is better than having to go to a secondary source. Save for promotional, non-emergency information

No.

No

Emergency text messages for specific schools to keep staff updated quickly on emergency situations

No

N/A

No

Not that I am aware of.

N/A

None

No

please, no more!

NA

No

no

Not that I Can think of

NA

I prefer text messages, but not sure any additional tools are needed

no

no

No

More social media

N/A

No.

N/A

No

No

none

None.

No

No.

no

More emails and text please. helpful to catch up and follow up the nexts and alerts

no

no

Not that I know of.

Please allow schools and clubs and teams to use social media that students actually use, instead of X (formerly Twitter). I do NOT mean teachers having individual Instagrams. I mean, for example, that my Student Council co-sponsor and I should have control of an Instagram account to communicate with students in a way that connects with them.

No.

No

not sure

N/A

No

no

None that I can think of.

no

No

no

No.

It would be great if each school had a social media page, particularly Facebook and Instagram.

No

N/A

No

No

no

no

no

no

n/a

no

No

NA

N/A

No

No

No

No

No, if anything, I feel like we use too many!

I think an app would be wonderful. If there already is an app I am unaware of its existence.

No

n/a

no

no

No

no

N/a

I'm satisfied with e-mails for important information

Would love an app that all of the communication is centralized in! From schools (elementary, middle, high school) and then county. It is so much communication but from all different places and hard to keep up.

In our previous preschool experience we used an app called Brightwheel which was used for paying tuition fees but it also has a messaging system that you can send questions to the teacher your child's class, as well as the admins. We also received photos throughout the day.

No, I think the communication is great.

It would be nice for each school to have an app to use to connect to everything in the school

No

N/A

None

none

No

No

No

No

No

Little to no paper

no

None

No, great communication.

No

N/A

No

no

No

I didn't know you had an app until I started filling this out.

none

n/a

Text messages are preferred.

N/a

We need fewer communication tools, not more

N/A

n/a

No

Nope.

No

No

No

No

It is pretty good.

No

No

No

no

no

None

no

If there is a WCS app that is amazing!! I didn’t know about that. I think it would be great if each school had a way to communicate through an app.

no

No

N/A

No, there are almost too many options. I prefer to keep it simple so I don't miss anything.

no

no

no

No

no

n/a

n/a

Not that I know of, but I was not aware there is a WCS mobile app

no

n\a

No

No

no

It’s good

no

no

no

no

NO. The above are sufficient.

N/A

No.

No

a calendar that we can integrate into our gmail/outlook calendars with all pertinent dates

No

StopFinder and text messaging need to be used more frequently and effectively to communicate the status of specific bus routes.

No

none

No

no

na

NO

N/A

No

The individual schools can use social media more- like Facebook and Instagram- to help push out information about the school events. This could be easily uploaded and monitored by a person on staff at the schools, and all comments can be turned off so that only used for pushing out information rather than used as a platform to discuss issues about the school.

An app specifically for WCS would be beneficial because when updates are provided, an app notification would be helpful so that nothing is missed.

no

No

Better classroom grades reporting (need aggregate total)

-

None

no

No

Mou

nope, doing great!

no

I can't think of many

no thanks

texting

No

Not at this time

none

no

No

A better app for school bus tracking

None

no

Regular mail.

no.

no

No

More YouTube

Consolidate

no

No

no

N.A

N/A

Instagram - on all school accounts

No

No

No

N/A

no

No

No

No

No

no

no

None

None

No

I would like updates on Facebook

Not currently

No

no

No

None I no of.

No

Less is more. There are TOO MANY different websites and logins and passwords- one to check grades, which is different for each school, one for absent kids, one for paying for items, etc... Can't we get one app or platform that puts all this information in one space?

N/a

Not that I can think of

The school district has been doing a wonderful job at keeping the Parent well informed through Emails, Texts, Calls, InFocus newsletter and Social Media. We also get notified timely :)

No

No

not at this time

I have 52 apps and 47 emails to monitor between 3 kids at different schools in this county, give me a freaking break and simplify it all.

No

no

No

N/a

No

No

NA

NA

One app for all comms would be incredible!

Our old principal at Westwood used to send voice messages and it was so much more personal. The new principal only emails and it feels very impersonal and much more distanced. Also the bus garage is horrible at communicating ahead of school starting which caused multiple issues at the beginning of the year!

Not sure

not really

none

Parent Square. FSD uses this app and all district and school communication come through Parent Square.

I think communication is working with the current tools

Kita Williams

Whatsapp Channel / Group

None

No

No

Forwarding links to any city or county announcements regarding construction on or near the campuses. There is a big construction site taking place right now and it started right at the beginning of this school year. It's affecting traffic flow all around it and making it difficult to maneuver in and out of Independence HS specifically at its only entrance/exit.

No

NA

No

No

no

na

No

No

Text message as the way to alert us and the direct us to the right platform depending on type of communication

No

A parent communication platform. For easy communication between teachers.

No

An app that allows for centralized communication to the teachers and administration. Like Remind or TalkingPoints. Something that doesn't require keeping an eye out for emails in a congested inbox.

none

No

None

n/a

No

No

Instagram

I think the current method is good.

no

None that I know of

More communication from one teacher to another and with file holders for students have disabilities and the care that from a mom has a child that has a kid that has ADHD hypertension that can’t stay focused long periods of time!

no

n/a

I did not even realize WCS mobile app existed until today...

No

no

No

not that i can think of

none

No more apps please.

N/A

No, getting emails everyday from teachers and the principle and PTA etc etc etc. is way too much.

N/A

No

No

N/a

none

No, I am happy with the communication.

No

N/A

No

no

N/a

No

None

Nope

School based communication through social media.

N/A

N/A

No

N/A

no

there are sufficient options now

no

No

no

No

NA

Na

No

None

Not at this time

None

No

No.

Too much spam already from too many soures

One app that could be used for all communications - from teachers, from administration, to reference the schedule, bus routes, start / stop times would be amazing. Currently information coming from multiple avenues is very confusing.

No

No

Not sure.

No

No

NO

None.

No

N/A

No

No

No

N/A

no

N/A

no

unsure

n/a

No.But, I have requested many times over the years to send communication to my cell email only: k4ward77@gmail .com. Other stuff such as payroll can stay at k4ward@comast.net.

N/a

Anna

none

None.

No

None

None

No

No

No

n/a

No

none at this time

n.a

No

I would love to be able to allow grade communication apps with parents. It is a great way to get to know other parents and know what you may have missed etc.

What's app

No

No

no

No

No

N/A

Postal service

No

No

no

No

No

no

No

Wcs App

NA

no

No

no

No. I believe the 9 different school apps I have as well as text messages, phone calls and emails I get from WCS is plenty

No, actually use less. Its less chaotic that way and that way you guarantee that important items dont get missed.

no

I'd personally like to see FEWER tools. Literally pick one. The website would be a good/easy choice - football games, late start dates, etc. teachers could even post syllabi and assignment schedule there. Email is fine. Text for emergencies or school closings are fine. But apps and calls etc are kind of annoying.

None I can think of at this time.

No

No

None

no

No

n/a

No

No more apps

None that I can think of.

no

N0

No

Yes, paper form

No

If the message is too large for a text , the text could refer me to my email.

no

NA

no

No

none

No

A dedicated website only for Oakview daily information.

Yes. When asking Ross Lyons about the I.C.E. protest ya'll had last year...he dismissed me as teenage child crying about a Zit on my face. I had to look him up because he refused to give me his name. What kinda communication style is that? I guess a "Woke" style of communication. So...to answer the question here about a tool to use to better communicate...How bout use your words. Be loud and proud. Don't be ashamed of what you organized. Be proud and communication.

Ya'll definitely slid that protest under the radar. But not with me.

None

N/A

No

N/A

No

No

None that I can think of

Are there any communication tools the district is not currently using that you would like to see utilized in the future?

No

N/A

No, I like the amount of communication provided.

No

no

no

N/A

More social media like Instagram for the schools

I think you are using great communication tools

Comprehensive district calendar. Especially summer camps, clinics, experiences, career exploration - right now they are piecemeal and only available through email newsletter links (which get lost). There is nowhere central to go to find these enrichment activities - not even on the website of the school hosting them.

No

No

The app that the teacher can use that communicates behavior and other messages directly - cannot remember the name but other districts use it.

N/A

Perhaps AI?

No

No

Not that I know of

No.

No

no

No

Na

I enjoy the tools currently being used by the district.

Not necessarily, but more communication is better. It's hard to decipher where to focus.

No

Nope! Everything works great as is ;)

Instagram (increase usage, allow schools to have instagrams)

No

The bus app is awful. It doesn't update times when buses aren't on time and is difficult to navigate. Coming from FSD, the switch from BusRight was not easy.

No

No

No

none

No

No

N/A

Parent access to TN Pulse Connect — specifically for families of students with IEPs, allowing direct visibility into service logs, session notes, progress data, and provider communication in one centralized place. Currently, this information is only obtainable through individual email requests, or formal FERPA requests, which is inconsistent and creates unnecessary back-and-forth for both parents and staff.

No

No

No

No

No

No

A single app for all our needs instead of 5 separate apps.

One portal that pushes out notifications/emails and also where you can go read things that you may have missed would be very nice. One system for the district and the school. For example, the PlayMetrics app used in sports
My spouse wishes that there would be an AI-assisted question and answer tools and tools that can connect to Claude and ChatGPT.

None

None

Zoom

No

No

none

No

No

N/a

no

No

Not at this time.

None

No

nope

Yes.The food service department needs an email address for communication and feed back.

I feel that the district does a great job of keeping us informed!

No

Instagram for the schools, and clubs for high and middle school

No

No

No

Parent square

I can’t think of any

No

I am not sure what the WCS app is but would love to see an app I can scroll through all messages historically to quickly reference past notifications.

No

No

No

NA

No

Texts/emails to students

No

Nope; it works great!

No
No.
No

Facebook

Facebook

not sure

no

no

N/a

No

No

no

no.

No

None at this time

none

no

Dk

I struggle as an employee that we cannot share google docs with families. We do presentations and like to share them, but I have to PDF to send out. That does not seem like a big deal, but if there is an error on a slide, I have to correct and resend the PDF. In a live doc, I could just change it and nobody knows it was updated! Also, I came from a school where my department had an Instagram account. It was how we communicated with students about everything! We now have the school account, so that is helpful and we appreciate it! Also, my former district could use "Remind". Having a one way text option was super helpful to give timely info. Student emails not being able to communicate with outside entities is also a struggle. We have many partners (colleges for DE, scholarship applications, volunteer opportunites) that we tell student to use their personal email to communicate with. If we allowed the WCS email to communicate, it actually feels a little safer.

No

I don't know of any other communication tools that we would use.

no

No

I'd love to see the app used better. It doesn't seem to be updated as often as it should be. If alerts could come that way, it would be great.
I would like to see the district consider developing a district-specific chatbot or AI assistant on the district website or mobile app. Families could ask everyday questions in plain language and receive quick, accurate answers based only on current district-approved information.

For example, parents could ask about school calendars, lunch menus, bus information, registration, attendance procedures, school closures, extracurricular activities, forms, contact information, or district policies without having to search through multiple webpages or documents.

For this to be successful, the chatbot would need to be easy to use and not frustrating. It should provide short, direct answers, understand normal conversational questions, work well on mobile devices, support multiple languages, and clearly admit when it does not know an answer rather than providing incorrect information. It should also always make it easy to contact a real person when needed.

A particularly useful feature would be allowing parents to ask questions such as, “What is for lunch at my child’s school today?” or “When is fall break?” and immediately receive the answer.

The goal should be to make district information easier to access, reduce the amount of searching parents have to do, and provide families with a reliable 24/7 starting point for common questions, not to replace personal communication with teachers, schools, or district staff.

no

none at this time

n/a

no, less is more. Too many platforms makes it hard to keep track of in my opinion.

none

No

The ones above are all I can think of.

No

No

no

No

no

No

Email and text is good. Please don’t add another app to download and check!

N/A

No

No

social media

I don’t know about any info through the WCS mobile app

no

None

No

No

one cohesive ap instead of many separate aps

no

Nope

No

None

No, communication is great. I just wish you would be honest with us and tell us how bad things are instead of pretending everything is great, but I get that many of our parents live in la la land and have no concept of reality. My kids are at BHS ;) whoo boy

yes, individual school climate surveys. Many other districts utilize them for strengths and areas of growth. I personally believe it is very needed at the school level. Parents who do not feel comfortable at the school level do not have a way to communicate concerns or positive feedback. As well as being a parent I have a masters in education and my role has been community involvement in the school setting. Surveys of this type can be very useful.

no

Parents communication/climate surveys at the school level that the district and school can review. This would provide parents an opportunity to give feedback. We could then as a district guage where our areas of growth are at the school level. If one school feels unsafe but parents are uncomfortable with admin, this would hopefully catch those issues. I am unsure why Williamson County has not opted into this survey the state provides or if not opting in, created their own.

none come to mind

unknown

Parent square

no

None

No

No

N/A

no
Not that I can think of

Instagram

NA

No

No

No

no

No

No

None

no

NA

None

No

No

No

Maybe youtube

No
N/a

No

No
Smoke signals

None

None

No

No

No

No

No

N/A

No

N/A

No

No

Please no we are harassed enough

As an employee and parent, I feel text messages are the best way to communicate to parents. Many parents do not filter through the multitude of emails they receive and forget login credentials through Skyward.

No

No

No

None
text and email are the most frequently used for business professionals like myself

No

Nthg up to now it’s good

No. We are inundated with an app for everything. Simple is best.

Social media, text (unless it's a big event like shelter in place). Our phones buzz all day and some us work full time.

Na

N/A

No

No

No

NA

No

No

Not for me

No

No

N/A

It’s perfect and I have three at BHS
I do wish there was a parent teacher portal where we could respond to teacher emails in a way that did not blow up their email

No

No

No

no

No

no

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

N/A

No

Na

Not that I know of

Na

No

No. I need information on the WCS mobile app and how parents can add money to students lunch account. (Centennial high school)

None. I receive all of the communication needed.

No

No

No

No

N/A

None

none

Please - no more apps

No

no

I would like the district to receive and respond to communication. Currently communicating is only one-way

No

No

I can't think of any.

no

No

N/A

No

no

I think GroupMe is becoming a great way to get out information and collaborate between administrators.

N/a

No

Nono

No
None
No
No
No

Parent side of schoology

No

Dismissal Manager

None

Schools using Instagram
Instagram more

No

Not at this time

None

Texting is great emails are also fine

No

None that I can think of

Let the students have more access to there phones.

Na

No

No

No

None

N/a

Call or text message is the best to get the notification without being overlooked

n/a

No

No, I like the multiple forms of communication we get although the newsletters get very long and some are not formatted for being read on a phone.

No

No

For Middle School only, would like better and more often comms on past due assignments and better tracking on what type of assignment handout vs. online.

Facebook

No

None

No

No

No

WhatsApp messenger

None identified

None

Carrier Pigeons
Singing Telegrams

No

No

No

N/A

No

No

Singing telegram and carrier pigeons.

No

No

No.

No

None

Talking Points should be district-wide.

No

No

no

na

No

N/a

No

No

No

Just less places at once

No

Push notifications
Make the app (one app!) useful for all needs

No

Update school updates/ notifications/ closings via social media - X and Instagram ideally as well as via text

No

No

No

no

n/a

None

No
N/a

No

None known

N/A

I would like to use Instagram as a performing arts teacher. X is not helpful.

No

I'd like to see a dedicated WCS emergency-status page with time-stamped updates during active incidents, along with a simple parent reunification guide explaining how reunification would work, where parents should get official updates, and what parents should do during a serious emergency.

Na

No

No

No

None

None

Email and text together is about too much unless it's an emergency

No

No

No

No

no

No

AI Agent that we can engage with to locate the information we need. Very difficult to find things on website.

None known

No

No

None.

Unknown

No

No

No

No

No

Snap or Whatsapp

Some sort of app

N/A

Consolidate. We get emails, text, calls, need apps for dismissal and bus schedules.

No

Na

No

The school website; its very hard to find information on the Franklin High webpage.

No

NA

In app communication

Smoke signals

No

N/a

No

No

no

None

No

N/A
No, would love school uniforms though.

no

Na
It’s too much!

No
N/A

NA

No

App for transportation and communication to teacher during day (email is slow)

No

Instagram at the school level. Facebook at the school level

No

No

Push notifications.

No

No

No

No

We kind of miss regular mail. The amount of emails gets really overwhelming and because we're at work during the day, emails and phone communication is easily missed during those hours.

No

N/A

There is a form where you can restrict ice cream and diet stuffs. It's misleading the way its worded. It called dietary restrictions form. It implies things like celiac issue or pork for religious purposes etc. But it's also for littles who over spend on ice cream and snacks. I wish this was marketed more especially for kiddos under 2nd grade who get a credit card almost experience in the cafeteria.

No

N/A

No

Too much reliance on social media

No

No

No

No

None

No

No

no

N/A

No

If you could consolidate into one platform with duplicates in optional platforms (one app, then opt into texting for instance) that would make me feel more confident I'm not missing something.5

No

InFocus eNewsletter

No

N/a

No

No

N/A

None

No

No

no

None

No

More social media

No

Not that I can think off

No

The fewer messages the better. And please counsel principals to send no more than one daily announcement per day. Recently our children's principal sent out three announcements within about 50 minutes. These should have been in the one Daily Announcemrnt email

See answer below

No

None

No

No

No

In person when applicable

No

N/A

No

Like receiving info directly vs needing to rely on social media

No

Na

No

No

No

Nope

None

No

No

No

N/A

No

No

No

No

Instagram

Updating the school’s websites and socials frequently so parents can access relevant info timely

It would be so nice to have all of the info in the same place. Like check this website, toggle on which schools you want to see info about, etc. and then all the info (and especially deadlines and payment links) are in one place. It is definitely a scavenger hunt finding everything and with multiple

kids it always feels like something is falling through the cracks. I would be much more motivated to pay all of the fees in a timely manner if I wasn't needing to check multiple emails, GroupMes, skyward messages, etc.

No. Text messages are easiest.

No

no

NA

No

NA

RCS

Teachers using Remind app

None at this time.

No

I didn't know there was an app. I now have it!

No

No

Class dojo.

None

See below message

Nope

No

None

No.

No

No

No

No

No

WCS seems to be utilizing all forms of communication!

No

No

no

No

No

NA

Current list is good

No

No

Communication is always excellent.

No

No

None

N/a

No, I don't think so! I think you all do a great job keeping us informed, both as a parent and a teacher.

No

No

no

No

Watsapp

No

no

ParentSquare. Franklin Special uses it across their district and schools, and it’s so nice to have all teacher, school, and district communications coming from the same place. You can access it via an app or set preferences for email & text. There are too many apps used by the schools.

No

No

None

No

No

No

No

Existing ones are more than sufficient.

Yes

No
NA
N/a

No

No

None

None

No

No

Answer

None

No

N/A

None

No

groupme. - most classes use it informally

Whatsapp

No

No

No

No

No

No

Video database of resources to help me better support specific learning styles/methods at home. For example, the way I was taught math is not the way it's taught now and that leads to frustrating homework times for both myself and my son. I would love to help him but also not confuse him.

Parent workshops via Zoom. I believe these were offered last year and I thought that was a great idea to keep parents informed on recent trends in schools.

No

Not that I know of

no

No

NO

N/A

Anything other than the InFocus eNewsletter

None

I prefer less social media

I honestly think a link in the school newsletters would work best. We are currently overwhelmed with the amount of communication.

No

NA

None

All good

No

no

None

NA

No

I’m getting a text because you morons won’t let someone drive when it’s hot

None

N/A

No

no

No

No

no

No

No

NA

Dinners with parents in their homes

I only get weather/closure text. I currently don't receive any other notifications

NA

No. There are too many ways of communication and I recommend it be simplified.

No

Maybe a bigger presence online - Facebook, Instagram

No

No

None

No

Not that I am aware of

Nothing else

We would like the district to use more direct communication tools, such as email and text-message alerts, especially for important or time-sensitive updates. Social media can be helpful as an additional channel, but it should not be the primary method because not every family uses it regularly. A centralized communication platform or parent app that sends notifications by email and text and keeps announcements, calendars, forms, and updates in one place would help ensure all families receive the same information promptly.

No

None

No

No

Facebook

N/A

I feel like social media is underutilized and could help reach a broader audience than the app as lost of parents don't want to have to access another app for information. Our family already uses the following apps in addition to the WCS app: PBIS, My School Bucks, Stopfinder, School Dismissal Manager, Skyward.

No

Nah

n/a

No

No

I don’t know of any off hand

Na

No

N/a

No

No

None

No

No

Na

No

No

No

None

No

Text message

Prioritize text over email

No - There is full use of all communication methods.

None

None

No

TikTok

None

No

No

No

No

The questions are narrow, my preferred channel really depends on what you're communicating. School cancellation due to weather? That requires parents to see the message immediately thereby should be a text-led followed email plus other channels. A new calendar for next year? Put it on the wca website and include it in the e-newsletter.

And no, no news tools for me. Best not to encourage parents to fragment their comms channels too much. Trying to keep up with all the apps we have to use for school is already too much (WCS app, skyward, SDM, my school bucks, Stop Finder, PTO web site, school cash online web site, etc). Do we really need more comms channels?

No

No

No

None

No

No

No

N/A

Just like email

No

I think school is doing great job in communication.
No

No
Remind app

None that I can think of.

Have been using all of them
No
No
N/A

no

No, I can't think of anything else to use. I think the district uses appropriate tools to communicate to the district.

WhatsApp

Push notifications on my phone

No

No

Allow groups and schools to post on social media sites, ie. instagram, ticktock, facebook. No one is on twitter anymore!

No

No

No thank you

None

no, I like the recorded calls and the email

no

No

No
No

no

You all are doing a great job. Thank you all.

No

none

No

None

None
N/A
None
No

No

N/A

TikTok

None

None I can think of at this time

No

No

Not that I'm aware of

No

Not that I know of

A consistent number and email address to look for when searching for information

No

no

No

I would like to see the Apple Business for iMessage.

N/A

No

WCS Podcast recapping board meetings, feature different departments, upcoming events, updates on sports teams and other clubs, interesting EIC projects

No

No

No

There's too many already

Nope

None

Less

Na

No

Not that I know of.

No

Nope. You all are doing a great job in my opinion. I feel totally updated on WCS activities with all of the available tools.

No

no

No

None that I am aware of.

No

No.

I always enjoy receiving texts with any last minute information or very important changes

No

discord

mobile app

not sure

No

No

No

Nixle, text message options

No

A centralized two-way parent communication portal where families can submit questions or concerns, see who is responsible for responding, track the status, and receive urgent notifications by text or through an app.

No

No

n/a

no

None

No.

Nope

Written minutes of board meetings

N/a

emails for facility and staff should be easier to access. currently they are links that hot connect to email programs. if wanting to email multiple staff ie the teachers of your child, the addresses are not visible individually.
some staff are very difficult to find unless you know their exact spelled name or title ie bookkeeper, athletic office
It would be convenient to have a directory by type or location of job title: list of people in office, guidance office, etc
many staff might also have specialized roles they are the contact for but it is difficult to find that person to contact without a name ie yearbook staff, club teacher representatives
it seems that the directory was made for people who work inside the school not for the ease of those outside the system who are unknown of the names, job roles and various spellings.

No

no

I think you do a great job with communication!

No

No

No

WhatsApp

No

None noted

Less communication

No

No

No

N/A

No

N/A

No

I don’t think so

Not that I’m aware of

All I get is emails from the teachers and principal once a week, nothing from WCS

In person townhalls with opportunity to meet personnel and ask questions directly

Email is fine but it’s too easy to miss, loose or get buried.

None

No

Precious superintendent would post to twitter first on snow days, then Mrs Birdsong calls. Pick a social media platform that will be first and tell the community. Alerts are easy to set up these days. Waiting for an automated call is outdated.

no

N/a

No

NA

No

B/A

No

NA

Instagram/ tik tok

Please just don't use too many.

N/A

N/A

School website

Chapman's Retreat has a Cheetah Chatter, important notices are often included in there and more comms in there would be nice

No

None

None

I would like to see WCS consider a more centralized, two-way communication platform such as ParentSquare or a similar system. Parents currently receive information through several different sources, including email, text messages, school newsletters, Skyward, websites and the WCS app. Having one primary location where parents could receive messages, respond when appropriate, access calendars and find important information would make communication easier to manage and reduce the chance of important information being missed.

no

No

No

None

No

N/A

No

app

Nil

Na

Not sure
Websites for more up to date and easier to find resources

None

no

No

No

No

N/A

A general mass text of upcoming events would be great.

no

No

No

None

No

No

No

Not that I can think of

no

Don't mind a phone call if it's an emergency, weather, etc.

no

None

none

No

No

No

More short video content
No

Me siento bien recibiendo los Email

no
none
No

N/a

Possible paper copies given to students to take home of important information.

No

No
not that I can think of or know about

None
None
Instagram

N/A

No

No

Keep it simple....quick to read itinerary ...bullet points

No

None

None

Not that I can think of.

no

No everythjng is just perfect.

None

Instagram

No

No

No

No

No

Social Media - 1:1 more meetings either teachers

None

No

I would love to see the Remind App used for middle school to keep parents in the loop with assignments and announcements. Also the ClassDojo app for elementary students.

No idea

No

I would rather they consolidate communication.

Correct eta for bus schedule

No

No

Na

no

No

No

No

None

No

None

no

No

X

No
No

No
None that I know of.

N/A

None

No

no

No

No
No
no

No
no
No

no

No

None that I'm aware of.

None

It would be phenomenal if the there could be one app, instead of all the apps we currently have

No

Not that I can think of

I work in corporate and I can say with incredible confidence that I would get a lot more value out of comms from the school if they simplified comms by using bullet points and tables. Bullet points are an excellent tool for explaining reasons why something is changing, new goals or actions to be taken. Try to limit bully points to under 5. Tables are excellent for organizing event details and expressing suspense dates. And my last rule of thumb, is that if a reader (parent) has to scroll more than twice to see all of the info, they are NOT reading it. Simplification is key to successful comms and we would appreciate clear and effective comms moving forward.

X

N/A

NA

no

No

none

no

No, I can’t think of any.

Maybe an app specific to each school regarding events, activities, deadlines, etc. that is specific to that school. N/a

no

No

No.

no

N/A

no

N/a

No.

No

No

No

I didn’t know or the social media or text option—in the next InFocus newsletter, can we get the full listing of communications options?

No

No

ParentSquare or Remind: Sends quick text alerts, announcements, and translation features for families.

ClassDojo: Tracks student engagement and provides direct messaging for teachers and parents.

no

No

None at this time.

no

No

No

N/A

no

No
No
No - no more new tools, already way to many
none

Moser active on social media. We hate emails.

Not at the moment
No

No
N/a

No
No
none

No

No

It’s more that we get so much communication that I just want a place where it all lives. We get an email everyday for high school but I can’t find yesterday. Then I have to dig through and find it again

Last year, when Williamson County Schools decided to recalculate the GPAs of transfer students, they did not contact the parents of transfer students directly via email. It was mentioned after the fact in an InFocus newsletter that nobody reads.

No

No

Get rid of skyward and get a user friendly software system like private schools have.

Not that I’m aware of.

NO

No

no

No

I believe direct mail would be helpful for the start of school. Also, having one centralized place to find all links to school dismissal, lunch funding, forms for absences and list of all teachers email addresses for direct communication.

Is Nixel a possibility for WCS?

no

no

No

N/A

no

An app such as parent square or another messaging app so middle school teachers can communicate with parents and students via text message.

No

No

None

No

None

NA

No.

No

no

no

No

no

Not that I'm aware of.

None

No

N/A

Not sure.

whatsapp

No

no

not at this time

None

No

No

No

no - we have too many communications in different
places, no one could keep up with all this

no

no

No

No

No

No.

Not at this time

None

no
None

No
All avenues seem covered.
N/A

Not that I know of

No

No

Nope

no

no

No

Threads

I don't know of anything.

No

N/A

no

NA

n/a

N/A

None

No

n/a

No

Communication is good as is.

no

No

None that I can think of.

No

no

No.

no

If the app offered push notifications for changes to events and/or urgent updates, I think it would reach people effectively too.

N/A

not really

None

Na

No

Do a great job of communications!

Not that I am aware of.

None I can think of as of this time.

no

No

SDM app should start soon in the schools that don't use it , its is very helpful app

It would be so amazing to have one centralized app. We get communications from so many people and it is hard to keep track

No

No

No

I like a text that says check email. That’s helpful.

No

If anything, there's too many comms.

NA

More Instagram. The schools needs official Instagram accounts and do away with X. Is there a way (not communications job) but we have either a list of approved communication devices staff can use with students or at least the ones they cant?

No

No

No

No.

no

not at this time

None

N/A

no

no

Yes, I would like to be able to use my wcs.edu email to receive emails regarding my child who is a WCS student. The amount of emails that pour into our inboxes is so excessive that I cannot attend to my personal email promptly and consistently.

no

None.

no

No

No

No

No. I don't need more places to look....lol.

nope

n/a

no

NO

No

no

not that I am aware of

Push notifications are helpful. Communication sent personalized to devices is better than having to go to a secondary source. Save for promotional, non-emergency information

No.

No

Emergency text messages for specific schools to keep staff updated quickly on emergency situations

No

N/A

No

Not that I am aware of.

N/A

None

No

please, no more!

NA

No

no

Not that I Can think of

NA

I prefer text messages, but not sure any additional tools are needed

no

no

No

More social media

N/A

No.

N/A

No

No

none

None.

No

No.

no

More emails and text please. helpful to catch up and follow up the nexts and alerts

no

no

Not that I know of.

Please allow schools and clubs and teams to use social media that students actually use, instead of X (formerly Twitter). I do NOT mean teachers having individual Instagrams. I mean, for example, that my Student Council co-sponsor and I should have control of an Instagram account to communicate with students in a way that connects with them.

No.

No

not sure

N/A

No

no

None that I can think of.

no

No

no

No.

It would be great if each school had a social media page, particularly Facebook and Instagram.

No

N/A

No

No

no

no

no

no

n/a

no

No

NA

N/A

No

No

No

No

No, if anything, I feel like we use too many!

I think an app would be wonderful. If there already is an app I am unaware of its existence.

No

n/a

no

no

No

no

N/a

I'm satisfied with e-mails for important information

Would love an app that all of the communication is centralized in! From schools (elementary, middle, high school) and then county. It is so much communication but from all different places and hard to keep up.

In our previous preschool experience we used an app called Brightwheel which was used for paying tuition fees but it also has a messaging system that you can send questions to the teacher your child's class, as well as the admins. We also received photos throughout the day.

No, I think the communication is great.

It would be nice for each school to have an app to use to connect to everything in the school

No

N/A

None

none

No

No

No

No

No

No

Little to no paper

no

None

No, great communication.

No

N/A

No

no

No

I didn't know you had an app until I started filling this out.

none

n/a

Text messages are preferred.

N/a

We need fewer communication tools, not more

N/A

n/a

No

Nope.

No
No

No

No

It is pretty good.
No

No

No

no

no
None

no

If there is a WCS app that is amazing!! I didn’t know about that. I think it would be great if each school had a way to communicate through an app.

no

No

N/A

No, there are almost too many options. I prefer to keep it simple so I don't miss anything.

no

no

no

No

no

n/a

n/a

Not that I know of, but I was not aware there is a WCS mobile app

no

n\a

No

No

no

It’s good

no

no

no

no

NO. The above are sufficient.

N/A

No.

No

a calendar that we can integrate into our gmail/outlook calendars with all pertinent dates

No

StopFinder and text messaging need to be used more frequently and effectively to communicate the status of specific bus routes.

No

none

No

no

na
NO

N/A
No

The individual schools can use social media more- like Facebook and Instagram- to help push out information about the school events. This could be easily uploaded and monitored by a person on staff at the schools, and all comments can be turned off so that only used for pushing out information rather than used as a platform to discuss issues about the school.

An app specifically for WCS would be beneficial because when updates are provided, an app notification would be helpful so that nothing is missed.

no

No
Better classroom grades reporting (need aggregate total)

-

None

no

No

Mou

nope, doing great!
no

I can't think of many
no thanks

texting

No

Not at this time

none

no
No

A better app for school bus tracking
None
no

Regular mail.

no.

no

No

More YouTube

Consolidate

no
No

no

N.A

N/A
Instagram - on all school accounts

No

No

No
N/A

no

No

No

No

no

no

None

None

No

I would like updates on Facebook

Not currently

No

no

No

None I no of.

No

Less is more. There are TOO MANY different websites and logins and passwords- one to check grades, which is different for each school, one for absent kids, one for paying for items, etc... Can't we get one app or platform that puts all this information in one space?

N/a

Not that I can think of

The school district has been doing a wonderful job at keeping the Parent well informed through Emails, Texts, Calls, InFocus newsletter and Social Media. We also get notified timely :)

No

No

not at this time

I have 52 apps and 47 emails to monitor between 3 kids at different schools in this county, give me a freaking break and simplify it all.

No

no

No

N/a

No

No

NA

NA

One app for all comms would be incredible!

Our old principal at Westwood used to send voice messages and it was so much more personal. The new principal only emails and it feels very impersonal and much more distanced. Also the bus garage is horrible at communicating ahead of school starting which caused multiple issues at the beginning of the year!

Not sure

not really

none

Parent Square. FSD uses this app and all district and school communication come through Parent Square. I think communication is working with the current tools

Kita Williams

Whatsapp Channel / Group

None

No

No

Forwarding links to any city or county announcements regarding construction on or near the campuses. There is a big construction site taking

place right now and it started right at the beginning of this school year. It’s affecting traffic flow all around it and making it difficult to maneuver in and out of Independence HS specifically at its only entrance/exit.

No

NA

No

No

no

na

No

No

Text message as the way to alert us and the direct us to the right platform depending on type of communication

No

A parent communication platform. For easy communication between teachers.

No
An app that allows for centralized communication to the teachers and administration. Like Remind or TalkingPoints. Something that doesn't require keeping an eye out for emails in a congested inbox.

none

No

None

n/a

No

No

Instagram

I think the current method is good.

no

None that I know of
More communication from one teacher to another and with file holders for students have disabilities and the care that from a mom has a child that has a kid that has ADHD hypertension that can't stay focused long periods of time!

no

n/a

I did not even realize WCS mobile app existed until today...

No

no

No

not that i can think of

none

No more apps please.

N/A

No, getting emails everyday from teachers and the principle and PTA etc etc etc. is way too much.

N/A

No

No

N/a

none

No, I am happy with the communication.

No

N/A

No
no

N/a

No
None

Nope

School based communication through social media.
N/A

N/A
No

N/A

no
there are sufficient options now

no
No

no

No
NA

Na

No

None

Not at this time

None

No

No.

Too much spam already from too many soures

One app that could be used for all communications - from teachers, from administration, to reference the schedule, bus routes, start / stop times would be amazing. Currently information coming from multiple avenues is very confusing.

No

No

Not sure.

No

No

NO

None.

No

N/A

No

No

No

N/A

no

N/A

no

unsure

n/a

No.But, I have requested many times over the years to send communication to my cell email only: k4ward77@gmail .com. Other stuff such as payroll can stay at k4ward@comast.net.

N/a

Anna

none

None.

No
None

None

No

No

No
n/a

No

none at this time

n.a

No

I would love to be able to allow grade communication apps with parents. It is a great way to get to know other parents and know what you may have missed etc.

What’s app

No

No

no

No

No

N/A

Postal service

No

No

no
No
No
no
No

Wcs App

NA

no

No

no

No. I believe the 9 different school apps I have as well as text messages, phone calls and emails I get from WCS is plenty

No, actually use less. Its less chaotic that way and that way you guarantee that important items dont get missed.

no

I'd personally like to see FEWER tools. Literally pick one. The website would be a good/easy choice - football games, late start dates, etc. teachers could even post syllabi and assignment schedule there. Email is fine. Text for emergencies or school closings are fine. But apps and calls etc are kind of annoying.

None I can think of at this time.

No

No

None

no

No

n/a

No

No more apps

None that I can think of.

no

N0

No

Yes, paper form

No

If the message is too large for a text , the text could refer me to my email.

no

NA

no

No

none

No

A dedicated website only for Oakview daily information.

Yes. When asking Ross Lyons about the I.C.E. protest ya'll had last year...he dismissed me as teenage child crying about a Zit on my face. I had to look him up because he refused to give me his name. What kinda communication style is that? I guess a "Woke" style of communication. So...to answer the question here about a tool to use to better communicate...How bout use your words. Be loud and proud. Don't be ashamed of what you organized. Be proud and communication.

Ya'll definitely slid that protest under the radar. But not with me.

None

N/A

No

N/A

No

No

None that I can think of