

Addendum Specific for 2020/2021 School Year (updated 8/24/20)

2020-2021 WMS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook

Due to our current situation and to help maintain the safety and health of all, we have adjusted a few of our expectations and have made addendums to our handbook. The changes are listed below in red and are in effect until further notice. The page numbers reference the pages in the full WMS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook.

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BACKPACK AND HANDBAG GUIDELINES *

Students are permitted to carry backpacks to and from school. Backpacks must be kept in their locker. Students must carry their school computer in the laptop bag provided by the district. Drawstring bags may be utilized to transport physical education clothes.

Students are **NOT** permitted to carry backpacks, tote bags or large purses/pocketbooks to and from classes during the school day.

** 8/5/20 - Lockers are not going to be used until further notice. At this time students will be permitted to use their backpacks during the school day. They must be kept under their desk or in a teacher assigned area.*

MORNING BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

7th grade students should report to the gym **or library** and 8th grade students should report to the cafeteria **or auditorium** upon arrival. All students may enter the cafeteria for breakfast.

The following guidelines are presented in order that proper behavior can be maintained:

- Students are to behave in a proper manner.
- Fighting and horseplay are prohibited.
- Students who report to the cafeteria or gym must remain there until the bell rings unless they have a pass to report to a different location.
- Students reporting to the cafeteria are to remain seated at the tables.
- Students are expected to treat other students with respect.
- Students are permitted to use electronic devices during this time. Camera (photos) or video use is not permitted.

At 7:40 AM, students are dismissed from the gym/cafeteria, which allows five minutes to go to their lockers and report to homeroom. There is a warning bell that sounds at 7:45 AM to notify students that they have two minutes to report to homeroom.

LOCK PROGRAM/LOCKERS *

All students are assigned a locker the first day of school. Homeroom teachers provide each student with a combination lock. The serial number is logged with the student's name.

Once assigned, the lock is the student's responsibility. \$7.00 is charged to replace a lost or stolen lock.

THE ONLY LOCKS PERMITTED ON STUDENT LOCKERS ARE THOSE OBTAINED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.

Gym Lockers: All students are assigned a locker for physical education classes. Combination locks are provided for the gym lockers. Students should use the locks on the large lockers when participating in gym classes. All personal items should be locked in the large locker. Students who lose locks are charged \$7.00.

All lockers are, and shall remain, the property of the school district, and to the extent students have any privacy of lockers at all, is very limited.

Students are responsible for locking their assigned lockers and not sharing their combination to ensure the security of their personal belongings and school property entrusted to them.

** 8/5/20 - Lockers are not going to be used until further notice. At this time students will be permitted to use their backpacks during the school day. Backpacks and all personal items must be kept under their desk or in a teacher assigned area.*

HALL PASSES *

Students in halls, except when classes are passing, must have appropriate signed passes from the teacher to whom they are responsible. Students arriving at school to meet with a teacher or do work assigned by a teacher must have a hall pass signed by the teacher so that they may be admitted to a particular area of the building. Students are responsible for carrying their passes issued by the homeroom teacher. When the pass is completely filled, the homeroom teacher will issue a new pass.

** 8/5/20 - Paper passes will not be used. Students will need to ask for teacher permission to leave class and the teacher will record this.*

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS *

Students must change both tops and bottoms to participate in class. Students need to wear black athletic bottoms (pants or shorts), a white or gray t-shirt and sneakers. Clothes that are worn for PE class should not be worn at any time before or after PE while in school.

** 8/5/20 - Students will not change for Physical Education Classes. We do ask that students dress comfortably and wear sneakers on the days they have Physical Education.*

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Cell Phones/Electronic Devices *

Students are not permitted to have cell phones/electronic devices, in the classroom or in the hallway between classes, with the exception of before school in the cafeteria or gym. Once the 7:47 AM bell rings for the official start of the school day, devices must be kept in student lockers (not on their person) during the school day until the dismissal bell at 3:00 PM.

If these devices are visible during the school day, they will be confiscated and retained in the main office.

1st violation - Device(s) are confiscated and returned to the student at the conclusion of the school day.

2nd violation - Device(s) are confiscated, parents/guardians are required to pick up the device.

3rd violation - Device(s) are confiscated, parents/guardians are required to pick up the device, and detention(s) assigned.

4th and subsequent violation(s) - Device(s) are confiscated, parents/guardians are required to pick up the device, parent/guardian meeting, and/or additional consequences assigned.

Electronic devices that have been used or suspected to have been used to disrupt the educational environment are subjected to be searched by an administrator and/or confiscated for investigative purposes. They may be handed over to the police if necessary and may result in disciplinary action.

Students and parents should review the [Electronic Devices Policy](#) in its entirety on the school district's website.

** 8/20/20 - Due to not using lockers at the beginning of the school year, once the 7:47 AM bell rings for the official start of the school day, devices must be turned off and put away, such as kept in the student's backpack, during the school day until the dismissal bell at 3:00 PM.*

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Communicable and Other Diseases

The 2020-21 COVID-19 Daily Home Screening, Potential Exposure, and Return to School Guidelines are available [here](#).

