



Wyomissing Area School District

Curriculum Committee Meeting

January 8, 2024

AGENDA

- WASD 2024-2025 School Calendar Discussion
- 2024-2025 JSHS Program of Studies Proposed Revisions
 - Middle Level Math Revisions
 - Dual Enrollment Course Additions
 - Course Name Changes

2024-2025 WASD School Calendar



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Wyomissing Area School District 2024-2025 District Calendar

Adopted by the Board of School Directors February __, 2024

| JULY 2024 | | | | | | | AUGUST 2024 | | | | | | | SEPTEMBER 2024 | | | | | | |
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| OCTOBER 2024 | | | | | | | NOVEMBER 2024 | | | | | | | DECEMBER 2024 | | | | | | | |
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| JANUARY 2025 | | | | | | | FEBRUARY 2025 | | | | | | | MARCH 2025 | | | | | | |
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| APRIL 2025 | | | | | | | MAY 2025 | | | | | | | JUNE 2025 | | | | | | | | |
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KEY

- ★ First / Last Student Day K-12
- 🏠 Schools and Offices Closed/ Staff Holiday
- 🚫 Schools Closed (No Classes / Offices Open)
- 📖 K-6 No School; Early Dismissal - 7-12;
- 📖 Early Dismissal 7-12
- 📖 K-12 - Early Dismissal
- 🏢 Staff In-Service - K-12; (-no classes/offices open) / *Offices Closed)
- 🎓 Graduation

Quarter End Dates

- End of 1st Qtr. 10/30/24
- End of 2nd Qtr. 1/21/25
- End of 3rd Qtr. 3/27/25
- Last Day 6/5/25

IMPORTANT TESTING DATES

- Apr 22—May 19, 2025 PSSA Testing
- Dec 4—18, 2024 Winter Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology, Literature)
- May 12—23, 2025 Spring Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology, Literature)

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| July 4 | July Fourth Holiday - Offices Closed (applies to 12 month staff) |
| Aug 21-22 | Staff Inservice - K-12 |
| Aug 23 | Staff Inservice - Clerical |
| Aug 26 | 1st Student Day |
| Aug 30 | Schools Closed (No Classes/Offices Open) |
| Sept 2 | Labor Day Holiday - Schools & Offices Closed |
| Sept 25 | Early Dismissal - K-12 (Act 80) |
| Oct 14 | Staff Inservice - No Classes/ Offices Open |
| Oct 31 | Early Dismissal - K-12 |
| Nov 1 | Staff Inservice - No Classes/ Offices Open |
| Nov 25-26 | No School K-6; Early Dismissal 7-12 (Act 80/Conferences) |
| Nov 27 | Staff Inservice (Flex) - No Classes/ Offices Open |
| Nov 28-29 | Thanksgiving - Schools & Offices Closed |
| Dec 2 | Thanksgiving - Schools & Offices Closed |
| Dec 20 | Early Dismissal - K-12 |
| Dec 23-27, 30-31 | Winter Break - Schools & Offices Closed |
| Jan 1 | Winter Break - Schools & Offices Closed |
| Jan 14-16 | Mid-Terms; Early Dismissal 7-12 |
| Jan 17 | Mid Terms; Early Dismissal K-12 (Act 80) |
| Jan 20* | Martin Luther King Day - Schools & Offices Closed (Inservice Flex) |
| Feb 14 | Early Dismissal - K-12 |
| Feb 17 | Presidents' Day - Schools & Offices Closed |
| Mar 17 | Staff Inservice - No Classes/ Offices Open |
| Mar 28 | Early Dismissal 7-12 |
| Apr 16 | Spring Break - Schools Closed (no classes) / Offices Open |
| Apr 17-18, 21 | Spring Break - Schools & Offices Closed |
| May 26 | Memorial Day - Schools & Offices Closed |
| May 30 | Graduation 🎓 |
| June 4 | Early Dismissal K-12 |
| June 5 | Early Dismissal K-12, / Last Student Day |

Calendar and POS Discussion - Exams

- Committee of teachers and administrators was convened to discuss future of midterm and final exams

- Currently:
 - Numerous instructional minutes are lost due to the administration of both midterms and finals
 - The usefulness for teachers and experience for students was discussed
 - AP exams replace final exams so none are given in those courses
 - Students can be exempt from finals if achievement criteria are met
 - Majority of fourth quarter is dedicated to exam administration (PSSA, AP, Keystone, finals)
 - Student mental health and increased anxiety is a concern

Calendar and POS Discussion - Exams

Result of Collaborative Discussions:

- Midterm schedule will remain
 - HS students benefit from some cumulative assessment experience - preparation for post-secondary
 - MS students continue with the diagnostic testing that can be used for instructional decision-making, future placement and course recommendations
- Remove final exams from schedule
 - Gain instructional time into the school calendar
 - Reduce testing anxiety

Middle Level Math Revisions

Middle Level Math Revisions

Goals:

- To adjust math course sequence to provide a stronger pre-algebra foundation
- To increase instructional math minutes at the middle level (grades 7 and 8)
- To address Comprehensive and Strategic Planning expectations specifically increasing math achievement at the foundational level

Middle Level Math Revisions - Course Sequence

Plan - Grade 7 (24-25):

- Grade 7 math will be identified as Math 7
- Advanced students (based on established criteria) will enroll in Accelerated Pre Algebra (no change to current sequence)

Plan - Grade 8 (25-26) :

- Students previously enrolled in Math 7 will transition to Algebraic Concepts
- Students previously enrolled in Accelerated Pre Algebra will transition to Accelerated Algebra I (no change to current sequence)

Middle Level Math Revisions - Course Sequence

Plan - Grade 9 (26-27)

- Students previously enrolled in Algebraic Concepts will transition to Academic Algebra I
- Students previously enrolled in Accelerated Algebra I will transition to Honors Algebra II (no change to current sequence)

Middle Level Math Revisions - Course Sequence

Plan - Grade 8 (24-25):

- Grade 8 math will be Algebraic Concepts (cotaught)
- Advanced students (based on established criteria) will enroll in Accelerated Algebra I (no change to current sequence)

Plan - Grade 9 (25-26) :

- Students previously enrolled in Algebraic Concepts will transition to Academic Algebra I
- Students previously enrolled in Accelerated Algebra I will transition to Honors Algebra II (no change to current sequence)

7-12 Math Course Map

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|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Grade 7 | Math 7 | | | Accelerated Pre-Algebra |
| Grade 8 | Algebraic Concepts | | | Accelerated Algebra I |
| Grade 9 | Academic Algebra I | | Academic Algebra II | Honors Algebra II |
| Grade 10 | Algebra II | Academic Algebra II | Academic Geometry | Honors Geometry |
| Grade 11 | Geometry | Academic Geometry | Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry | Honors Pre-Calculus AP Pre-Calculus |
| Grade 12 | Algebra II with Trigonometry | Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry | AP Pre-Calculus | Honors Calculus I or AP Calculus AB |
| | Academic Statistics | Academic Statistics | Academic Statistics | Honors Calculus II or AP Calculus BC |

Middle Level Math Revisions - Instructional Minutes

Current instructional minutes:

- Grades 7 and 8: 41 minutes per period/6 periods/cycle = 246 minutes per cycle

Proposed instructional minutes plan:

- 41 minutes per period/8 periods/cycle = 328 minutes/cycle (**represents an increase of 25% math instructional time per cycle)

There are 30 cycles per school year.

82 additional minutes per cycle x 30 cycles = 2460 additional minutes of math instruction per year.

That equals up to 60 additional class periods (2460/41)...about two months of additional math classes throughout the year!

Middle Level Math Revisions -Instructional Minutes

- Revisions have been made with no additional staffing necessary.
- Extra math minutes will be a regular class period taught by the same math teacher. This is not a math tutor time nor a study hall to get homework completed. It is a continuation of the math instructional plan.
- Students in the accelerated Pre Algebra and Algebra I classes will continue to have math class six periods per cycle. No change in instructional minutes.

2024-2025 JSHS Program of Studies Revisions

- Provides details and perspectives on the various academic options available to each JSHS student
- Allows students and parents to research course-level detail on the various offerings in order to best inform their final choice of classes
- Teaching faculty, school counseling department, and administration will supplement this planning by offering feedback and guidance as students make their way through their high school career.

Program of Studies - New Dual Enrollment Courses

Dual Enrollment - Provides opportunities for high school students to earn college credit for college-level courses taken while in high school

WASD has ongoing local partnerships with RACC, Alvernia University and Albright College

- Courses are taught at the JSHS site by our WASD faculty (RACC and Alvernia)
- RACC course fees are \$99/credit totaling \$297/course
 - Funding is available for Free/Reduced-eligible students through Title IV and WAEF funds

Program of Studies - New Dual Enrollment Courses (RACC)

- Fundamentals of Speech - COM 151
- AP Psychology - PSY 130
- Honors Government - POS 130
- Education Seminar: Observing Educational Practices - EDU 299

Program of Studies - New Course

- Added new course
 - T8060 Diversified Occupations
 - Furthers our partnership with business and industry to foster the skills needed for today's workforce.
 - Integrates classroom study focused on 21st-century skills along with a planned, supervised, work experience.
 - Career competencies and hands-on skills are developed at the job site under the direction of a designated supervisor. Related classroom theory is offered through a hybrid model of instruction through Schoology and a weekly in-person meeting with the Internship Coordinator.
 - 365 Fundamentals of Speech (DE)

Program of Studies - Course Name Changes

- Social Studies
 - 417 AP World History: Modern
 - Reflects name change assigned by College Board
 - 412 Financial Literacy & Entrepreneurship
 - Primary emphasis of this course is to prepare our students to be functional members in an economic world by providing practical application to real world economic situations.

Program of Studies - Course Name Changes

- English
 - 360 Film as Literature I
 - 362 Film as Literature II
 - This course focuses on the ways in which filmmakers utilize the elements of both movies AND literature to immerse and engage audiences in the overall vision, concept, and themes of a film.
 - Students will study the elements of movies and movie-making in order to improve their understanding of not just films, but all forms of storytelling.
 - Different genres will be featured during each semester

Program of Studies - Course Name Changes

- Technology Education
 - 951 Computer Aided Machining
 - More accurately reflects the objective of the course
 - Students create projects utilizing the 3D printer, laser cutter, and CHC machining equipment

- Health/Physical Education
 - 817 Advanced Strength and Conditioning
 - Incorporated a prerequisite

Program of Studies - Course Name Changes

- Science
 - Minor changes in several AP course descriptions and the suggested math requirements for each course
- Math
 - Previously reviewed as part of the sequence revisions

Discussion?