

Worcester Central School



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September 2021

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A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Worcester Families,

I hope you are enjoying a relaxing end to summer vacation. The dedicated staff members at Worcester Central School are excited to welcome your child back to school.

As we open the 2021-2022 school year we welcome some great new staff: Mrs. Katie Sill, Elementary Principal; Diana Brady, Special Education Teacher; and Melissa Gregory, 5th Grade Teacher. All are fantastic additions to our WCS staff!

As always, the health and safety of WCS students and staff are our number one priority. Our reopening plan and protocols continue to be updated to meet the new guidance and are available on our website. Although there is no social contract this year we do ask that you screen your children daily before sending them to school and keep them home if they show symptoms of COVID-19.

While the pandemic continues, there are bound to be continued challenges. I am confident that what ever lies ahead, our students, staff and school community will meet any issues head on, just as we have done in the past.

We have been working hard in preparation for the new school year and I thank you for entrusting us with your children. It takes a partnership with every member of a school community to educate, shape and raise our students into the best individuals they can be. We look forward to an amazing school year!

Respectfully,

Mr. Tim Gonzales
Superintendent



**School starts
Tuesday, Sept. 7**

visit

www.worcestercs.org

for supply lists,
handbooks, and much
more!

WCS Welcomes Our New Elementary Principal

Dear WCS Families,

My name is Katie Sill and I would like to introduce myself as the new Worcester Central School Elementary principal. I am excited and honored to be joining the Worcester school community! I have had the pleasure of getting to know some of the faculty and staff over the past few weeks, and I already feel like a part of the family.



I am a passionate and dedicated National Board certified educator that has spent the first 18 years of my career as an elementary school teacher in the Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School District. Additionally, I had the privilege to serve as the Summer Enrichment Program coordinator at CRCS this year and in doing so worked with my team to provide the community with a very successful and engaging program. My experiences working with students and families have provided me with a solid foundation for school leadership. My educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education from SUNY Oneonta and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Technology from the University of Albany as well as Advanced Certificates in Administration from the College of Saint Rose.

I believe strongly that as educators our first and most important responsibility is to the students. I will work with the WCS team to cultivate critical thinkers while encouraging compassion and maintaining high expectations for academic success. As a leader it is my duty to promote collaboration with the community and foster positive relationships with students, faculty, staff, and parents. I take great pride in working together to grow respectful, productive citizens who are prepared to meet the challenges ahead with confidence. With this, we will successfully cultivate and support lifelong learners through focused quality instruction.

I look forward to having the opportunity to meet each of you in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at ksill@worcestercs.org. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Katie Sill



Get Ready! Beginning this fall WCS will be offering After School Enrichment Workshops. These workshops will be free for all WCS students. Workshops will be held once weekly for a total of six weeks. Enrollment will be on a

first-come first-served basis. Enrollment information will be made available on the first day of school for students and on the WCS website.



Similar to last year, students may enter the building at 7:45 a.m. School will start at 7:57 a.m. and will end at the usual time of 2:58. This year we were able to add an additional minute of instructional time per period. Although a minute may not seem like a lot, after missing class time because of COVID-19, every second counts!

2021-22 Remote Schedules (If Needed)

In the event WCS is required to transition to remote learning due to a COVID-19, or other emergency situation. The following learning schedules will be implemented.

Elementary Remote Schedule 2021-2022

Grade Level	Time
PreK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will communicate individually on a daily basis with all students that do not have access to devices for Google Meet Teachers will hold daily virtual morning meetings via Google Meet from 8:00-8:30 a.m. for attendance and check-ins regarding paper packet work <p>*Students will be required to check-in for attendance purposes and complete paper packets.</p>
Kindergarten	
1st Grade	
2nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will host daily whole class morning meetings via Google Meet from 8:30-9:00 am to complete attendance and explain Google Classroom assignments for the day Students will work independently on class assignments (9:00-11:00) Teachers will be available via Google Meet for open Office Hour from 11:00-12:00 for any students needing help with assignments Teachers will have a 2nd whole group Google Meet each day for math and ELA lessons from 1:00-2:00 (synchronous learning) <p>*Students will be required to check-in for attendance purposes and complete daily Google Classroom assignments.</p>
3rd Grade	
4th Grade	
5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will host daily whole class morning meetings via Google Meet from 9:00-9:30 am to complete attendance and explain Google Classroom assignments for the day Students will work independently on class assignments (9:30-11:30) Teachers will be available via Google Meet for open Office Hour from 10:00-11:00 for any students needing help with assignments Teachers will have a 2nd whole group Google Meet each day for math and ELA lessons from 11:30-12:30 (synchronous learning) <p>*Students will be required to check-in for attendance purposes and complete daily Google Classroom assignments.</p>
6th Grade	

2021-2022 Remote Learning Schedules 7-12 (If Needed)

Secondary Remote Schedule:

- ◆ Students will have a *Google Meet* for each of their classes at their current scheduled time, unless otherwise stated by an individual teacher. (Some teachers may have students use emergency work packets due to connectivity issues.)
- ◆ Teachers will take attendance for each class period.
- ◆ Students will NOT have *Google Meets* for lunch or study hall.
- ◆ BOCES students will still have in-person instruction and transportation will be provided.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

WCS uses “School Messenger” to notify all students and families of emergency closures, delays and event cancellations. This system makes phone calls directly to every student’s household, including cell phone numbers as provided. It is also used to communicate additions and changes to previously scheduled events.

Please make sure your contact information is current to ensure you receive these important calls. Please contact Mrs. Peggy Nelson in the Guidance Office at (607) 397-8785, ext.104, to update your contact information.

WCS also utilizes the services of the following radio and television stations to announce school closings, delays and early dismissals: WBNG TV WKTU TV WGY WRGB WNYT WTEN WRVE WFLY News 10 Time Warner Cable WZOZ WSRK



Attendance Reminder

If your child is absent from school, you will receive the automated phone call.

Please call us if there is a concern at **(607)397-8785**.

A parent/guardian written excuse is required if the child is sick.

A Doctor’s note is required for any appointments in order to be considered a **legal excuse**.

How Can We Help You?

For information on academic programs, including Pre-Kindergarten, State testing, remedial programs, guidance and counseling, special education and CSE matters, student discipline and extra-curricular activities, please contact:

- Mrs. Katie Sill: Elementary Principal (Grades PK-6)
- Mrs. Melissa Leonard: Secondary Principal (Grades 7-12)
- Mr. Steve Fancher: School Counselor (Grades 7-12)
- Mrs. Poletta Louis: School Counselor (Grades PK-6)
- Mrs. Winsome Zinkievich: Student Support Services
- Mrs. Peggy Nelson: Guidance/CSE Secretary
- Miss Jessica Kenyon: Receptionist/Building Secretary

For information on the Board of Education, district finances, facilities and maintenance, community use of facilities, cafeteria and transportation services and administrative and personnel matters, please contact:

DISTRICT OFFICE

- Mr. Tim Gonzales: Superintendent
- Mrs. Wendy Elliott: Secretary to the Superintendent and District Clerk
- Mr. Gary Pochkar: District Treasurer

BUS GARAGE

- Mr. Eric Haley: Head Bus Driver

School phone number: (607) 397-8785

Bus garage phone number: (607) 397-8873

www.worcestercs.org

Back Pack Program is ready for 2021-2022



Regional Food Bank
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

Program Goals and Mission:

The Back Pack Program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children on weekends when school breakfasts and lunches aren't available. The program provides bags filled with food that is child-friendly, nonperishable and easily consumed. Bags are packed each week and discreetly distributed to participating children every Friday afternoon. Know a child at WCS in need?

Contact Dody Lindberg at (607)-397-9467

Free Meals Extended for 2021-22

The US Department of Agriculture has extended free breakfast and lunch for all students for the 2021-22 school year.

Although all meals will be free this year, we are asking families to still complete the Free/Reduced Meal applications so that your child may receive other benefits associated with the National School Lunch Program.

Easily pay for school meals at myschoolbucks.com



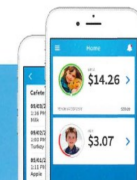
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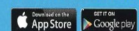
Low Balance Alerts



Automatic Payments



MAKE MEAL PAYMENTS WHEREVER YOU GO



Screening Your Child Before School

Please do your part to keep each other safe during the pandemic. Worcester Central School is counting on our students, families, faculty and staff to screen themselves daily. WCS is additionally screening students, faculty and staff within our school environment when symptoms are present.

In a joint effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our school community, students, faculty and staff must stay home if:

- They are sick.
- They have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- They have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.

List of Symptoms

Students and staff may not come to school, or will be sent home if they display any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

This List of Symptoms will be used by all WCS personnel conducting visual screenings of students. A visual determination by WCS personnel of any of these symptoms is sufficient to justify further screening or other action to be taken by the school nurse. If the nurse is not available the student will be required to go home and follow up with their healthcare provider.

We ask that all families screen students for the List of Symptoms every morning. If any symptoms are found, please self-report to the school and keep the student home. To report an absence please call the main office and notify the school nurse at (607) 397-8785 ext.126.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our school community safe!

Visit the district website for school supply lists,
menus, student handbooks, the 2021-22 calendar
and much more.

www.worcestercs.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NYS School Vaccination Requirements:

Nonmedical exemptions for school vaccination requirements has ended for children attending Pre-K through 12th grade.

Religious exemptions are no longer allowed. Children with nonmedical exemptions must now be vaccinated to attend or remain in school.

There are no COVID-19 Pandemic exemptions recognized by the Department of Health.

Students are not allowed to attend school, in person or remote if they do not have all of their immunizations.

Cover Coughs and Sneezes

Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick!



Cover your mouth and nose with a **tissue** when you sneeze or cough.



If you don't have a tissue, use your **elbow**.



Wash hands often, **especially** after coughing or sneezing.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

REMOTE LUNCH PROGRAM (IF NEEDED)

Need meals during remote learning?

The USDA has extended free meal offerings to all students during remote learning. Students in need of meals should contact Cafeteria Manager, Joe Calleja in writing either by email at jcalleja@worcestercs.org or mail at:

Worcester Central School
c/o Joe Calleja
198 Main St.
Worcester, NY 12197

Meal Pick Up Times

Monday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Monday Pick Up includes meals for Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday Pick Up includes meals for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Wash YOUR HANDS!

Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

1 Wet
2 Get Soap
3 Scrub
4 Rinse
5 Dry

www.cdc.gov/handwashing

CDC

School Breakfast and Lunch Program

Meal Prices- Breakfast:\$1.25 Lunch:\$2.50

Dear Parents/ Guardians;

We welcome your children back for a new school year. As a reminder, all students are receiving free meals this year. However, if a student purchases additional meals the Breakfast costs \$1.25 and lunch costs \$2.50.

Extra items not on the menu such as pretzels, ice cream and flavored waters are charged at posted prices. These extra items are not eligible under the free/reduced meal plan. You must pay full price for any extra items.

It is best if you put money on your child's account in advance. Money can be sent daily, weekly or monthly with your child to school or you can mail funds to the school at: WCS Cafeteria, 198 Main St. Worcester, NY 12197. You may also use the online program "School Bucks", to add money to your child's account using a credit or debit card. Information can be found on the school website.

Parents/Guardians can choose how your children are allowed to spend the money on their account. Please indicate on the form at the bottom of this page how you would like your child to spend their funds. Please return the completed form with your free and reduced application. These selections will remain in effect until you complete another form indicating a change.

If your child does not have money on their account they will only be allowed to charge a meal, no snacks or additional portions. Any negative balance will be expected to be paid as soon as possible. Notification will be sent home monthly to parents and guardians whose child has a negative account balance. We look forward to serving your children.

NOTE: A school mailing containing a Free and Reduced Lunch Application has been sent. Review the information when applying. Information is confidential and no one knows if your child is free or reduced when going through the lunch line. There is no penalty to the school for children receiving free/reduced meals. If your children received Free/Reduced meals last year, that information stays and can be used for the first 30 operating days of this school year; but if you do not file a new application by October 20th, your children must be changed to full price meals. Additional copies may be obtained at the main office.

----- Detach and return to Cafeteria Manager, Mr. Joe Calleja -----

2021-22 School Year


Students: _____ Grade _____
_____ Grade _____
_____ Grade _____
_____ Grade _____


May use their cafeteria account to purchase the following items, provided that students have money on their accounts:

YES NO
Breakfast _____
Lunch _____
Extra portions of meal items _____
Snacks _____


Parent/Guardian Signature: _____




WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR
2021 - 2022 School Year

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6		8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19		21	22
25	26	27	28	29

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	Marking Period Ends
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			





DECEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14		16	Progress Reports
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31


JANUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24				Marking Period Ends
31				




IMPORTANT DATES	
September 1 & 2	Superintendent Conf. Day (all staff)
September 6	Labor Day
September 7	Classes Begin
October 8	Superintendent Conf. Day/Progress Reports
October 11	Columbus Day
October 20	Early Dismissal at 12:15 P.M.
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Recess
December 15	Early Dismissal at 12:15 P.M.
December 23-31	Holiday Recess
January 17	M.L. King, Jr. Day
February 9	Early Dismissal at 12:15 P.M.
February 21	Presidents' Day
February 21-25	Winter Recess
March 18	Superintendent Conf. Day
April 15	Good Friday
April 11-15	Spring Recess
May 18	Early Dismissal at 12:15 P.M.
May 30	Memorial Day
June 13	Last Day of Classes Grades 7-12
June 20	Juneteenth
June 24	Last Day of School PreK-12/ Rating Day
June 26	Graduation




DAYS IN SESSION	
September 20	
October 20	
November 18	
December 16	
January 20	
February 15	
March 23	
April 16	
May 21	
June 17	
TOTAL 186	
Emergency Days: 6	







TESTING DATES	
January 25-28	Regents Exams
April 18-May 27	NYSESLAT Speaking
March 29-April 5	E.L.A. Tests Grades 3-8 Computer
April 26-May 4	Math Tests Grades 3-8 Computer
May 16-27	NYSESLAT L/R/W
May 24-June 3	Science Performance - Grades 8
June 6	Science Written Test - Grades 8
June 14-17, 21-23	Regents Exams













-  = Vacation or Holiday
-  = Regents/State Exams
-  = Conference Day
-  = Half Day

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
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7	8		10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

MARCH				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	Progress Reports
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

APRIL				
M	T	W	TH	F
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4	5	6	7	Marking Period Ends
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25				29

MAY				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	Progress Reports
16	17		19	20
23				
30				

JUNE				
M	T	W	TH	F
				
	7	8	9	10
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27	28	29	30	

Adopted: 2-24-2021

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Public Notice

The Worcester Central School District is in compliance with the provisions of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. This agency does not discriminate due to race, national origin, sex, age or handicap. The Title IX Officer for Worcester Central School is the Superintendent.

Educational Services for Homeless Students

All District programs are available to homeless and/or unaccompanied youth. For more information on the services available to homeless and/or unaccompanied youth, please contact our District's Homeless Liaisons, Mrs. Melissa Leonard or Mrs. Katie Sill at (607) 387-8785.

Use of Video Cameras on School Grounds and Buses

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to promote and foster school safety and ensure a safe and effective learning environment. After having carefully considered and balanced the rights of privacy with the District's duty to promote discipline, health, welfare and safety of staff and students, as well as that of the general public who has occasion to use school facilities, the Board supports the use of surveillance cameras when necessary in its schools, its buses and/or on school grounds. District surveillance cameras will only be utilized in public areas where there is no "reasonable expectation of privacy." Audio recordings shall not be utilized by the School District officials; such prohibition does not preclude the use of audio recordings by law enforcement officials in accordance with their official duties and/or as otherwise authorized by law.



Asbestos Management Plan

Notice is hereby given to all employees, parents, students, PTO, and all other users of the facilities of the Worcester Central School District, that the District's original Asbestos Management Plan was submitted to the New York State Education Department in Albany, New York.

In accordance with EPA's "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40 CFR Part 763) and the New York State Right to Know Law, annual notices pertaining to the inspection and availability of management plans have been posted in each building.

All management plan records are available for review during school hours. For further information please contact Mr. Glenn Jaquish, Building Maintenance Mechanic at 607-397-8785, ext. 123.

No Child Left Behind Act

As part of the federal regulations, parents of children attending Worcester Central School may request the school to provide information regarding the qualifications of teachers in the Title I/AIS program.

If you would like this information, please contact Tim Gonzales, Superintendent at 607-397-8785

View the District's Computer Acceptable Use Policy, ED2D Law Information, Attendance Policy, Code of Conduct, and Title I information on the District Web site at www.worcestercs.org

Pesticide Notifications

NYS Education Law Section 409H effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Worcester Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in the school, please contact Mr. Glenn Jaquish, Building Maintenance Mechanic, at 607-397-8785, ext. 123.

Disclosure to the Military

Federal law requires school districts, upon request, release the name, home address and telephone number of high school students to military recruiters unless the student or the student's parent/guardian have directed the school not to release this information.

If you **DO NOT** want the school district to release this information to military recruiters, you must inform the district of request this in writing. You may make this request by writing a letter to Mrs. Melissa Leonard, Secondary Principal, or by completing and submitting the form below. Once you have completed this form, you do not need to do so again unless you wish to change your mind.

Request NOT to Release Directory Information to Military Recruiters

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

(Must be over 18)

Visitors to School-(when permitted)

Although we encourage community involvement in school and school-related activities, please help us to ensure the safety of our children and support quality learning by following the guidelines and requirements for visitations below:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.
2. All visitors to the school must report to the main office upon arrival at the school. All visitors must log into the visitor's identification system and will be issued a visitor's identification badge, which must be worn at all times while in the school building and on school grounds. The visitor must also sign out on the visitor's identification system in the main office upon leaving the building.
3. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as parent-teacher organization meetings or public gatherings, are not required to register.
4. Teachers are not able to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors. Parents wishing to speak with the teacher should schedule an appointment that does not interfere with the teacher's instructional time.
5. Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to an Administrator. Unauthorized persons may be asked to leave.
6. All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in the code of conduct. Law enforcement may be called if the situation warrants.

Your Rights Under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Worcester Central School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Worcester Central School to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Worcester Central School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

WCS is a Smoke-Free Zone



By law and by policy established by the Board of Education, tobacco products and electronic cigarettes and their use are strictly prohibited on school grounds. This prohibited use includes the use of such products by adults anywhere on school grounds during school events.

Please help to keep the campus clean and safe for students while also setting an example for children.

Important Information from the Health Office

The Health Office is the link between your child and health and safety. There are very important items below that must be addressed in order for the school to appropriately manage health concerns that can arise while your child is at school. Please help us to keep children safe.

Emergency Contact Forms

Annual Health History and Emergency Forms have been mailed to all parents. Please complete these forms and return them quickly. Please keep this information up to date; it is the only way we have of reaching you in an emergency.

Taking Medication In School

To assure the safety of our students while in school and comply with New York State Law, no medications are allowed in school without prior approval. If your child has a condition which requires him/her to take medication during the school day we will gladly cooperate with you and your doctor if you bring to us:

1. A provider's order indicating the name of the medication, dosage, time of administration, days to be given.
 - a. If order states student can self-carry/administer medication, the provider must sign an attestation permission form.
2. Permission note from parent or guardian,
3. Medication in the original container. This includes both prescription and over the counter medicine, including Tylenol, Advil, and cough drops. Medication must be brought to school by a parent or guardian.
4. Complete the **Authorization of Another Adult to Administer Medication** form.

MEDICATION CANNOT BE PROVIDED BY WCS.

Immunization Requirements for Students

New York State Public Health Law (section 2164) **requires** children entering **7th** and **12th** grades on or after September 1, 2017 to receive a vaccine against meningococcal disease. Vaccine names are Menactra or Menveo. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) requires this vaccine to be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years and a booster dose on or after the 16th birthday.

Tdap (Tetanus diphtheria and Pertussis): Students entering **6th** grade in the fall for the 2021-22 school year are **required** to have an immunization called Tdap.

NOTE: Religious exemptions are no longer allowed. All students must be vaccinated to attend school.

Screening Requirements

Vision

All new students and students in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 11

Hearing

All new students and students in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11

Scoliosis

All Students in grades 5 & 7 for girls; Grade 9 for boys

Health Examinations

A Health Examination including Body Mass Index and Weight Status Category information is required for all newly entering students and student in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11

Dental Certificates

A dental certificate is requested for all newly entering students, students in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten and students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11

Please call the Nurse's Office (607) 397-8785 x126 with any questions or concerns.

More information and forms can be found on our website.

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Approaching Events

September

- 7 First Day of School
- 22 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Cafenadium, Audit Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.

October

- 8 No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11 No School - Columbus Day
- 20 12:15 Early Dismissal
- 27 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the library

November

- 11 No School - Veterans Day
- 12 End of 1st Quarter
- 17 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the library
- 24-26 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 15 12:15 Early Dismissal and Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the library
- 23-January 2 Holiday Break