

WEST ESSEX MIDDLE SCHOOL

West Essex Regional School District
West Greenbrook Road
North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006



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Dear West Essex Middle School Parent/Guardian:

Our first step in transitioning to the 2022-2023 school year - [Move-Up Day](#) - was a success! Students were able to meet our amazing team and get a sense of the atmosphere and culture here at West Essex Middle School. Below you will find answers to common scheduling questions, as well as information regarding upcoming transition events. Although we are all looking forward to a restful and enjoyable summer, I hope that your child is excited for the possibilities ahead!

Scheduling Questions

All children navigated their *tentative* 2022-2023 academic schedule today. Although we try to avoid making schedule changes beyond this point, it is inevitable that some changes and balancing of classes may still occur. Updated schedules will post to the Genesis parent portal in mid August. Your child will receive their *final* academic schedule during homeroom on the first day of school - August 31, 2022. Answers to common scheduling questions are listed below:

1. *Will my child have lunch with their friends?*

Lunch occurs by grade level. The entire 7th grade eats during the first half of the lunch block while the 8th grade eats during the second half of the lunch block. Seats are assigned during the first two weeks of school, and then students may choose their table mates.

2. *How do I request a change in teachers?*

West Essex Middle School is unable to honor teacher change requests unless the child or older sibling has a documented history of difficulties with a particular teacher.

3. *What do I do if there is an error on my child's schedule?*

Although the Middle School team works extremely hard to ensure the accuracy of student schedules, unintended errors may occur. For example, a student may have been inadvertently scheduled into an incorrect academic level, World Language, or elective course. For these situations, please email your child's counselor:

[Mrs. Crescibene-Davis](#) (Class of 2027) or [Mrs. Lombardozi](#) (Class of 2028).

Genesis Portal

Student schedules will post to the Genesis parent portal in mid August. Please stay tuned for a summer newsletter with more details.

Open House (*August 24*)

The WEMS Open House is an opportunity for middle school students to receive their Chromebook and required School ID. The event is tentatively scheduled for August 24 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. The day is unstructured and students may leave immediately after receiving their Chromebook and ID, or they may choose to visit their locker. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child or wait in the parking lot. Students who are unable to attend the Open House will receive their Chromebook and ID on the first day of school.

WE Lead 7th Grade Orientation (*August 25*)

West Essex Middle School's *WE Lead* - is tentatively holding its 2nd Annual 7th Grade Orientation on Thursday, August 25 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. on the turf field! Eighth grade students from the Class of 2027 will serve as mentors throughout the day, engaging students in fun get-to-know-you activities and team building games. Students will also learn to navigate the middle school as they complete an indoor scavenger hunt. Students who are unable to attend will receive a building tour during the first day of school. Please contact our [WE Lead advisors](#) with questions.

First Day of School

Mark your calendars for the first day of school - Wednesday, August 31!

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy summer!

Gina Donlevie, Ed.D

West Essex Middle School Principal