



June 2019

Dear High School Students and Parents:

Welcome back for a new school year! We are looking forward to your student starting a new year of learning at Woodland Park High School. Thank you for being an active part of your student’s academic experience.

We value the challenge that is necessary for a prepared student as he or she leaves our school after graduation. Struggling with academic challenges is normal and expected. If school is not challenging enough to require a struggle, it’s simply not worth it. We want students and their parents to expect difficult assignments and to expect difficulty meeting high expectations. Beginning this year, grades in core classes will be based on STANDARDS of EXCELLENCE. Students will be required to demonstrate mastery against a standard in order to achieve a grade. While this will be new to all of us, the methods and requirements will be very easy to understand for our students and their parents as the semester gets underway. This is about putting students in charge of their learning. And knowing what they need to work on for deeper understanding, while moving on from the things that they clearly have shown mastery.

The school day for the high school runs from 7:45 am to 3:07 pm. Buses leave from the bus loop at 3:15 pm. As a reminder, *students should not be in the building prior to 7:00 am or after 3:30 pm.* Students have 8 classes in their schedule and those classes will “alternate” on an odd/even schedule and meet three times per week. All Odd-Numbered periods meet Monday and Wednesday. Even-Numbered classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Friday every class meets for a shorter period. Next year’s bell schedule can be found at <https://wpsdk12.org/wphs/hs-panther-info>.

Because the safety of our students is important all outside doors will be locked while school is in session. Students enter the building through the Panther doors until the first bell. After that students must enter through the clock tower entrance. All visitors enter through the clock tower entrance. Please adhere to our sign-in/sign-out procedures (the receptionist can answer any questions you may have). As well, please help us to honor learning time by keeping interruptions such as appointments and the necessity to remove students from the learning environment to an absolute minimum.

Students meet in Advisory four times a week to build their high school portfolio, keep their Naviance Profile updated, prepare for state testing, and prepare for post high school goals. Covering these topics during the Advisory period has proven to take less time away from classroom instruction. Attendance is mandatory and *students receive .25 credit per year for the completion of the Advisory program.*

Returning students must verify their census information during the registration date listed above. New students must complete the enrollment packet found on the district website at <http://www.wpsdk12.org/>. Bring your completed packet to your counseling appointment. Appointments may be made starting August 5, 2019, by calling the Counseling Center at 719-686-2074. **ALL** students must attend a registration date in order to complete the registration process and to pick up their class schedule. For more information on the upcoming school years the district calendar is located at <https://wpsdk12.org/district-calendar>.

Sincerely,

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| 2019-2020 Registration Day (enter through Panther Patio doors) | |
| 8/6/19 | 8:00-11:00 am ▪ 1:00-3:00 pm ▪ 5:00-8:00 pm |
| 2nd Chance Registration (if unable to attend on 8/6) (enter through Clock Tower doors) | |
| 8/8/19 | 8:00-11:00 am |
| 8/9/19 | 12:00-3:00 pm |
| 8/12/19 | 8:00-11:00 am |
| 8/14/19 | 12:00-3:00 pm |