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BUILDING THE FUTURE, TOGETHER

A Message from Our Superintendent

Dear Families and Community
of Wyoming Public Schools,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year!

Each August brings a renewed sense of possibility. Our classrooms fill with energy, our hallways come alive, and more than 3,600 Wyoming Public Schools scholars begin another year of learning, growth, and discovery. It is one of the most exciting times of the year and a reminder of the important role our schools play in the life of this community.

As a new school year begins, we also welcome new families to Wyoming Public Schools. If you have school-age children and are exploring educational opportunities, I encourage you to learn more about what Wyoming Public Schools has to offer. From early childhood through graduation, our schools are committed to helping scholars learn, grow, and prepare for their future. To begin the enrollment process or learn more, please contact our district at 616-530-7550. Our team would be honored to welcome your family to the Wyoming Wolves community.

Wyoming Public Schools continues to be a place where students are known, supported, challenged, and encouraged to pursue their goals. Whether a child is taking their first steps into a classroom, preparing for

graduation, performing on stage, competing in athletics, exploring career pathways, or discovering a new passion, our responsibility remains the same: to help every scholar reach their immediate and future goals.

That work happens because of people.

It happens because of dedicated staff members who invest their talents and energy into students every day. It happens because of families who partner with our schools. It happens because of community members, businesses, faith organizations, and volunteers who believe in the value of public education and the potential of our young people.

Together, we have much to be proud of. Across the district, students continue to achieve at high levels, participate in outstanding academic, athletic, fine arts, and leadership opportunities, serve others, and represent Wyoming Public Schools with pride. At the same time, we remain focused on continuous growth and improvement. Our commitment is not simply to celebrate success, but to build upon it.

As we begin this school year, our focus remains clear. We will continue creating learning environments where every scholar experiences belonging, receives ambitious instruction, and is prepared for life after graduation. We will continue investing in opportunities that help students grow academically,

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socially, emotionally, and personally. Most importantly, we will continue placing students at the center of every decision we make.

The strength of Wyoming Public Schools has never been found in a single person, program, or building. It has always been found in a community that cares deeply about its children and believes in what they can accomplish.

As we begin another school year, I am reminded that the future of Wyoming is being shaped each day in our classrooms, on our stages, on our athletic fields, and throughout our community. Thank you for the trust you place in Wyoming Public Schools. We are proud to serve this community and grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you as we help our scholars build bright futures.

With pride and gratitude,



Mr. Craig Hoekstra
Superintendent



Volunteers! Wyoming Public Schools derives immeasurable strength from unlimited parent and community involvement in its schools. Hundreds of residents are involved as individual school volunteers. Join the fun and get involved in making our schools the best they can be! If you are interested in volunteering, please call the school's principal or secretary to get more information.

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act of 1977, and the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, it is the policy of Wyoming Public School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program, activity, or in employment. The lack of English skills will not be barrier to admission or participation in educational programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies. Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, origin, age, height, weight, sex, or marital status should be directed to Human Resources, 3575 Gladiola, Wyoming, MI 49519, (616) 530-7554. Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability or religion should be directed to Student Services, 3575 Gladiola, Wyoming, MI, 49519, (616) 530-7525.



WPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

VISION In a culture where we embrace diverse identities, each Wyoming Public School scholar will experience belonging and be challenged to excel academically to positively impact our local and global communities.

MISSION Wyoming Public Schools will empower each scholar to reach their immediate and future goals by providing ambitious instruction and embracing diverse voices within a community where everyone belongs.

CORE VALUES

Belonging, Diversity, and Inclusion – We create culturally affirming spaces where diverse identities are embraced, scholar voice is elevated and acted upon, and all stakeholders experience a sense of belonging as their authentic selves.

Educational Excellence – We set high standards, use equitable practices, and deliver ambitious instruction, so that each scholar experiences high academic, social, and emotional growth in order to reach their post-secondary goals and positively impact their communities.

Continuous Improvement – We are a learning organization that uses a variety of data sources to inform decisions on the implementation of innovative, adaptive, and sustainable practices to develop the skills, knowledge, and abilities our scholars need to be global leaders.

Better Together – We implement intentional structures where colleagues, scholars, families, and community partners collaborate to co-construct meaningful and rigorous learning experiences.



Mr. Craig Popma
President



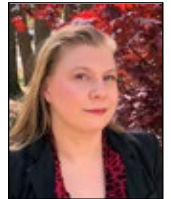
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PROMISE STATEMENT:

Wyoming Wolves: Growing Community. Empowering Scholars. Impacting Futures.

Open to the Public!

Regular Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the Board Room at the Administration Building (3575 Gladiola Ave. SW). Board meetings are open to the public. Soon after each meeting is called to order, the Board president will ask any individuals wishing to address the Board to identify themselves by name, and state the topic they would like to discuss. Those individuals will be recognized under “New Business.” In the spirit of compliance with the ADA, Individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Office of the Superintendent by phone (616)530-7555 if requesting special services to effectively participate in this meeting.

- August 10, 2026 - 5 PM
- August 24, 2026 - 5 PM
- Sept. 14, 2026 - 6 PM
- Sept. 28, 2026 - 6 PM
- October 12, 2026 - 6 PM
- October 26, 2026 - 6 PM
- Nov. 9, 2026 - 6 PM
- Dec. 14, 2026 - 6 PM

FIRST SCHOOL DAY

[1/2 Day AM]

Tuesday, August 25

Wyoming Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Open House	Monday, August 24th	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
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Elementary (Gladiola, Oriole Park, Parkview & West):

Gladiola Kinder Smart Start	Wednesday, August 19th	4:00 PM – 6:15 PM
Gladiola Open House	Monday, August 24th	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Oriole Park Kinder Smart Start	Wednesday, August 19th	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
	Wednesday, August 19th	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Oriole Park Open House	Monday, August 24th	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Parkview Kinder Smart Start	Tuesday, August 18th	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Parkview Open House	Monday, August 24th	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
West Kinder Smart Start	Thursday, August 20th	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
West Open House	Monday, August 24th	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Wyoming Intermediate:

WIS Open House	Monday, August 24th	5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
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Wyoming Junior High School:

Student Physicals @ High School	Wednesday, July 29th	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
7th Grade Smart Start/Picture Day	Thursday, August 13th	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
8th Grade Schedule Pick Up/Picture Day	Thursday, August 13th	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
	<i>(any 7th grader unable to attend Smart Start is welcome to attend)</i>	
WJH Open House (Curriculum Night)	Tuesday, September 1st	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Student Picture Retakes	Wed., September 9th	School Day

Wyoming High School:

10th – 12th grade scholars can drop in during the times listed below to get schedules and take school ID pictures.

Sophomore, Junior, & Senior Orientation	Monday, August 17th	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
	Monday, August 17th	12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

*Freshmen **must** attend the entire 2 hour orientation event on Tuesday, August 18th from 9–11 AM.*

Freshman Orientation	Tuesday, August 18th	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Freshman Parent Move Up Night	Thursday, August 20th	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
WHS Open House	Wed., September 9th	6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Wyoming Public Schools provides central registration for new families to the District online at www.wyomingps.org. You may register all of your children at one time.

The following documentation must be presented to the Registrar at the time of enrollment:

- ✓ Original Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization records showing all required and up-to-date booster shots
- ✓ Two (2) proofs of residency (utility bill, lease OR buy/sell agreement, phone bill, etc.)
- ✓ Parent I.D. with photo
- ✓ Legal documentation proving custody rights (if necessary)

Additional Documents Needed:

Kindergarten Students: Physical & Hearing/Vision Screening

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Students: Oral Assessment

9th Grade Students: A copy of your child's
8th grade report card

10th – 12th Grade Students: A copy of your child's transcript



The WPS Central Registration is open all year long!

Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM

WYOMING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

3600 Byron Center Ave. (at the corner of 36th Street and Byron Center Ave.) 616-530-7500

There are several programs available, General Education Diploma (GED), Adult Career Technical Education (CTE) and English As a Second Language (ESL). Students are expected to attend every day to maximize their opportunities.

In order to be eligible for these programs, students must be 18 years of age or older and without a high school diploma. The Wyoming Community Education office will be open Monday through Friday beginning August 10, 2026 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm to answer your questions/needs.

To register for classes, please visit the Kent ISD's Adult Education registration website at <https://www.kentisd.org/students/adult-education/wyoming/>

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL – ATHLETICS

Wyoming High School – Wednesday, July 29th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Athletics: FREE Physicals

Fall Team Sport Starting Dates Monday, August 10th

Meet The Team Night Monday, August 17th 5:00 PM

Kent County Preschool – Great Start & Head Start

STEP 1

Complete online application at
preschool.kentisd.org

STEP 2

Children must be 4 on or before September 1.

Turn in all required documentation

- Proof of birth – copy of legal birth certificate, passport, hospital record, baptismal record or other government form
- Proof of income – income tax form, W-2, pay stub, unemployment, written statement from employer, foster care reimbursement, SSI documentation, child support, alimony, or pensions
- Proof of residency – drivers license with current address, current utility bill, rent receipt, tax bill or land contract
- Most recent Physical or Well child Checkup or Health Appraisal form
- Immunization Record
- If your child has an IEP we will need a copy

Email to KCPI@kentisd.org or mail to KCPI, 2930 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525

Or call intake staff: Great Start Readiness 616-447-2409 or HeadStart 616-453-4145

STEP 3

Placement You will be contacted by email as soon as placement is made for your child. Placements will start Mid-July and will continue until all spots are filled. Placements are made based on need using the State of Michigan required placement process.



WPS Student Services

The Student Services department contributes to the mission and vision of Wyoming Public Schools by providing a continuum of support to students eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the McKenny-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Additionally, student services staff support the advancement of system-wide social, behavioral and academic improvements.

If you believe your child may be eligible as a student with a disability, or that your family may meet requirements for support under McKinney-Vento, please contact your child's school directly or the Student Service department at: 616-530-7525.

VOLUNTEERS!

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If you are interested in volunteering, please call the school's principal or secretary to get more information.

We Have Great Meal Program News!

We are pleased to inform you that Wyoming Public Schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2026-2027.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

In place of the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application we still need your household to **fill out and sign the Household Information Report**. This report is **critical** in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E- Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the report submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached report, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact WPS Food Service at (616) 530-7522.

Food service begins on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 25, 2026



One carton of milk is included with each meal and ala carte milk is available for seventy-five cents. A la carte menu items are available for purchase at WIS, WJH and WHS. On half days, sack meals are provided for scholars in grades K-6.

WPS utilizes a digital platform, Family Portal, for the managing of Food Service accounts. To set up an account, go to the Family Portal website (<https://wyoming.familyportal.cloud/>). This online system allows families to make deposits,

check balances and review meal history from any computer with internet access.

Lunch menus will be available on the Wyoming Public Schools website under “Resources” and “Lunch & Breakfast” or on Nutrislice (<https://wyoming.nutrislice.com/>) by the start of the school year.

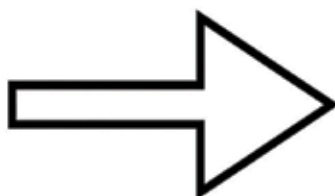
If you have questions, please contact WPS Food Service at (616) 530-7522.

INTRODUCING:

NEW PARENTVUE & STUDENTVUE MOBILE APP



StudentVue ParentVue



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Stay connected and informed! Download the **NEW ParentVue and StudentVue** mobile apps for easy access to the latest information regarding your child's education, including grades, attendance, discipline records, schedules, and school communications.

Here's what you need to know about the new ParentVue/StudentVue Mobile App:

Wyoming Parents!

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please be advised that ParentVue and StudentVue Classic app is no longer being supported. To continue receiving important school and student information, we encourage all families to download the NEW ParentVue and StudentVue mobile apps (available on the App Store or Google Play) before the start of the school year.

ParentVue offers a convenient way to stay connected and engaged with your child's education. Through the app, families can access a variety of helpful features, including reporting student absences, viewing grades and report cards, checking class schedules, completing back-to-school or new student online registration, and monitoring important school communication.

If you are experiencing any issues with your ParentVue account, please contact pvue@wyoamingps.org.

Attendance: Report absences to building secretaries 30 days in advance, review monthly, weekly, or daily attendance. All absences will show excused or unexcused.

Online Registration: Completing and updating your student's enrollment for the school year. This includes health information, emergency contact, address changes, required annual forms, etc.

Report Cards: Can be found under the **Documents** tile. Posted documents such as testing results, registration documents, report cards are available here.

Discipline: View your child's discipline history or current incidents along with any disciplinary actions that have been taken in one area.

Class Schedule: View your child's current class schedule and teacher information.

and more!



ParentVue/StudentVue Navigation Menu



Attendance



Online Registration



Report Cards



Discipline



Class Schedule



School Information

SENDING MEDS TO SCHOOL

If a student is required to take prescription medication during the school hours, and a parent or guardian of this student cannot be at school to administer the medication, the school principal and the principal's designee(s) will administer the medication according to the physician's instructions on the label and on the medical request form (provided to you by the school). The exact dosage and frequency of use must be clearly indicated on the prescription label and request form, or on written instructions signed by a physician.



In a situation that threatens the life or health of the pupil, the requirement for two adults to be present when administering medication will not apply.

Medications should be brought to the school by a parent or guardian in a clear zip-lock bag clearly marked with the student's name, along with instructions (on the medication request form), signed by a parent or guardian and student's physician. Do not send medications to school with your student.

Please also remember to stop in the school office at the end of the school year to pick up any remaining medications.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All schools in Michigan are required to report the immunization status of all children entering kindergarten, all seventh grade students, and all children changing school districts. This is to assure that children are adequately immunized against preventable diseases before they reach adolescence, when some of these diseases become a great threat to their health.

If your child needs immunizations, please try to have these completed during the remainder of the summer. Please be advised that any student who has not had all of his/her immunizations will not be allowed to start school in August.

**If you have any questions,
please call the Wyoming
Public Schools Administration
Building at (616) 530-7550.**



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BUS INFORMATION

Bus run schedules will be available at the August registrations at each school.

**Schedules will also be posted on Wyoming Public School's website
(www.wyomingps.org)
after August 1.**

BUS ROUTES AND STOPS

Safety is the most important factor in transporting WPS students. The following information is offered to help make transportation safe and successful.

1. Bus stops and routes are established on the basis of safety, efficiency, the age of students, and in accordance with the State laws, recommendations, and School Board policy. Bus stop locations must avoid as much traffic as possible. Stops shall not be on a hill or before or after a curve. Buses shall be visible in both directions when stopped.
2. It is each parent's responsibility to get her/his student to and from the school bus stop safely.
3. Bus stops shall not be located on cul-de-sac streets. The Michigan Department of Education recommends that backing of a school bus shall be avoided whenever possible.
4. Students should arrive at the bus stop and be lined up ready to be loaded on the bus five minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus. This will allow time to catch the bus but not enough time for problems to arise among students. Bus departure times are subject to change. **PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR STUDENTS UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES.**
5. By state law, students **MUST** cross in front of the school bus. They will receive instruction on proper crossing procedures from bus drivers. **PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHO MEET STUDENTS AT THE STOP SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE AND ALSO FOLLOW THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY RULE**

WALK AND RIDE POLICY

Students may find it necessary to walk some distance to their designated bus stops or to school. In compliance with state laws, Wyoming Public Schools walk/ride policy is:

- Elementary School students, grades K-4, may be expected to walk up to 1/2 mile to school or up to 1/2 mile to a bus stop.
- Intermediate School grades 5-6 may be expected to walk up to 3/4 mile to school or up to 3/4 mile to a bus stop.
- Junior and Senior High School students, grades 7-12, may be expected to walk up to 1 mile to school or up to 1 mile to a bus stop.

Upon request by a parent/guardian, the district may approve transportation for an individual student regardless of residential distance from the school if a travel route is judged to be hazardous, as deemed by the district or if other extenuating circumstances exist.

NOTE: Once a student boards a bus, they must remain on that bus until they reach their final destination.

**For Questions Contact
the Transportation Office
2181 Prairie Parkway
616-530-7545**

CROSSING PROCEDURE

Please review these important safety procedures with all of your children. Parents who escort their children to and from the bus must set the example for their children and also adhere to these important safety procedures when crossing. Everyone needs to know that not all cars stop as required by state law, even when the red lights are flashing on school buses.

When crossing the street to board the bus:

1. Students wait in a group at the designated bus stop at least 10 feet away from the edge of the roadway and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
2. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily.
3. Students proceed directly across the road, always staying well in front of the bus, and board the bus.
4. Do not stop in the middle of the street or cross behind the bus.

When crossing the street after leaving the bus:

1. Students will exit the bus and take 10 steps straight out from the side.
2. Students stand in a group and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
3. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily. Red means "STOP" DO NOT CROSS STREET and Green means "GO" IT IS SAFE TO CROSS THE STREET.
4. Students proceed to a point even with the left side of the bus and stop.
5. Students look left and right for passing cars.
6. Students look to the driver for instruction to complete the crossing.
7. Do not cross behind the bus.
8. If a paper or article goes under the school bus, always ask the bus driver for help.
9. Do not get mail from roadside mailboxes until after the bus leaves the stop.
10. At all times stay out of the "BUS DANGER ZONE".

School Buses are Like Traffic Signals



2026-27 PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Wyoming Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial

cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above). You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Andy Kallemeyn, Operations Manager, at (616) 530-7570 or kallema@wyomingps.org.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact the WPS Operations Department at (616) 530-7570. Please provide the Department with your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child or children attend and your name will be placed on the advance notification by US Mail list.

Andy Kallemeyn, Operations Manager
(616) 530-7570
kallema@wyomingps.org

DIRECTORY INFORMATION/PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

"Personal identifiable information" about current students of the district will not be released without the consent of the student's parent(s), or the student if the student is 18 years or older, unless the information or the law permits disclosure without consent.

"Directory Information" means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to the following areas: name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, grade, participation in school activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of

attendance, honors and awards received, student picture, and the most recent educational institution attended.

A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse the designation of all or part of a student's personal identifiable information as directory information, except that directory information may be disclosed to government or other educational institutions as permitted by law.

Directory information may be disclosed without further notice or consent, unless the parent, or eligible student, refuses release of information by providing written notification to the Superintendent or Board of Education within thirty days of the date of the student's registration.

Strive for Less Than

Make every day count!

- Be on time, every time
- Stay all day every day
- Set appointments before or after school
- Plan vacations when school is out
- Build backup plans or a buddy system to get students to and from school

Give a High 5 for higher success!

Did you know...

1. Missing more than 5 days in Kindergarten makes learning to read harder
2. Missing more than 5 days any year hurts learning and lowers test scores
3. Students who miss more than 10% of school a year (just 2 days a month) are more likely to drop out
4. Being late to school or leaving early leads to poor overall attendance
5. Absences affect everyone when teachers have to help students catch up

Being in school all day every day gives students a greater shot at success. Every day, every hour in class is a learning opportunity. Students who are absent, arrive late or leave early get less learning time than students with better attendance. That's why every student and every parent should Strive for Less Than 5 absences each school year.



Days Absent



#StriveForLessThan5

Superintendents throughout Kent ISD adopted the Strive for Less Than 5 campaign as an ISD-wide initiative because regular attendance is critical to student success!

Kent ISD 
We Lead Learning

EYES & EARS



Cherry Health

We will again be partnering with Cherry Health to offer dental and vision services for our students during this school year. These services will include a dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride, and sealants if needed as well as a comprehensive dilated eye exam. If glasses are prescribed, they will be ordered and delivered to your school after a discussion with a parent or guardian.



This is a wonderful opportunity to have these preventative services completed at school if you do not have a dentist or vision provider or are already a patient with Cherry Health.

If you would like these services and are unsure if you registered, please call Cherry Health School Linked Health programs at 616-776-2345.

PROCEDURES FOR CLOSINGS & SEVERE WEATHER

During school hours, the Superintendent's office continuously monitors the weather and alerts each school in the event of approaching severe weather.

Prior to the start of the school day, school cancellation announcements will be made on local television stations. There will also be a Robo Call made to all families and a notice on the district website under School Closings. Please make sure the school has your current phone number.

If students are in school when a tornado watch (meaning the possibility of a tornado exists) or

thunderstorm warning is issued, students will remain in session until the regular dismissal time.

If students are in school when a tornado warning is issued, students will remain in school, taking shelter in designated areas.

Parents, legal guardians, or predetermined individuals may pick up students at school during any severe weather warning. Please do not call school during severe weather warnings unless you have a particularly serious problem. It is important that school lines remain open.

Start A Career With Wyoming Public Schools



Guest Teachers

You impact our scholars by:

- Bringing your teaching skills into a classroom setting.
- Keeping them engaged as learners.
- Providing a consistent school structure.
- Working with colleagues, administrators, and paraprofessionals.
- Helping in ways big and small.



Food Service Staff

Your contributions matter because:

- You are one of the valuable staff members who will interact with our scholars on a daily basis.
- You prepare and serve healthy meals to our scholars and staff.
- You maintain a clean work environment.
- You manage our food inventory.



Volunteers

Your service matters because:

- You serve as a mentor and role model to our scholars.
- You read to and with our scholars.
- You keep our scholars safe on the playground.
- You help staff with administrative needs.



Bus Drivers

Why you are important to us:

- You are one of the first and last WPS faces that our scholars see each day!
- You provide safe transportation for our scholars and staff to and from school, on field trips, and to sporting events.
- You play a very important role within our school community.

Join our team today!

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WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2026				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

SEPTEMBER 2026				
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OCTOBER 2026				
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NOVEMBER 2026				
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DECEMBER 2026				
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JANUARY 2027				
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FEBRUARY 2027				
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MARCH 2027				
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APRIL 2027				
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MAY 2027				
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JUNE 2027				
M	T	W	T	F
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DESCRIPTION CODES

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS / STAFF PD

AUGUST 28 - FRIDAY	JANUARY 29 - FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25 - FRIDAY	MARCH 19 - FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30 - FRIDAY	APRIL 23 - FRIDAY

STUDENTS - 1/2 DAY - AM ONLY

AUGUST 25 - TUESDAY	MARCH 11 - THURSDAY
OCTOBER 15 - THURSDAY	MARCH 12 - FRIDAY
OCTOBER 16 - FRIDAY	JUNE 3 - THURSDAY
DECEMBER 17 - THURSDAY	JUNE 4 - FRIDAY
DECEMBER 18 - FRIDAY	

NO SCHOOL - ALL

SEPTEMBER 04 & 07	Labor Day Weekend
NOVEMBER 25-27	Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 01	Winter Break
FEBRUARY 12 & 15*	Mid-Winter Break
APRIL 02 - 09	Spring Break
MAY 31	Memorial Day

TEACHERS & STUDENTS REPORT

*February 15th mid-winter Break- will be held as a day of instruction if the District exceeds the allowable number of snow days.

SEMESTER & CONFERENCE DATES

1ST SEMESTER	8/25/26 - 12/18/26
WECC Fall Conferences	11/5/26 & 11/10/26
Gladiola Fall Conferences	10/5/26 & 10/7/26
Oriole Park Fall Conferences	10/6/26 & 10/8/26
Parkview Fall Conferences	10/21/26 & 10/27/26
West Fall Conferences	10/20/26 & 10/22/26
Intermediate Fall Conferences	10/12/26 & 10/14/26
Junior High Fall Conferences	9/29/26 & 10/1/26
High School Fall Conferences	10/14/26 & 10/21/26
2ND SEMESTER	1/4/27 - 6/4/27
WECC Spring Conferences	2/25/27 & 3/2/27
Gladiola Spring Conferences	2/23/27 & 2/25/27
Oriole Park Spring Conferences	2/8/27 & 2/10/27
Parkview Spring Conferences	3/16/27 & 3/18/27
West Spring Conferences	2/16/27 & 2/18/27
Intermediate Spring Conferences	3/4/27 & 3/9/27
Junior High Spring Conferences	2/18/27 & 2/25/27
High School Spring Conferences	2/24/27 & 3/3/27

SIX PERIOD DAY

SECONDARY

	High School	26-27 SCHOOL HOURS	Junior High
School Day Starts (Staff)	7:10		7:25
First Period	7:30-8:30		7:45-8:45
Second Period	8:35-9:35		8:50-9:50
Third Period	9:40-10:35		9:55-10:50
Fourth Period	10:40-12:10		10:55-12:25
Lunches	A: 10:35-11:05, B: 11:10-11:40, C: 11:40-12:10		A: 10:50-11:20, C: 11:55-12:25
Fifth Period	12:15-1:10		12:30-1:25
Sixth Period	1:15-2:15		1:30-2:30
School Day Ends (Staff)	2:40		2:55
1/2 Day School Starts (Staff)	7:10		7:25
1/2 School Day (Students)	7:30-11:20		7:45-11:35

ELEMENTARY

	Elementary K-4	Intermediate
School Day Starts (Staff)	8:25	7:55
School Day (Students)	8:45-3:30 w/30 min. lunch	8:15-3:00 w/30 min. lunch
School Day Ends (Staff)	3:55	3:25
1/2 Day School Starts (Staff)	8:25	7:55
1/2 School Day (Students)	8:45-12:35	8:15-12:05



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Because of the special nature of the students, schedule, and operations of the Early Childhood program, the Administration and the Association will meet yearly to agree upon a modified daily schedule.

Monday- Thursday	School Day Start Time (Staff)	7:55am
	School Day (Students)	8:15am - 3:30pm
	School Day Ends (Staff)	3:55pm
Friday	Prep Time (Staff only)	8:00am-1:30pm



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JOIN THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAMS: WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS



The Wyoming High School Athletic Boosters play a vital role in supporting our student-athletes both on and off the field. Through their dedication, they provide essential financial and moral support that helps make athletics at Wyoming High School a success.

Supporting Our Wolves

The Boosters use funds raised through their efforts to provide additional opportunities for student-athletes beyond what the district covers. This includes supporting team needs, enhancing the athletic experience, and offering scholarship opportunities.

Building Community & School Spirit

Beyond funding, the Boosters help bring our community together. They promote attendance at athletic events, encourage school pride, and create a positive environment for students, families, and fans.

Recognizing Excellence

Each year, the Boosters award scholarships and recognition to student-athletes for their accomplishments in athletics, academics, and community service.

Powered by Volunteers

The main source of Booster fundraising comes from the operation of two concession stands located at the high school. These stands are open during home games and special events, and their success depends entirely on the dedication of volunteers—parents, students, coaches, staff, and community members alike.

Get Involved!

If you're interested in volunteering, or simply want to learn more about how to support our teams, reach out! Email us at athleticboosters@wyomingps.org or call the Wyoming High School Athletic Office at (616) 249-7675.

You can also stay connected by following the Wyoming High School Athletic Boosters on Facebook for updates, meeting reminders, and volunteer opportunities.

Monthly Meetings

Booster meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from August through June in the Wyoming High School Cafeteria.

Our first meeting of the school year is scheduled for **Monday, August 3 at 6:30 PM**—and we'd love to see you there!

Volunteer Perks

High school students (grades 9–12) can earn volunteer hours and receive a free hot meal during shifts.

Parents and coaches earn funds directly toward their team, sport, or student group with each shift worked.

This is a great chance to make new friends, support our student-athletes, and have fun doing it. Help us make the 2026–27 school year one to remember—*join the Wyoming High School Athletic Boosters today!*

2026 FALL SPORTS PRACTICE STARTING DATES

Football	Aug 10th. Midnight madness practice - 12pm.	WHS	Email Questions: Coach Greg Schrader Email: schradg@wyomingps.org
Soccer	Aug 10th. 5pm-7pm.	WJHS	Email Questions: Coach Romer Carrasco romer@wyomingps.org
Volleyball	Aug 10th. 9am.-12noon.	WHS	Email Questions: Karrie Hinton karriehinton@yahoo.com
Cheer	Aug 11th. 3:00pm-5:00pm.	WHS	Email Questions: Marlena Jackson graym@wyomingps.org
Cross Country	Aug 10th. 4pm.	WHS	Email Questions : Chattman Olsen Chatolson081@gmail.com
Girls Golf	Aug 10th. 10am.	Maple Hill	Email Questions: Coach Aaron Berlin berlina@wyomingps.org
Boys Tennis	Aug 11th. TBA	Lamar Park 5pm-6:30pm.	Email Questions: Mikala Reynolds Mikyalalamicha@gmail.com
Dance	Aug 12th. 4pm. -6pm.	WHS	Email: Coach Jada Sheriff sherifj@wyomingps.org
Junior High Sports Aug. 17th.	Football, XC, Soccer, Volleyball	WJHS	Email Questions to Mike Sturm sturmm@wyomingps.org



WPS Athletic Schedules

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wyoming.bigteams.com or
at the administration
building, Wyoming
Junior High, or Wyoming
High School Offices.

WE ARE THE WOLVES

Here's to The Mighty Wolves
Charging straight into the fight.
We will always cheer for victory
And you'll show them all your might.
WY-O-MING!

Hail to purple! Hail to black!
We're behind you all the way.
So let's go, team, go!
WE ARE THE WOLVES!
Let's win today!

Special thanks to Troy University and composer, Dr. John M. Long, for allowing the district the use of the fight song music, and to Chad Dykema, WPS employee, for writing the lyrics.

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WPS GAME DAY REMINDERS

To ensure all guests at WPS extracurricular activities have an enjoyable experience, the following guidelines are in place.

- Scholars must have a school ID to enter.
- Only WPS and visiting team scholars are allowed to attend.
- K-8 scholars must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Spectators are not allowed re-entry.
- Gates close at the start of the 2nd half.
- No bags or backpacks are allowed in the stadium.
- All scholars are expected to be in the bleachers when attending events.
- No loitering in front of the concession stands.
- All spectators must leave school property immediately following the game. Scholars who do not leave in a timely manner may not be allowed to attend future events.
- All scholars not complying with rules and policies will be reported to school administration and parents.
- WPS scholars will be escorted out of the venue if not complying with expectations.
- Scholars who do not follow expectations will not be able to attend future games.



Thank you for helping keep our game day atmosphere safe and enjoyable for all attendees.



WHS 2026 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

	Date & Time	Opponent(s)	Event Title	Facility
Away(A)	08/27/26 7:00 PM	vs Orchard View HS		
Home(H)	09/04/26 7:00 PM	vs Plainwell Schools	Fall Sports Night/Unified Cheer Team/District Girls Basketball Night	
Away(A)	09/11/26 7:00 PM	vs Ottawa Hills		Houseman Field
Away(A)	09/18/26 7:00 PM	vs Zeeland West HS		
Home(H)	09/25/26 7:00 PM	vs Forest Hills Central HS	Homecoming/Pups Cheer Night	
Away(A)	10/02/26 7:00 PM	vs South Christian HS		
Away(A)	10/09/26 7:00 PM	vs Zeeland East HS		
Home(H)	10/16/26 7:00 PM	vs Unity Christian HS	Pups Night/Choir	
Home(H)	10/23/26 7:00 PM	vs Hart HS	Senior Parent Night	

Our District is located in the city of Wyoming, Michigan, the largest suburb of metropolitan Grand Rapids and the 18th largest city in Michigan. It is a city of well-kept neighborhoods and parks. Recreational and cultural opportunities abound, and the community atmosphere emphasizes family values.

The Wyoming Public School District has a staff of approximately 475 employees, including teachers, administrators, secretaries, paraeducators, food service, maintenance and custodial staff, bus drivers, mechanics, and community education personnel. Our student enrollment is approximately 3,600 scholars.

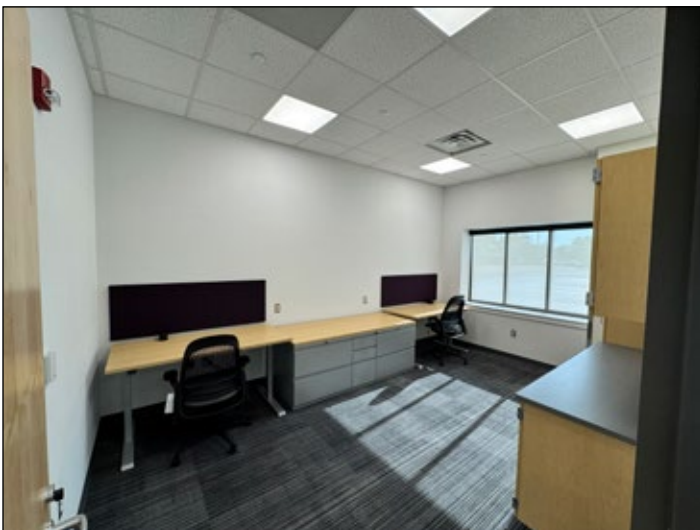
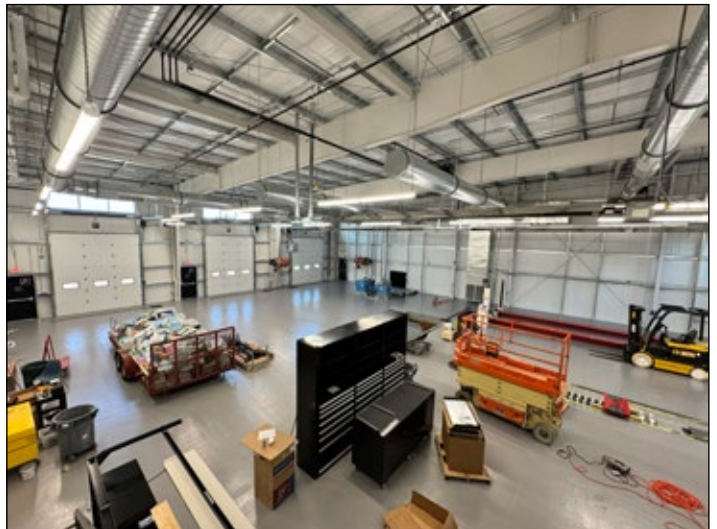
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The district is wrapping up the completion of our new bus garage which replaces the previous bus garage that was lost due to fire damage in the winter of 2024.

We are so grateful to our community for the support given to the district over the last ten years. In that time, our community has approved three bond projects, the renewal of our sinking fund in the fall of 2025 for another ten years, and the renewal of our non-homestead operating millage in the spring of 2026. The proposals approved by our community will total over \$250 million in investments which directly benefit our students, staff, and community. Thank you!



Please don't hesitate to reach out to the district's central office with any questions related to our upcoming bond projects.





A colorful chalkboard-style graphic for a 'Back to School' registration event. The background is a green chalkboard with white chalk text. The text reads: 'Wyoming Public Schools', 'BACK TO SCHOOL!', 'Registration Event', 'July 28, 2026', '3:00 PM - 6:00 PM', 'Wyoming High School', '1350 Prairie Parkway', and '#BetterTogetherWPS'. The graphic is decorated with various school-related illustrations: a purple and white wolf head in the top left, a yellow lightbulb in the top right, yellow stars, white paper clips, two crayons (orange and blue) in the bottom left, and a blue and orange backpack in the bottom right.



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1ST DAY OF SCHOOL: TUES., AUG. 25, 2026 – 1/2 DAY

Fall 2026 Bond Construction and Bus Garage Update

Wyoming Public Schools has been continuously engaged in construction and construction planning since the 2017-2018 school year, following voter authorization of \$79.5 million in bonding capacity back in 2017, authorization of a second bonding program for up to \$24.9 million in 2023 and the final approval of \$29.75 million in the fall of 2025.



District leadership is in the early stages of planning for work to be done throughout the district over the next two and half years. Our preliminary planning and work will begin in the fall of 2026 with the addition of a new gymnasium at Gladiola Elementary. The district anticipates the opening of the new gymnasium in the late summer of 2027.

In addition to work being completed at Gladiola Elementary, we are also planning for work to be completed at the Secondary Learning Academy. The district is planning for a new secure entrance way as well as renovations that include a new E-Sports gaming room. Construction at the Secondary Learning Academy is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2027 and should be completed by late summer of 2027.



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