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WELCOME TO THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

A Message from Our Superintendent

Dear Families and Community of Wyoming Public Schools,

As we prepare to open our doors to the 2025-2026 school year, I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude to you, the families, neighbors, and community members who continuously invest your trust, support, and hearts into Wyoming Public Schools. Each August brings a new opportunity, and with it, the promise of growth, achievement, and a shared journey forward. That promise is alive and well in Wyoming.

This is not just another school year. It is a continuation of our collective story, a story defined by resilience, progress, and the unwavering belief in what is possible when a community commits to its children. Whether you are a longtime supporter or a new family joining our district for the first time, please know you are an essential part of what makes Wyoming Public Schools a place of opportunity, excellence, and belonging.

Over the past year, we have made meaningful strides in instructional innovation, expanded student support services, and continued to invest in learning environments that reflect the needs of today's learners. These efforts stand as bold symbols of our district's forward momentum, where modern design, inclusive education, and a focus on student belonging come together to ensure every learner is seen, valued, and challenged.

This year, we will continue to celebrate and elevate the character of our students through programs and practices

that highlight kindness, compassion, and gratitude. These efforts are powerful reminders that academic success and character go hand in hand, and that shaping good people is just as important as shaping great minds.

At the heart of this school year is a districtwide focus on intentional teaching and learning. Our educators are committed to using clear learning targets and success criteria to help every student understand not just what they are learning, but why it matters. When students are equipped with purpose and clarity, they are empowered to take ownership of their learning, set goals, and grow with confidence.

We will continue to foster classrooms that are not only academically rigorous but also emotionally supportive, spaces where curiosity is encouraged, differences are embraced, and potential is unlocked. This commitment extends beyond the classroom to athletics, the arts, extracurriculars, and every experience that helps our students develop into well-rounded individuals.

Wyoming is a place where people show up for one another. From volunteers in our elementary classrooms to local businesses that sponsor programs and events, to alumni who give back with pride, your involvement makes a lasting difference. When we say "Better Together," we mean every student, every family, every staff member, and every member of this community who plays a role in helping our young people thrive.

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As superintendent, I am both honored and humbled to serve a district with such a strong foundation of community partnership, strengthened by an amazingly talented and committed staff. Our strength lies not in any one individual, but in the collective care and commitment we show each other, day after day.

The road ahead will bring challenges, but also joy, achievement, and moments that remind us why education matters so deeply. Let this be a year of possibility. A year of persistence. A year of working together in the spirit of excellence, equity, and hope.

Thank you for walking alongside us as we educate, inspire, and prepare the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and dreamers. The future of Wyoming is not only bright, it is being built right now, inside every classroom, every hallway, and every home in this community. With the unwavering support of our families, the strength of our partnerships, and the dedication of an incredibly talented and committed staff, there is no limit to what we can accomplish together.

On behalf of the entire Wyoming Public Schools team, welcome to the 2025 to 2026 school year. Let's make it our best yet.

With pride and gratitude,

Mr. Craig Hoekstra
Superintendent



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.

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 at 6:00 PM 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.

Aug. 11 – 5 PM
Aug. 25 – 5 PM
Sept. 8 – 6 PM
Sept. 22 – 6 PM
Oct. 13 – 6 PM
Oct. 27 – 6 PM
Nov. 10 – 6 PM
Dec. 8 – 6 PM



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FIRST SCHOOL DAY

[1/2 Day AM]

Tuesday, August 19

Wyoming Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

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| Open House | Monday, August 18th | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM |
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Elementary (Gladiola, Oriole Park, Parkview & West):

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| Gladiola Kinder Smart Start | Thursday, August 14th | 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| Gladiola Open House | Monday, August 18th | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM |
| Oriole Park Kinder Smart Start | Thursday, August 14th | TBD |
| Oriole Park Open House | Monday, August 18th | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM |
| Parkview Kinder Smart Start | Tuesday, August 12th | 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM |
| Parkview Open House | Monday, August 18th | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM |
| West Kinder Smart Start | Thursday, August 14th | 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| West Open House | Monday, August 18th | 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM |

Wyoming Intermediate:

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| WIS Open House | Monday, August 18th | 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM |
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Wyoming Junior High School:

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| Student Physicals @ High School | Wednesday, August 6th | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM |
| 7th Grade Smart Start | Tuesday, August 12th | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM |
| 8th Grade Picture Day/ Schedule Pick Up | Tuesday, August 12th | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM |
| (any 7th grader unable to attend Smart Start is welcome to attend) | | |
| Fall Sport Start Date | Monday, August 18th | |
| Open House (Curriculum Night) | Wed., September 3rd | 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM |
| Student Picture Retakes | Tuesday, September 23rd | |

Wyoming High School:

Scholars can drop in during the times listed below to get schedules and take school ID pictures.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Soph., Junior, & Senior Orientation | Wednesday, August 6th | 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM |
| Freshman Orientation | Tuesday, August 12th | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM |
| WHS Open House | Wed., September 3rd | 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)
- ✓ Oral Assessment

Additional Documents Needed:

Kindergarten Students: Physical & Hearing/Vision Screening

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 11, 2025 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 www.adulted.kentisd.org for more details.

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL – ATHLETICS

Wyoming High School – Wednesday, August 6th 6:00 PM
Athletics: FREE Physicals

Fall Team Sport Starting Dates Monday, August 11th

Meet The Team Night Monday, August 18th 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!

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.

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 2025-2026.

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 19, 2025



One carton of milk is included with each meal and ala carte milk is available for fifty 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.

ParentVue

(PVUE) – ParentVue is an application for Parents to:

Enroll students & Update demographic information

Assignments and Grades

View Schedule

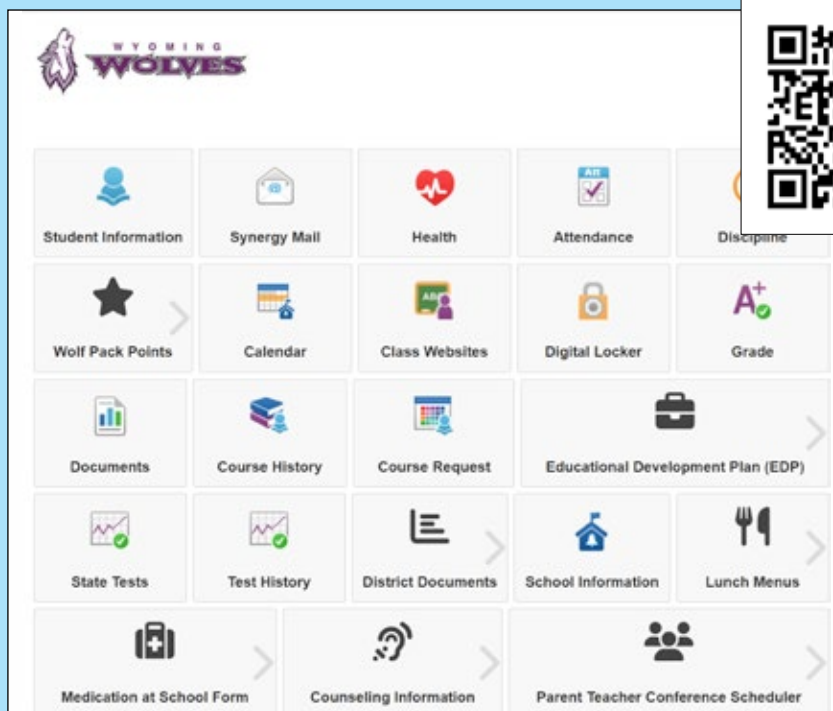
Attendance & Discipline Information

Transcripts/Graduation Requirements

Academic Goals

And more.....

Make sure you have an account....



New Student Enrollment AND New to WPS

If you are **BRAND NEW** to Wyoming Public Schools (*never had any children enrolled in Wyoming before*), you can follow the process below.



Register online: go to wyominggps.org

Scroll to and click on “New Student Registration”

Scroll to and click on **On-Line Enrollment**

Follow these steps to create a ParentVue account to enroll your “new” child to the district:

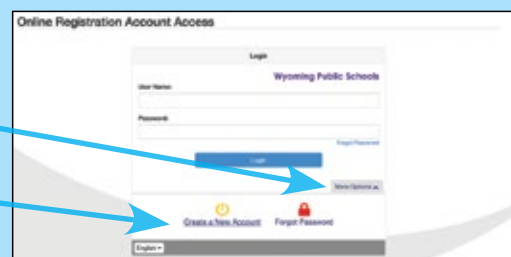
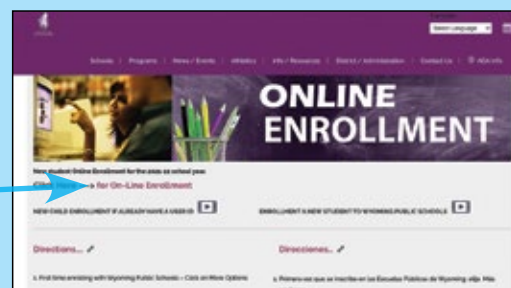
Click on *More Options* (under Login button)

Click on *Create a New Account*

Click *No* and *No*, Click *Continue*

Read through and accept the Privacy Statement.

Parent Account Creation – an email will be sent to the email address provided for you to create your ParentVue account and continue with the Registration Process.



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New Student Enrollment – *and have/had siblings* in Wyoming

Public Schools. If you already have a child enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools or have ever had children enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools, you will need to use your ParentVue account. *If you do not know your ParentVue account credentials, you can email pvue@wyomingps.org or call 616-530-7550.*



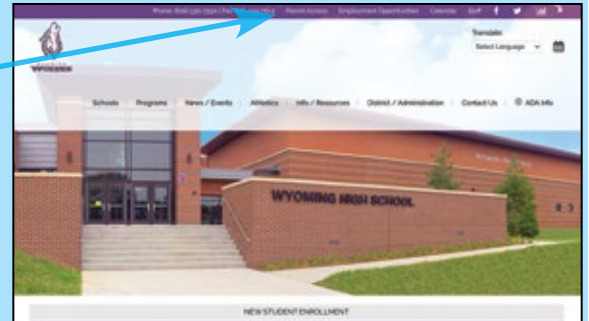
- Re-enrolling a student that was with Wyoming previously

Go to wyomingps.org

Click on **Parent Access** (top bar)

Fill in your **User Name** and **Password** to your previous ParentVue Account.

If you do not remember your user id and password, email pvue@wyomingps.org to retrieve it.



Click on **Online Registration** (top right corner) Start the re-enrollment process.

- If your child is currently in our **Wyoming Early Childhood Center** (*previously named Huntington Woods ECSE Program*) (not the GSRP program), you do not need to enroll your child. We already have your documentation. You will just need to let your child's ECSE teacher know that your child is planning on attending Wyoming next year. They will let you know the Elementary Building based off your address.

If you have an issue with online enrollment, contact the

Wyoming Public Schools Administration Building

located at 3575 Gladiola Ave. SW

Call (616) 530-7550 or Email pvue@wyomingps.org

Back to School Registration – Returning Students - Opens mid July until early August through ParentVue. You will receive an email stating “Back to School Registration is available”

Look for an email to complete your Online “Back to School Registration” through your ParentVue Account. It will not be available to fill out until you have received the email.

If you do not currently have a ParentVue account, email pvue@wyomingps.org to obtain one now so you are prepared in August for Back to School Registration.

**First Day of School is Tuesday, August 19th
1/2 day for all students**



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



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 Lisette Perez at
the Wyoming Public Schools
Administration Building at
530-7550.**



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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.

Announcements will be made on local radio and television stations regarding school cancellations prior to the start of the school day. 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.

2025-26 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 David Holsworth, WPS Director of Operations, at (616) 530-7570 or holswod@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.

David Holsworth, Director of Operations
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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.

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WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR



NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS / STAFF PD

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| AUGUST 22 - FRIDAY | JANUARY 30 - FRIDAY |
| SEPTEMBER 26 - FRIDAY | MARCH 13 - FRIDAY |
| OCTOBER 31 - FRIDAY | APRIL 24 - FRIDAY |

STUDENTS - 1/2 DAY - AM ONLY

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| AUGUST 19 - TUESDAY | MARCH 5 - THURSDAY |
| OCTOBER 16 - THURSDAY | MARCH 6 - FRIDAY |
| OCTOBER 17 - FRIDAY | MAY 28 - THURSDAY |
| DECEMBER 18 - THURSDAY | MAY 29 - FRIDAY |
| DECEMBER 19 - FRIDAY | |

NO SCHOOL - ALL

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| AUGUST 29 & SEPTEMBER 01 | Labor Day Weekend |
| NOVEMBER 26-28 | Thanksgiving Break |
| DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 02 | Winter Break |
| FEBRUARY 13 & 16* | Mid-Winter Break |
| APRIL 03 - 10 | Spring Break |
| MAY 25 | Memorial Day |

TEACHERS & STUDENTS REPORT

*February 13th Possible mid-Winter Break-
will be held as a day of instruction if PD hours



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If your family is in need of help to provide for your children this Christmas, consider registering at santaclausgirls.org.

Registration for the 2025 season begins September 1, 2025.

SIX PERIOD DAY

SECONDARY

| | High School | 25-26 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.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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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Book Club Sparks Discussion, Love of Reading

Photos & Story By: Morgan Jarema, School News Network



Teacher Kim-Hang Tran opens discussion of the Novel Bunch Book Club

At a recent meeting of the after-school Novel Bunch Book Club, it didn't look at first like the discussion promised to be very lively. Of the dozen or so Wyoming High School students who showed up, most admitted they hadn't been able to finish that month's selection, "We Are Not Free." But once teacher Teacher Kim-Hang Tran kicked it off with her thoughts, the group was riveted.

The novel, a National Book Award finalist, is the collective account of a group of second-generation Japanese American teens whose lives are irrevocably changed by the mass U.S. incarcerations of World War II.

"I didn't know about any of this, to the extent that it was almost like what happened to the Jews," Tran told them, "I knew about Pearl Harbor, but I didn't know what happened to the people." Added choir teacher Mary Alice Miller, "I was not taught about this at all in school. ... What happens in this book is what's currently happening in this country." To those who hadn't yet read too much of the book, "I think it's important to try to pick it up again," Miller told them.

Senior Berlinda Pablo-Pablo agreed. "You saw it happen in 2001 when the Twin Towers collapsed, and

then COVID, when it was Asian Americans, and now (deportation of undocumented immigrants)," she said. "I think a lot of times in America's history, minority groups are easy targets. And that hurts America."

Sophomore Lily McKenney had a hard time getting into the book on her own, but hearing others talk about it gave her a second thought. "I think I'm definitely going to pick this up again," she said.

Decade Strong

Tran started the club 10 years ago, prompted by students in her Readers' Workshop class. Between 10 and 23 ninth- through 12th-graders participate; attendance fluctuates as students' schedules permit. She said psychological thrillers are popular, but that she tries to expose students to various genres.

Tran and students recommend books to be read by the group, and each participant gets a new copy to keep. The club has relied on donations to purchase books.

Senior Alyceson Chavez has been part of the Novel Bunch since sophomore year. "I enjoy all of it," she said. "I like to talk about the books I read. It's nice when you can have a conversation, get other people's thoughts about what you're reading."



Senior Andrea Osorio opens a box of copies of the next book to be read: 'Everything We Never Had,' purchased by Jayne Bartrand, a retired WPS teacher and book club member

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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.

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 4 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 2025–26 school year one to remember—

*join the Wyoming High School
Athletic Boosters today!*

WYOMING ATHLETICS: MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

(For Fall Sports)

Mon., August 18, 2025 at Wyoming Football Field, 5:15 PM – 7:20 PM

At this event, families will have the opportunity to meet coaches and fellow student-athletes while learning about expectations for the upcoming sport season.

Individual and team photos will take place from 5:15 PM until 7:20 PM. Student-Athlete / Parent meetings will take place after each team has completed their team photos.

Below is the photo schedule for 2025 fall sport teams, student-athletes, and/or families.

It is very important EVERYONE BE ON TIME in order to stay on schedule.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE MAY RUN AHEAD OF SCHEDULE – **BE EARLY!**

TEAM PICTURES

5:15 Varsity Golf
5:25 Varsity Girls Volleyball
5:35 J.V. / Freshman Soccer
5:45 Varsity Tennis
5:55 Cross Country
6:05 Varsity Dance
6:15 Freshman Girls Volleyball
6:25 Varsity Cheer
6:35 J.V. Girls Volleyball
6:45 Varsity Soccer
6:55 Freshman Football
7:05 J.V. Football
7:15 Varsity Football

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY/GROUP

5:15 Varsity Girls Volleyball
5:25 Varsity Golf
5:35 Varsity Tennis
5:45 J.V./Freshman Soccer
5:55 Varsity Dance
6:05 Cross Country
6:15 Varsity Cheer
6:25 Freshman Girls Volleyball
6:35 Varsity Soccer
6:45 J.V. Girls Volleyball
6:55 J.V. Football
7:05 Freshman Football
7:20 Varsity Football

ALL PHOTO PURCHASES MUST BE PRE-PAID ON SITE THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.

ALL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE WHS FOOTBALL FIELD!



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2025 FALL SPORTS PRACTICE STARTING DATES

| | | | | |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Football | 8/11/24 | @WHS | Coach Carlton Brewster | brewstc@wyomingps.org |
| Soccer | 8/11/24 | @WHS | Coach Romer Carrasco | romer@wyomingps.org |
| Volleyball | 8/11/24 | @WHS | Coach Taejah Cross | crosstaejah@gmail.com |
| Cheer | 8/11/24 | @WHS | Coach Marlena Gray | graym@wyomingps.org |
| XC | 8/11/24 | @WHS | Coach Jason Pittman | pittmaj@wyomingps.org |
| Girls Golf | 8/11/24 | @Maple Hill | Coach Jeff Frick | frickj@wyomingps.org |
| Boys Tennis | 8/11/24 | @ Lamar Park 3:15-5pm | Coach Mikala Reynolds | mikyalalamicha@gmail.com |
| Dance | 8/11/24 | @WHS TBA | Coach Jada Shariff | sherifj@wyomingps.org |
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| | Soccer | | | |
| | Volleyball | | | |

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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 an adult.
- 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 stadium if not complying with expectations.
- Scholars who do not follow expectations will not be able to attend future games during the fall sport season.

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

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- Ability To Make Lunch Payments (A La Carte Items)
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- Link To StudentVUE Mobile Site
- Transportation & Bus Routes
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- The WPS App has the Wolf logo as the icon.
- Download the WPS App.
- Set Notifications by going to "Settings" and selecting the District and/or buildings from which you would like to receive you would like to receive notification.



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1ST DAY OF SCHOOL: TUES., AUG. 19, 2025 – 1/2 DAY

GROUNDSWELL STUDENT PROJECT SHOWCASE



Through a partnership with Groundswell Stewardship Initiative, a Michigan nonprofit focused on caring for local communities and the Great Lakes, students spent time this spring immersed in a native plant project, for which they studied and cared for spiderwort, wild petunias, hairy beardtongue, wild lupine and golden alexander in their classroom.

After researching how the plants help mitigate the effects of climate change, they completed a research guide and chose a permanent home for their plant, locations where they could have a positive impact on the environment. They presented their project at the recent Groundswell Student Project Showcase.

Wyoming Junior High Science teacher Madeline Juliot said students focused on



how their plants could contribute to carbon reduction, watershed protection and habitat and wildlife restoration.



“Many students learned quite a bit about how local and small changes can help the larger environmental concerns that they may have, and that native plants can be a major help in order to enact these changes.” Juliot said.

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