Freshman Parent Night
(From a student/parent perspective)
Willowbrook Guidance and Counseling Department
“Warrior Time is just a study hall”

- Announcements, pledge and school-wide presentations, counselor presentations
- Warrior Time (35 mins.), time to meet with teachers, finish homework, learn more about Willowbrook and help transition into high school
- Develop problem-solving skills to improve academic achievement and social relationships through New Beginnings
- Seek additional help from peer tutors
- Students can access WT Resources by asking their teacher for a pass in advance.
New Beginnings
(Peer Mentor Program)

- 70 Upperclassmen volunteer to work with the freshmen class
- Improve the freshmen experience by feeling more connected to high school
- Inform freshmen about how to get involved in their high school experience
- Build positive relationships
- Learn from upperclassmen that have shared similar experiences
- Answer questions from a student perspective

“Why are there two seniors in my freshmen Warrior Time?”
“I need two years of Spanish to graduate”

**High School**

- ✓ 4 years of English
- ✓ 3 years of Math
- ✓ 3 years of Science
- ✓ 3 years of Social Studies
- ✓ 3 semesters of Fine Art and/or CTE elective courses
- ✓ Speech/Consumer Mngt
- ✓ 1 semester of Reading
- ✓ PE, Health, Drivers Ed. (no Drivers Ed= an additional semester of PE)

**College** (recommended)

- ✓ 4 years of English
- ✓ 3 years of Math (Adv. Alg/Trig or Algebra 2)
- ✓ 3 years of Science (Chemistry & Physics)
- ✓ 3 years of Social Studies
- ✓ 2 years of World Language
- *Additional courses may be required for some college majors*
“My counselor picks my classes”

✓ All students meet one-on-one with their counselor to select courses for the next school year in January/February.

✓ Each teacher provides the counselor with recommendations.

✓ It’s important to consider college and career goals when deciding on courses.

✓ A list of the selected courses are mailed home.

✓ Students have until the end of February to change courses for the next school year.
“I don’t want to go to school today”

**Academics**
- ✓ Communicate with the classroom teacher
- ✓ ARC (before/after) school
- ✓ MRC (Algebra/Geometry)
- ✓ Use Freshmen Warrior Time to meet with teachers
- ✓ Use NB Peer Tutors
- ✓ Utilize department resources during WT

**Social/ Emotional**
- ✓ See School Counselor/Nurse about resources available
- ✓ Social Worker
- ✓ School Psychologist
- ✓ Outside Resources such as counseling, therapy or rehab facilities
- ✓ Phone numbers and email are under “Guidance and Student Services”
“Do I have to go to Summer School?”

- We offer a Credit Recovery Program over the summer, for students that fail a course (sign-up is usually in April/May)
- Credit Recovery also runs during the school year
- College of DuPage offers courses for make-up AND enrichment (sign-up is usually in March)
- Additional summer school courses for enrichment are being approved within the district and more information is to follow
“I don’t know how to join a club”

✓ Check the Willowbrook website for Clubs, Sports and Activities your child can get involved in
✓ Ask New Beginnings Leaders about how to join
✓ Most activities can be joined throughout the year
✓ Sports are broken up into three seasons
✓ Athletic Schedules can be viewed at www.athletics2000.com/willowbrook
"I have no idea what career I want to pursue after high school"

**Freshmen & Sophomore Year**
- Focus on Academics and get off to a good start
- Start visiting colleges during Sophomore year
- Enroll in a variety of electives to explore career options

**Junior & Senior Year**
- Continue visiting college campuses
- Attend informational parent nights
- Before entering senior year, develop a list of potential colleges
- Complete applications in fall of senior year
- Complete financial aid and scholarship applications in the winter/spring of Senior year.
“Do you have to take a final exam for every class?”

Bell Schedule

Tues.  Wed.  Thurs.

12/17  12/18  12/19

7:45-9:15  1  7  8
9:25-10:55  3  2  6
11:05-12:35  4  5  make-up
1:30-3:00  make-up

- Buses run the first 2 testing periods and the last 2 testing periods.
- Lunches, Warrior Times and Study halls do not meet.
- Counselors can adjust a student’s schedule if they have 3 final exam schedules in one day.
- Zero Hour PE Exams are typically given during class time before final exams.
- FINAL EXAMS are 20% of the semester grade.
Upcoming Events

- Parent-Teacher Conferences- Oct. 2nd and 3rd
  (4:00-7:30)
- Conquering College Costs Presentation- Wednesday, Nov. 13th 6:00pm
- Curriculum Showcase- Thursday, Jan. 16th 6:30pm
- Freshmen Course Selection February 3rd-February 7th
“Mom or Dad, you don’t have to come to my game.”

✓ Check the Willowbrook Website (calendar, presentations, scholarships, etc.)
✓ Check PowerSchool for grades and missing assignments
✓ Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences
✓ Attend Parent Programming Presentations
✓ Email or call teachers and/or counselors with questions or concerns.
How do I sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences?

- Conferences are on Wednesday, October 2nd and Thursday, Oct. 3rd.
- Parents should have received a mailing and can sign up now!
- Remember that you only have 5 minutes to meet with a teacher/counselor.
- You can register for conferences online by going to: www.dupage88.net, “Parents,” and then “Parent Teacher Conference Sign-up”
Parent-Teacher Conferences continued.

- Parent View
- Select Language (English or Spanish)
- Click on Guardian & Parents
Parent-Teacher Conferences continued.

✔ Enter the e-mail address you used to sign up for “Nucleus” and the password you selected during registration.

✔ If you forget your password you can enter your email address and have the password sent to you.
Parent-Teacher Conferences continued.

✓ Select “Conference Schedule”
Parent-Teacher Conferences continued.

- Select the DAY and then TIME you want to begin scheduling conferences.
- Deans and Counselors can be selected below the schedule.
- You can unselect a teacher you do not want to conference with.
- Select “Build Your Schedule Now”