Freshman Parent Night
(From a student/parent perspective)
Willowbrook Guidance and Counseling Department

Class of 2022 Remind 101 Code - @9b47fa

Text this code to the number 81010 to join the group.
“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.
“Why are there two seniors in my freshmen Warrior Time?”

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
“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.
✓ 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 mid-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 and Sophomore year students should focus on academics and getting off to a good start.
- Summer between Sophomore and Junior year is a good time to start visiting colleges and post secondary options.
- Junior year students and parents should be visiting colleges and attending college parent nights.
- Summer of Senior year students and parents should be determining what institutions they will be applying to.
- Fall of Senior year students should focus on completing applications.
- Winter/Spring of Senior year, complete financial aid application and focus on applying for college scholarships.
“Do you have to take a final exam for every class?”

Bell Schedule  Tues.  Wed.  Thurs.

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- 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. 3rd and 4th (4:00-7:30)
• Curriculum Showcase- Thursday, Jan. 17th 6:30pm
• Freshmen Course Selection January 14th-January 18th
“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 3rd and Thursday, Oct. 4th.

✓ 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”