



CLASS OF 2030

WESTERN WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman Orientation

WELCOME!

Meet Our High School Administrators

- Principal – Paul Gregorski (pgregorski@westernwayne.org)
- Asst. Principal – Robert Black (rblack@westernwayne.org)
- Athletic Director – Tyler Jakes (tjakes@westernwayne.org)
- Transportation Director – Jason Gay (jgay@westernwayne.org)
- Food Service Director – Mary Hoover (mhoover@westernwayne.org)
- Director of Special Education – Jennifer DeNike (jdenike@westernwayne.org)
- Asst. Director of Special Education – Michael Motsko (mmotsko@westernwayne.org)

WELCOME!

Meet Our High School Counseling Department

- Matt Fitzsimmons: 9th - 12th Grade (Last Names starting with A-F)
- Rachael Palko: 9th - 12th Grade (Last Names starting with G-M)
- Kasey Gribble: 9th - 12th Grade (Last Names Starting with N-Z)
- Kim Field: Counseling Secretary
- Jennifer Sgarlata: Counseling Secretary

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22.5 credits are required for graduation

Credits in the following are REQUIRED:

4 History credits

4 English credits

3 Math credits

3 Science credits

4 years of Physical Education (Gym)

½ credit of Health

½ credit of Career Exploration

½ credit of Personal Finance

ACT 158 PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION

In addition to Western Wayne credit requirements, students graduating in the Class of 2023 and beyond are required to meet PA State Graduation Requirements

- Pathway 1: Keystone Proficiency*
- Pathway 2: Keystone Composite Score*
- Pathway 3: Alternate Assessment*
- Pathway 4: Career and Technical Education*
- Pathway 5: Evidence Based*

CAREER – FOCUSED EDUCATION

339 Plan: a comprehensive K-12 guidance program that focuses on the student, education, future plans, and careers. The plan involves students, parents, educators, post-secondary educators and business/community members

- Career Readiness Indicators: focus on Career Education and Work Standards for all students*
- Industry Recognized Credentials or Work based Learning*
- Career Exploration: 9th grade course requirement*

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Fall

Cheerleading
Cross Country, Boys
Cross Country, Girls
Football
Golf
Soccer, Boys
Soccer, Girls
Tennis, Girls
Volleyball, Girls

Winter

Basketball, Boys
Basketball, Girls
Cheerleading
Indoor Track, Boys
Indoor Track, Girls
Wrestling, Boys
Wrestling, Girls

Spring

Baseball
Softball
Tennis, Boys
Track and Field, Boys
Track and Field, Girls
Volleyball, Boys

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY PHYSICALS

- Each athlete **MUST** have a PIAA physical completed before he or she can practice or compete.
- Only Physicals completed after May 1st, 2025 will be accepted for the 2025-2026. Any physical completed prior to this date is not valid.

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Free sports Physicals at Western Wayne

- Free sports physicals are offered before each sports season. Fall (June), Winter (November), Spring (February).

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY ACADEMIC

- Academic Eligibility is determined both weekly and by marking period: (Thursday)
- Students may not be failing 2 or more subjects. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period and shall be reported on a weekly basis. In cases where a student's cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period does not, as of any Friday, meet the standards provided for in this section, he/she shall be ineligible from the immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which his cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period meets the standards provided for in this section. During this time, students will be on academic probation:

- A. Students are mandated to attend at least one hour of remedial tutoring daily (Monday–Thursday) prior to practicing.
- B. Students will remain on academic probation until eligibility requirements are met.
- C. Students on academic probation may practice but are not eligible to compete in games, matches, etc.

BACKPACK GUIDELINES

- Clear backpacks only.
- Colored transparent backpacks are not allowed.
- Students can no longer bring traditional backpacks to school.
- Students may bring in instruments, sports bags, equipment, and other items used to after school activities. They must be stored in the band room, a designated team room, or locker room before the start of the school day.
- Only clear drawstring bags will be permitted.
- A small non-transparent privacy pouch, no larger than 5" x 7" will be allowed for personal items.
- Mesh bags are prohibited but a mesh organizer inside the front pocket is allowed.



DRESS CODE

Allowable Items:

- Shirts with collars (including golf-style and button down), turtlenecks, and t-shirts with (finished) long or short-sleeves. Shirts must touch the top portion of the lower garment at all times. The necklines of all upper garments must be modest. Low cut necklines are prohibited. Shirts with hoods are permitted but must allow the student's face and ears to be visible to the staff at all times.
- Jeans or pants (any style), that are worn at or above the waistline and that do not expose the undergarments or hips/groin/buttocks.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts, or dresses that are worn at or above the waistline and that do not expose the undergarments or hips/groin/buttocks.

DRESS CODE

The following items also apply:

- All items permitted in this dress code must be clean and made of material that is not sheer or see through.*
- Footwear must be worn at all times. Any footwear that poses a safety hazard is not permitted. Certain classes/courses may require specific footwear (i.e. Phys. Ed., science lab, foods, or shops)*
- Sunglasses are not permitted unless there is a documented medical issue (i.e. a concussion).*
- Clothing, patches, buttons, pins, and/or jewelry are permitted but they must not do any of the following: display sexually suggestive writing/pictures; advocate violence; advertise and/or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol and/or drugs; display double-meaning wording and/or obscene language; use disrespectful language; suggest gang affiliation or activities.*

Dress code violations may require a change of clothing, removal from class, or removal from school.

Students may call home for proper clothing.

Administrators reserve the right to determine appropriate attire and dress code compliance.

DRESS CODE

These items are not permitted:

- Pajamas and slippers
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, or halter tops
- Hats, bandanas, winter scarves, wraps, hoods, or head covering.
- Blankets
- Chains and spiked jewelry

Dress code violations may require a change of clothing, removal from class or removal from school. Students may call home for proper clothing. (For more information see WWSD Policy 221, Dress and Grooming)

ATTENDANCE

- Parent or Doctor note should follow each absence.

- Work will be available in Google Classroom to complete while absent.

- Excessive or Unexcused absences will prompt an Attendance Improvement Meeting to determine the cause of the absences.

- Vacations and Family Trips must be pre-approved by Administration.

Parent and Doctor notes are encouraged to be submitted electronically. hsattendance@westernwayne.org

COUNSELING SERVICES

Social/ Emotional

- SAP
- Counseling Outreach Program (Guide Light/ Northern Light)
- Friendship House School Based Behavioral Health
- Support Groups
- Conflict Resolution
- Crisis Intervention
- Classroom Lessons

Academic

- Goal Setting
- Academic Advising
- Scheduling
- Post-Secondary Planning
- Classroom Lessons

Career

- Computer-Based Career Exploration
- College Exploration
- Trade/Technical School Exploration
- Industry Recognized Credentials
- Military
- Classroom Lessons

TUTORING RESOURCES

Western Wayne After School Tutoring

*After school tutoring will begin during the 1st quarter.
Students can take the late bus home.*

*Parent must complete the permission form and submit it to
the High School Main Office.*

STAY CONNECTED

Email

Blackboard Connect

Western Wayne Counseling Office Facebook

Western Wayne Counseling Instagram Page

Gradebook

Parent Portal

Google Classroom

Scholarship & Career Opportunities

MaiaLearning



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisors: Mrs. Gribble and Mrs. Palko

Requirements

- 90% cumulative GPA
- Uphold the concepts of scholarship, character, service, and leadership

Application

- 1 letter of recommendation required
- Statement of qualifications (letter to the faculty council)
- Student activity information
- Grid should include at least one in each category
- Co-curricular activities
- Leadership Positions
- Community activities
- Awards, Honors, and Achievements

***Student who are eligible
will receive the
application during the
3rd marking period, in
10th grade.***

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Western Wayne Partnerships

- Lackawanna College
- University of Scranton
- Marywood University
- Johnson College
- Penn State University

Western Wayne High School

Lackawanna College

- Algebra II Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Accounting
- Statistics

Johnson College

- Automotive Courses
- Manufacturing Courses
- Engineering
- Introduction to Business
- Entrepreneurship
- Computer Programming

** Additionally, Western Wayne offers 12 Advanced Placement Courses**

OPENING DAY



OPENING DAY BELL AND CLASS SCHEDULE

8:10–10:00 A.M. – Homeroom and Class Meetings
8:10-8:15 – Grade 12 Transition to Auditorium
8:15-8:50 – Grade 12 Class Meeting
8:55-9:25 – Grade 10 & Grade 11 Class Meeting
9:30-10:05 – Grade 9 Class Meeting

10:10-10:33 – Period 1
10:37-11:00 – Period 2
11:04-11:27 – Period 3
11:31-11:54 – Period 4

11:58-12:28	11:58-12:36	11:58-12:36
<u>1st Lunch</u>	<u>5A class</u>	<u>5A class</u>
12:32-1:10	12:40-1:10	12:40-1:18
5B class	<u>2nd Lunch</u>	<u>6A class</u>
1:14-1:52	1:14-1:52	1:22-1:52
6B class	<u>6B class</u>	<u>3rd Lunch</u>

1:56-2:24 – Period 7
2:28-3:00 – Period 8

3:00 - DISMISSAL



THANK YOU!

At the conclusion of the presentation, anyone interested in a personal tour by our Western Wayne Student Ambassadors, please come to the front of the auditorium.

All others are free to explore the building to walk through student schedules.

Refreshments are available in the cafeteria. Taste test some of our new menu options.

Please email any questions to:

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