

**WARREN HILLS REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL
9TH GRADE ACADEMY
2016 – 2017**



**SURVIVAL
GUIDE**

MISSION STATEMENT:

“The Warren Hills Regional School District challenges and empowers a dynamic, diverse student body in a supportive learning environment by providing academic and co-curricular opportunities to become successful, productive members of the global community.”

*Please keep this guide within your handbook,
It is your responsibility to have it with you at all times.*

IN THE ACADEMY YOU WILL . . .

Come to school ready to learn.

Have multiple lunch options, including snacks.

Cover your textbooks, keep them covered, and take them home to study.

Do well!

Take notes independently.

Read, write, calculate, and do more homework than you have ever done.

Do well!!

Enthusiastically participate in physical education.

Follow the high school dress code. This is a MUST, not an option.

Be in class, not hang out in the halls.

Do Well!!!

Be required to think independently.

Apply algebraic operations to real world problems.

Walk on the right side of the hallway.

Show your agenda book to teachers/security whenever you ask to leave a class.

Purchase a new agenda book for \$5 if you lose or alter the one given to you.

Do Well!!!!

Have your necessary tools with you every day.

Remember, a pencil is a tool.

Use your locker to store your books and personal items such as hats, coats, and electronic devices.

Refrain from showing your undergarments and from wearing hats or coats.

Be ready to take on the 10th grade.

Do Well!!!!!!

BASIC RULES FOR THE ACADEMY

In addition to each teacher's classroom rules and the high school's rules (which are detailed in your student agenda), there are a few basic rules the 9th Grade Academy has adopted. The rules are not only designed to help improve your academic grade, but they will help shape you into a responsible and successful young adult. By adhering to these rules, you are helping to create an environment that allows all students to be successful.

Be On Time:

The majority of your classes will be held in the same wing; therefore, tardiness is unacceptable. (Refer to the LATE POLICY for further details.)

Be Prepared:

This includes, but is not limited to:

Bringing all of your materials to each class (text, notebook, writing utensil, and agenda).
Being ready to learn.

Be Respectful:

Respect is essential for succeeding in the academy.

Respect others.

Respect the space.

Respect is a quality desired by colleges and future employers.

Practice and perfect this quality.

Respect YOURSELF!

REWARDS PROGRAM

You will be rewarded each marking period for positive behavior, respecting the basic rules, and six pillars of character.

To qualify for the MP reward you must have the following:

NO in-school or out-of-school suspensions!

NO detentions.

A's or B's in ALL of your classes.

(Each marking period provides a clean slate.)

Possible marking period rewards include social hours, dance, movies, field day. It's up to you as to what the rewards will be, so make sure to get involved!

Stay tuned for information on the Academy Awards presented during the 4th marking period.

Four years at a glance . . .

9th Grade: Join sports teams, participate in clubs and activities offered by WHRHS . . . GET INVOLVED!

10th Grade: STAY involved, fundraise for your future, focus on your grades, purchase class rings.

11th Grade: Junior prom, SAT's, look at prospective colleges, apply for scholarships, and STAY INVOLVED!

12th Grade: Parking on campus, senior prom, Senior Courtyard, Graduation . . . the BEST time of your life!

ADVICE FROM UPPER CLASSMEN

1. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.
2. There is no second floor.
3. There is no swimming pool either.
4. Even if the assignment is not graded, it COUNTS!
5. Do your homework!
6. Come to class on time or you WILL get detention!
7. There are real consequences for your actions.
8. You will be treated like an adult, so ACT like one.
9. Respect the teachers; they really are on your side.
10. Freshman year counts . . . EVERYTHING counts!
11. Get involved in school sports and clubs. These will be some of your best memories of high school!

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN . . . WHERE SHOULD I GO IF . . .

...I am absent?

Have your parent or guardian call the school and follow the correct prompt for the attendance office. Also, be prepared to hand in an excuse to the attendance office. Upon return, make sure to see all of your teachers for make-up work as well as turn in any assignments that may have been due on the date of your absence. This goes for ALL absences including any school activities that require an absence from class.

...I don't feel well while in class?

Ask your teacher to sign your agenda to go to the nurse. The nurse may or may not call your parents or guardians to take you home. Be aware you are not to call your parents on your own to have someone pick you up – you **MUST** see the nurse to go **HOME**.

...I am late?

If you are arriving late to school you must report to the security desk at the main entrance of the school, provide your student identification, and sign in with your name and time entered. After signing in, you must report directly to homeroom or class. Students will not be admitted late to homeroom/first block without a pass. Keep in mind you are only permitted 6 tardies per semester.

...I need to leave early?

Before the start of the school day, bring a signed parent note into the attendance office to receive a pass. You will need this pass to be excused from your class. Your parent or guardian must bring ID to the main office to sign you out before you leave the building. The main office will call the classroom you are in and excuse you from class.

... I have a problem with my schedule or class?

Make sure to see your guidance counselor. Fill out an appointment request in the guidance office. You will NOT be able to use class time to arrange this.

...My login ID doesn't work?

Go to the library and ask for help from one of the librarians.

...I want to know my grades?

Check your grades on Genesis often! Don't get surprised!

...my locker won't open?

First check in with your next block's teacher, then report the problem to security or the main office and someone will assist you.

...I want to ride the late bus?

Get a pass from the teacher who is providing you extra help, your club advisor, or School Based.

...I want to join a sport or activity?

Listen to the announcements, read the posters hanging in the halls, see the advisor/coach, or visit the athletic office for more details on how to join. Get involved!

...I have lost a personal item?

Check the main office where the lost and found baskets are located.

...I need a quiet place to read, research, or study?

The library is opened every day during lunch. Technology is available for you to discover.

...I need extra help/tutoring

See your teacher or guidance counselor to make arrangements. Don't be afraid to advocate for yourself!

...I am being threatened or harassed?

Report this to a teacher, administrator, counselor or security office immediately. Do not withhold this information, and get the help needed.

Project Late Policy

THE ACADEMY HAS ADOPTED A UNIFIED AGREEMENT FOR A LATE POLICY ON ALL LONG-TERM PROJECTS DONE IN ANY CLASS.

Up to 3 days late at 10 percent deduction per day.

Due date is during class time only; any time after that class = 1 day late and moved forward from there.

Long-term projects will not be accepted after 3 days.

The late policy for any other class work and/or assignment will be decided by each individual teacher. Make sure you check with each of your teachers to make yourself aware of their policies.

Pillars of Character

Students in the Academy should aspire to follow the 6 pillars of character to help build a strong community and school atmosphere as well as become good citizens.

Trustworthiness Be honest - don't deceive, cheat or steal. Be reliable - do what you say you'll do. Have the courage to do the right thing. Build a good reputation. Be loyal. Stand by your family, friends and country.

Respect Treat others with respect. Follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners, not bad language. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone. Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

Responsibility Do what you are supposed to do. Persevere. Always do your best. Use self-control. Be self-disciplined. Think before you act - consider the consequences. Be accountable for your choices.

Fairness Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded; listen to others. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others carelessly.

Caring Be kind. Be compassionate and show you care. Express gratitude. Forgive others. Help people in need.

Citizenship Do your share to make your school and community better. Cooperate. Get involved in community affairs. Stay informed; vote. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.

ORGANIZATION AND STUDY SKILLS

Just as an artist needs the correct tools to create a masterpiece or an athlete needs the correct equipment to compete, students must have the correct tools to be prepared for school. In the Academy, we will expect the students to prepare themselves to be successful.

What do I need to be prepared for success?

A binder for each class; make sure to check with each of your teachers for specific requirements.

Your student handbook/planner (given out the first day of school)

Book covers (preferably paper, not book sox)

The 3 P's – Pen, Paper, Pencil

How do I equip myself with good study habits and time management?

Use your student handbook to record homework and upcoming tests, quizzes, assignments, and project deadlines.

Take good notes and review them regularly.

Use reading strategies to help you understand what you read.

Develop a strategy for taking tests.

Think of homework as PRACTICE, not work. It takes practice to get better at sports and music. School is the same!

Set aside a specific time to work on homework and study in a quiet space at home. Get into a routine.

Relate what you are studying to things you already know. This will help you remember information.

If you don't understand . . . ASK. Teachers are always willing to help!

Sign up for the after-school tutoring program if needed . . . it's FREE!

Check Infinite Campus regularly for assignments, current grades, and messages from your teachers.

Use academic study sessions to your advantage.

GOOD STUDY AND TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS & ADVISORS

Archery Club	Mr. Slack & Mr. Smith
Best Buddies	Ms. McDowell & Ms. Manfra
Chess Club	Mr. Detrick
Chorus Club	Mrs. Voight
Debate Team	Mrs. Giamoni
Drama Club	Mr. Platt
S.A.V.E.	Mr. O'Neill
FBLA	Mr. Hickerson
FFA	Mrs. Kline
Class Executive Committee	To be determined
Gay/Straight Alliance	Mr. Horn & Ms. Devine
Healthy Options	
Today & Tomorrow (HOTT)	Mrs. Eilenberger & Ms. Fohr
Horizons	Ms. Devine
Human Rights Club	Mrs. Rokosny
International Club	Mrs. Fahy & Ms. Garcia
Jazz Ensemble	Mr. Graf
Key Club	Ms. Bamford & Mrs. Chiara
National Honor Society	Mrs. Turner & Mr. Chiara
Newspaper	Mrs. McKinney
Ski Club	Mrs. Fretz & Ms. McDowell
Project First (Robotics)	Mr. Eisner & Mr. Slack
Student Council	To be determined
Yearbook	Mrs. Roost & Mrs. Morgan

GET INVOLVED

Need More Information

Check out the Warren Hills Website

www.warrenhills.org/highschool

WHRHS

BELL SCHEDULE

TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
7:35 - 7:40	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM	HOMEROOM
7:45 - 8:40	1	2	3	4
8:45 - 9:40	2	3	4	1
9:45 - 10:40	3	4	1	2
10:40 - 11:23	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
11:23 - 12:18	5	6	7	8
12:23 - 1:18	6	7	8	5
1:23 - 2:18	7	8	5	6

ADMINISTRATORS:

PRINCIPAL: MR. CHRISTOPHER KAVCAK
VICE PRINCIPAL: MR. GLENN BARKER
VICE PRINCIPAL: MRS. SUSAN RADER

SUPERINTENDENT: MR. EARL CLYMER III
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: MR. DENNIS MACK