



WEST VALLEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
2009-2010

Home of the Wolf Packs
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Yakima, WA 98908



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Dear Students,

Welcome to West Valley Middle School! This tracker contains everything you'll need to know for your 6th and 7th grade year as a **Wolf** at West Valley Middle School. The Wolf represents loyalty and interdependence and is very family oriented. For the next 9 months, your fellow classmates and teachers are your family or what we call "**Pack**". Like our mascot, you will work together in your "Pack" to learn and strive to be the best you can be. Every student is required to follow the "Pack Agreements". They are: No Rumors, No Gossip, No Put-Downs, Active Listening, Appreciation and Mutual Respect. We are here to help you have a successful school year. If there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know. We hope you have a wonderful year at West Valley Middle School!



WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 6 PERIOD BELL SCHEDULE

7:30 AM Team Bell	2nd Lunch 11:28 AM	Beginning of 2nd Lunch
7:50 AM 5 Minute Warning Bell		11:55 AM Tech & PE Bell
1st Period 7:55 AM	8:51 AM Tech & PE Bell	11:58 AM End of 2nd Lunch/2 Minute Passing Time
	8:56 AM End 1st /Passing Time	Beginning of 3rd Lunch
2nd Period 9:00 AM	9:51 AM Tech & PE Bell	12:30 PM End of 3rd Lunch/4 Minutes Passing Time
	9:56 AM End 2nd/Passing Time	
3rd Period 10:00 AM	10:51 AM Tech & PE Bell	1:27 PM Tech & PE Bell
1st Lunch	10:56 AM End 3rd/Beginning 1st Lunch	1:32 PM End of 5th Period/Passing Time
4th Period 11:00 AM for 500/600 Packs	11:26 AM End of 1st Lunch/2 Minute Passing Time	2:29 PM Tech & PE Bell
		2:34 PM Ending Bell



West Valley Middle School MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of West Valley Middle School, a community of learners dedicated to understanding, respecting and meeting the unique needs of the middle-level child, is to ensure all students explore, recognize and develop their skills, talents and abilities to help them become responsible, contributing citizens by providing opportunities for success in a caring, safe learning environment strengthened through partnerships among school, family and community.



BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe that...

...all individuals are entitled to an education that will maximize their potential.

...success and responsibility foster confidence and self-worth.

...each individual has intrinsic value.

...mutual respect, appreciation, and our building agreements - active listening, no rumors, no gossip, no put-downs - are essential in the development of responsible, caring citizens.

...each individual is responsible for contributing to the community.

...the primary responsibility for the child belongs to the family.

...education is a shared responsibility of the student, family, school and community.

...each individual can learn.

...the family, the school, and the community are interdependent.

...each individual has a unique set of characteristics, capabilities, needs, and values.

...striving for excellence and producing quality work is challenging and is worth the effort.

...people choose and are responsible for their own behavior.

...high expectations improve performance.

...each individual is entitled to a caring and safe learning environment.

...learning is enhanced when basic needs are met.

...each individual needs to be given opportunities to be successful.



ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

West Valley Middle School has LEARNING as its #1 PRIORITY! Each student's first and most important reason for attending school is to acquire the attitudes, skills, and information necessary to become a contributing and positive member of society.

In order for students to reach those learning expectations, they will need to be responsible for the following:

1. Keep a positive attitude.
2. Have prompt and regular attendance.
3. Bring assignments and materials to class daily.
4. Complete daily work and homework neatly and on time.
5. When in doubt, ask for assistance or further explanation.
6. Remember our school agreements.:
 - Mutual respect
 - Appreciation
 - Attentive listening
 - No rumors, No gossip, No put downs



CAMPUS RULES CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

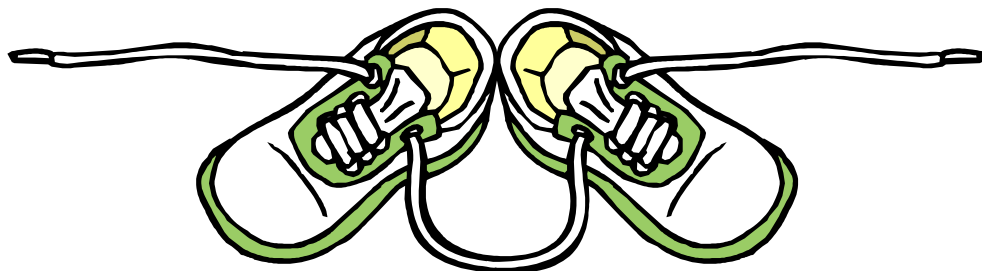
West Valley Middle School operates under a closed campus policy. Students are to remain on campus from the start of school in the morning until the end of the school day. Students are not to be outside of the building except for supervised activities or other authorized purposes. Once a student arrives on the school grounds, he/she is expected to remain until school is dismissed for the day or has permission from the office to leave. Students riding school buses are automatically on the school grounds when they step from the bus. Bus students who leave the grounds after school is dismissed for the day are not to return to the grounds and are assumed to have another ride home.

NOTE: REGARDLESS OF AGE no student is allowed to drive and park a car on campus.



NO STUDENT VISITORS POLICY

Having friends is an important part of growing up. Our "NO VISITOR" policy is based on the premise that we think all children are special, however, student visitors can often cause a disruption to the educational process and the safe operation of our school. It is therefore necessary to limit student participation during the school day and at after-school socials to only students currently enrolled at West Valley Middle School.





CAMPUS BOUNDARIES

All school rules will be enforced on the West Valley Middle School property. School rules are in effect for West Valley Middle School students on all West Valley School District property. This also includes out of district, school-sponsored events.

No middle school student should be on the West Valley Junior High campus between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The boundaries of the West Valley Middle School campus are:

NORTH - To the north edge of the baseball field

EAST - Along 75th Avenue South

SOUTH - 1/2 way between the middle school and junior high school parking lot.

WEST - To the fence on the far side of the football field.



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Some students need to take medication at school. All such medication shall remain under the direct control of the school office during the time it is stored at school. Only designated office personnel shall be allowed to give medicine to students. Medication will only be administered after a "Medication Request" form is signed by **both parent and physician** as required by state law. This includes non-prescription medication such as aspirin, decongestants and cough syrup, as well as prescription drugs. The medical authorization form is available in the main office. Medication must be in the most current prescription bottle delivered by a parent in order for school personnel to administer it to a student.



GENERAL SCHOOL POLICIES

Success as a student at West Valley Middle School is closely related to school attendance. The first bell rings at 7:50 AM. Students are expected to be in the classroom with the proper materials before the tardy bell rings at 7:55 AM.

ALL ISSUES CONCERNING ATTENDANCE MUST BE TAKEN TO THE OFFICE.

ABSENCES: PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO CALL THE SCHOOL AT 972-5700 AFTER 7:00 AM EACH AND EVERY DAY YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT. On returning to school, the student should report to the office before 7:50 AM for an "ADMIT SLIP". If a parent did not contact the office concerning the child's absence, a note explaining the absence is required.

LATE ARRIVAL: The student arriving late to school MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN IN BEFORE GOING TO CLASS. If a parent does not accompany the student to the office, the student MUST BRING A NOTE FROM THE PARENT EXPLAINING WHY HE/SHE IS LATE. Consequences for repeated tardies are addressed in the student behavior management plan. If a student is tardy more than 10 minutes to class, (8:05 AM) the student shall be considered absent from the entire class. Students who have chronic tardiness and/or absences, even if excused, may be subject to corrective action.

APPOINTMENTS: Students planning to check out of school for appointments (dentist, doctor, etc.) are required to bring a note from home in advance of leaving the building. Students will report to the office prior to 7:50 AM for an "EARLY DISMISSAL SLIP."

CHECK OUT: PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COME INTO THE OFFICE TO SIGN THEIR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL. If someone other than the parent is signing the student out of the building and the alternate's name does not appear on the student information card, a written note from the parent is required.



ABSENCES

West Valley District Policy 3122 states that regular attendance is necessary for the mastery of the educational program provided for students of the district. **For the complete attendance policy, please go to the "School Board-Policies and Procedures" link on the West Valley School District website, <http://www.wvsd208.org>.**

For the purpose of determining eligibility for alternative assessment methods, regular school attendance is defined as no more than six (6) absences, excused and/or unexcused, per trimester in academic classes. Parents and students should be aware that when a student misses more than 6 days in a class, excused or not, it is difficult for the student to earn a passing score in the class.

A student's presence in the classroom on a regular basis is necessary to ensure that the student derives maximum benefit from the class, including the opportunity for interaction with teachers and peers. Homework assignments do not make up for class time. IN-CLASS PARTICIPATION WILL BE PART OF EACH TEACHER'S GRADING POLICY. Homework is given to check for classroom learning. In-class participation points may not be able to be "made-up".

The only absences that are excused are those specified in District Policy:

- *Illness/Doctor's Appointments (Appointment card or Doctor's Office Verification are required.)
- *Family Emergencies
- *Pre-arranged Absences, i.e. appointments, out-of-town trips, planned absences.

Notes from home or phone calls are part of the process for excusing an absence, but the school is ultimately responsible for excusing an absence. WVMS may not excuse every absence, even if there is a note or a phone call from a parent.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: If parent contact is not made (phone call or note) within two (2) days after your child returns to school, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Students are expected to be in class on time. When a student's tardiness becomes frequent or disruptive, the student shall be referred to the principal or counselor. If counseling, parent conferencing or disciplinary action is ineffective in changing the student's attendance behavior, he/she may be suspended from the class or from school.

Students who have chronic tardiness and/or absences, even if excused, may be subject to corrective action.

All sanctions imposed for failure to comply with the attendance policies and procedures shall be implemented in accordance with state and District regulations regarding corrective action or punishment.

PLANNED ABSENCES: When a student knows in advance that he/she will be absent for (2) or more days, the student should bring a note from a parent stating the dates and the reason for the absence. The student should present the note to the office and will receive a "PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE FORM". The student will then have each of his/her teachers sign the form. Whenever possible, schoolwork should be completed prior to the absence or arrangements made with the teachers to take the homework with you.

However, even with the pre-arrangement procedure, students may not be excused for all family vacation requests. The school will take into account the requesting students' rate of attendance, current and past achievement in classes, and the nature of the classes missed during vacation.

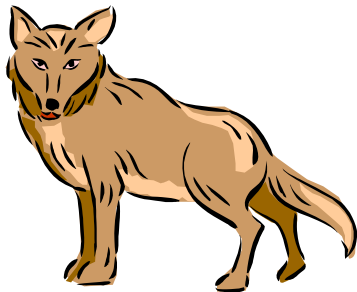
BUS NOTES: THE OFFICE STAFF CANNOT WRITE NOTES FOR STUDENTS TO RIDE A BUS OTHER THAN THE ONE THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED. Students must bring a signed note from home or a parent may FAX the note to the school at 972-5701. Notes are to be taken to the office before 7:50 AM and must be authorized by the office in order for the student to be allowed to ride the alternate bus.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES: IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE COMMUNICATE TO YOUR CHILD ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION BEFORE HE/SHE LEAVES FOR SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. If it is necessary to get a message to your child, please call the office prior to 11:00 AM. This allows the office staff to deliver the message during your child's lunch period, thereby minimizing classroom disruption.



HOMework REQUEST

1. It is your responsibility to request and make up all class assignments missed during an absence. Some class assignments (labs, activities, field trips, films, etc.) may not be able to be made up. Individual arrangements may be made with the teacher.
2. One school day for each day of absence will be allowed to complete make-up assignments.
3. NO CREDIT will be given for assignments not made up.
4. REQUESTS CAN BE MADE AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF ABSENCE. Parents may make arrangements to pick up the missed assignments by calling the main office BEFORE 10:00 AM. PICK UP TIME IS BETWEEN 3:00-4:00 PM IN THE MAIN OFFICE.
5. Please be sure to check teacher's classroom web pages on the Middle School staff website for up to date homework information at www.wvmsd208.org/ms



EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCY - 911
**If you are aware of an emergency situation,
please call 911 immediately.**

West Valley Schools - Safe Schools Hotline
Please call 972-6027 to notify school authorities about any information that will keep our schools safe. You may leave your name and number or you may leave information anonymously. Parents, students, and community members are encouraged to use the hotline. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe at school!

Yakima County Crimestoppers
You Never Need to Give Your Name
PAYS UP TO \$1,000 CASH for information leading to arrest and filing of charges on any serious crime.
Call 248-9980 or 1-800-248-9980
<http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/sheriff/crimestoppers.htm>

Yakima County Kegstoppers
You Never Need to Give Your Name
IF AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG RELATED ARREST IS MADE OR A CITATION IS WRITTEN, THE CALLER IS ELIGIBLE FOR A \$50 REWARD. CALL THE CRIMESTOPPERS LINE AT 248-9980 OR 1-800-248-9980 OR ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.
<http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/sheriff/kegstoppers.htm>



EMERGENCY INFORMATION

What if there is an emergency at school?
Due to the need to contact parents/guardians immediately in an emergency situation (ex: student is ill or is injured), it is essential that the school have current phone numbers on file at all times. Please call and update your home number, your work number, or the emergency contact number any time that a change occurs. Please call 972-5700 to update information.



DISRUPTIVE ITEMS

LAZER POINTERS, GAMEBOYS, CD PLAYERS, MP3's, IPODS, RUBBERBANDS, SHOOTERS, COLLECTOR OR PLAYING CARDS, FINGER BOARDS, ROLLER SHOES, SKATEBOARDS, TOYS, ETC., are not allowed at school. These items are a disruption to the educational process and will be taken.

West Valley Middle School is not responsible for these lost or stolen items. REPEATED DISRUPTION WITH THIS TYPE OF AN ITEM WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Flowers/balloons delivered to school will be given to students at the end of the day. They ARE NOT ALLOWED ON BUSES.



BICYCLES

Bicycles may be ridden to school. The bicycle racks are located by the main entrance of the school. Bicycles must be parked and locked upon arriving at school and are to be left parked until school is dismissed. Bicycle riders are expected to obey traffic rules and ride defensively. The rider should bring a good lock. **THE STUDENTS' BICYCLES ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, NOT THE SCHOOLS.**



LUNCH PRICES

Middle School: \$2.50/Breakfast \$1.50. Check or cash needs to be for EXACT amount. No change will be given.



CAFETERIA RULES

1. Stay seated at the cafeteria tables while eating.
2. Clean up after yourself and RECYCLE.
3. Keep all food and drinks in the cafeteria area.
4. We are a RECYCLING school. Wolves do not litter. The pack knows they need to keep the environment clean.
5. There are no reserved tables at lunch.



GUM/FOOD/DRINKS

All food and drinks are limited to the commons area, not on carpeted areas in the building.
NO GUM is allowed at West Valley Middle School.



ARRIVING TO SCHOOL

1. Students that arrive to school prior to 7:30 AM are to remain in the commons, as teachers are not in the pack areas until 7:30 AM to supervise each morning.
2. Students are not allowed to "swim the halls" in the morning. After 7:30 AM, students may visit in the commons, team areas, and/or conduct their business in the other classrooms with teachers.



DRESS CODE

Students are required to wear clothing that is neat, clean, appropriate, and not disruptive to the educational process. If clothing is viewed as inappropriate by the staff, the student will be asked to change the clothing or call home for a change of clothing.

INAPPROPRIATE MEANS:

1. Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, exposed undergarments are not allowed. Keep shirts buttoned. Sagging of pants is not acceptable on campus.
2. Clothing and accessories which advertise profanity, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, sexual innuendoes, gang symbols, and discrimination are not allowed.
3. No inappropriately short apparel is permitted.
4. No hats, sunglasses, billfolds with chains, choke chains, bandanas, head scarves, pajamas, slippers, etc. are to be worn in the school.
5. Dress, gestures, graffiti on notebooks, etc., that are perceived by staff to be **Gang Related** are not allowed at West Valley Middle School. Continued incidences will be dealt with in a disciplinary manner.

NOT ALLOWED:

- Ö Blue/light or baby blue - red/pink canvas belts
Buckles with gang signs
Dangling Belts
- Ö Blue/light or baby blue - red/pink shoe laces not original to shoes
- Ö 3 dot markings: "La Vida Loca" • •
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- Ö Permanent Markers
- Ö Drawings of gang symbols
Numbers of 13, 14, 66, 69
Letters of N, M, and S
Olde English text
Tagging property
Words or drawings like playboy bunnies, happy/sad clown faces, bongs, brown pride, homey, etc.
- Ö Gang-related clothing
Olde English
Jewelry with gang signs
Chains
Stocking caps/nets/bandanas

6. Additional items could be added as gang signs change. If you are not sure of the dress appropriateness, don't wear it to school.

The following are the consequences for wearing gang attire and/or being in possession of any items that signify gang-like behavior:

- 1st Referral Verbal and written contract warning
- 2nd Referral 3 days suspension
- 3rd Referral Expulsion

Examples of gang-like behaviors include pictures and/or gang writings on self, notebook, clothes, school property, etc.



BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

PHILOSOPHY:

The goal of any intervention should be to assist students in developing self-discipline. We believe students can change behavior and it is the staffs' job to assist them in resolving problems. Our goal is to help students correct their unacceptable behavior so that they may become productive, happy, healthy, contributing members of West Valley Middle School. Though the consequences for unacceptable behavior are outlined below, administrators and staff will use best judgement based on available objective data when dealing with individual students.

Examples of Unacceptable Behavior:

- Disruption of Learning/Not prepared for class
- Verbal or Written Profanity/Obscene Gesture
- Intimate Displays of Affection
- Failure to Follow Cafeteria Rules
- Unsafe Behavior/pulling out chairs/rubber bands/running in hallways/spit wads,/snowballs
- Being in Unauthorized Areas
- Forgery/Cheating
- Defiance/Insubordinate/Disrespectful
- Intentional Misuse of School Equipment, Supplies, Facilities and Others' Personal Property
- Gambling
- Gum Chewing
- Tardies/Truancies
- Failure to Pursue Academic Achievement



CONSEQUENCES

- Verbal Warning by Teacher
- Teacher telephone conference with parents explaining situation and possible future consequences. A consequence may be given at this time. **Lunch Detention/Referral**
- Referral sent home for parent signature/Phone call
 - Referral to an Administrator
 - Referral to a Counselor
 - Team/Pack assigned consequence
 - Referral to peer mediation
 - Warning given to student about future consequences

1st Referral to office Progressive Discipline
Referral to an Administrator/Verbal Warning
Parent contacted or signature on returned referral form

2nd Referral
One Day of In School Suspension (1 SS)

3rd Referral
Two Days of In School Suspension

Next Referral: Out of district students withdrawal of permission to attend the West Valley School District.



UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR: SEVERE VIOLATIONS

These behaviors are examples that will result in a direct referral to the office:

- Continued Office Referrals (4 or more)
- Failure to attend Homework Completion Program
- Fighting
- Threatening/Physical or Verbal Assault
- Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying
- Arson/Possession of Lighter
- Indecent Photos/Language/Exposure
- Inappropriate photos taken in locker room/restroom
- Trespassing
- Possession or use of weapons or firearms (see policy)
- Possession or use of nuisance items--Nuisance: anything that causes injury, harm or annoyance to the educational process.
- False Alarm or bomb threats/Prank 911 Call
- Theft/Vandalism
- Extortion
- Possession of unauthorized medication/drugs



CONSEQUENCES Progressive Discipline

4th Referral	1 days suspension
5th Referral	3 days suspension
6th Referral	5 days suspension
7th Referral	10 days suspension
8th Referral	Long Term Suspension for the remainder of the trimester/20 days (whichever is longer) or possible schedule reduction/revision

Following a long-term suspension, parent conference with teachers, counselors, and an administrator is required. The conference will result in a written contract.

The proper authorities will be called in cases of arson, possession of alcohol or other drugs, weapons, assault or any other behavior which is considered a danger to self or others and, at the discretion of the administrator, may result in a long term suspension or expulsion from school.



WASHINGTON STATE WEAPONS LAW

Possession of a weapon on any school property is a serious offense. The State of Washington now requires that any student who brings a weapon onto a school campus, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities being used exclusively by public or private school will be expelled from school for 180 days. The entire law reads as follows:

Dangerous weapons as defined in RCW 9.41.250 and RCW 9.41.280 include: "Any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as sling shot, sand club, or metal knuckles, or spring blade knife, or any knife the blade of which is automatically released by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having a blade which opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust or movement; who shall furtively carry with intent to conceal; any dagger, dirk, pistol, or other dangerous weapon; or who shall use any contrivance or device for suppressing the noise of any firearm" (RCW 9.41.250). "Any firearm; any device commonly known as a 'nun-chu-ka sticks' consisting of two or more lengths of wood, metal, plastic, or similar substance connected with wire, rope or other means; or any device commonly known as 'throwing stars', which are multipointed, metal objects designed to embed upon impact from any aspect; or any air gun, including any air pistol or air rifle to propel a BB pellet, or other projectile by discharge of compressed air, carbon dioxide, or other gas" (RCW 9.41.280).

In West Valley School District, we are serious about providing a safe environment for learning and working. A look-alike gun/weapon will be treated the same as a real weapon. Please make sure that your child understands that any student violating this law will be expelled from the West Valley School District.



HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

Harassment in school is unwanted attention from adults, students or anyone else the victim may deal with in school or at school-related activities. Harassment may carry the message that if the victim does not comply with the harasser's demands, there may be retaliation. Incidents of harassment may occur only once; sometimes they are repeated. Often the situation gets worse if it is not stopped.

Because this is such a serious matter, harassment in any form is prohibited at West Valley Middle School. It can cause serious psychological damage to students, negatively impacting grades, attendance, performance and pride in one's work in general.

The following behavior is not allowed:

- Ö Staring or leering with overtones
- Ö Spreading gossip
- Ö Unwanted comments or jokes told to or in the presence of the victim
- Ö Pressure for unaccepted or illegal activity
- Ö Any unwanted physical contact of any nature



RCW 28A.300.285 (2) "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.36.080 or other distinguishing characteristics, when the intentional written, verbal, or physical act: (a) Physically harms a student or damages the student's property; or (b) has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education; or (c) is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or (d) has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. Nothing in this section requires the affected student to actually possess a characteristic that is a basis for the harassment, intimidation or bullying.

Victims of harassment should report the problem to an adult (teacher, counselor or administrator) in the school as soon as possible. The adult then has a duty to undertake an investigation. The privacy of the student is to be protected as much as possible.

The West Valley School District is committed to a positive educational environment free from discrimination of staff and students. Discrimination includes harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability. It is a violation of West Valley School District Policy to knowingly report false allegations. Students should report discrimination to their teachers, school counselors, assistant principal, or principal.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICIES

SALE, DELIVERY, POSSESSION, AND/OR USE OF ALCOHOL, OTHER DRUGS OR PARAPHERNALIA.

**1st Incident: Ninety (90) day suspension - or ten (10) days with Mandatory Assessment required. Student will follow the recommendations of the assessment.

**2nd Incident: Expulsion

SALE, DELIVERY, POSSESSION, AND/OR USE OF TOCACCO IN ANY FORM.

**1st Incident: Three (3) day suspension - or one (1) day with mandatory Assessment requirement. Student will follow the recommendations of the assessment by attending American Heart Association Class.

**2nd Incident: Ten (10) day suspension

**3rd Incident: Ninety (90) day suspension

To maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities may search a student, student lockers or student automobiles and may seize any illegal, unauthorized or contraband materials discovered in the search. Trained dogs may be used to assist in identifying areas to be searched.



ACTIVITY/ATHLETIC PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of the activity/athletic program at West Valley Middle School is one of inclusion rather than exclusion. Our primary focus is that students of all skill levels and abilities will be able to participate to the fullest extent of their ability.



ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Many sports and social/academic activities are available to students at lunch and at the end of the school day. The only obligations for students are interest, cooperation, and first meeting any requirements by teachers for test, conferences, etc., before participating. Students should watch the bulletins, lunch time announcements, and the reader board for further information. Insurance coverage or waiver of insurance documentation, parent permission, and recent physical examination are required for interscholastic competition. All athletes will be informed of the WVMS eligibility requirements as stated in the district athletic/activity handbook and will be responsible for maintaining their own eligibility.



ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES

The following are general guidelines for student conduct during after-school activities:

1. School rules must be followed at all games and practices.
2. Students are not to leave the campus and return for the games except on early release days.
3. Be courteous. Be a good sport.
4. Athletes are to stay in their game area. If athletes are in the gym, they are not to be in the hallways or outside during the game. If athletes are on a playing field, they are not allowed to leave the area and then return to the game.
5. No food or beverage is allowed in the gym.
6. Students will enter and exit the gym only when there is a break in the game.
7. All day school attendance for practice and contest days is mandatory. (See attendance regulations in handbook)

NOTE: During all school sponsored activities, whether at West Valley Middle School, or another facility, students are expected to follow the school agreements of conduct and represent the Middle School in a positive way. All spectating students attending athletic events MUST be supervised by a parent/guardian.



INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 7TH GRADERS

The following is a list of sports that will be offered:

FALL

Girls' Fastpitch
 Girls' Volleyball
 Boys' Soccer
 Boys' Football
 Boys' & Girls' Cross Country

WINTER II

Girls' Basketball
 Boys' Wrestling

WINTER I

Boys' Basketball
 Girls' Bowling
 Dance

SPRING

Boys'/Girls' Track
 Boys' Baseball
 Girls' Soccer

Any athlete that wishes to participate in a 7th grade interscholastic sport needs to:

1. Have a current medical physical on file
2. Parent Permission Form/Insurance Coverage and Student/Parent Athletic Consent Form on file
3. ASB Card: \$15.00 (Collected during school picture day)
4. Pay the "Pay to Participate" fee of \$10.00
5. Review and agree to follow all guidelines set forth in the WV Athletic/Activity Handbook.



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES

18.6.0 Scholarship- NOTE: It is the policy of the WIAA that individual schools may establish academic standards, which are higher than that of WIAA Article 18.6.0. **In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current trimester, the West Valley School District has established the following criteria: Each student shall maintain passing grades in all full-time subjects with a "C- or better" in all classes. Any student turning out for an activity must have successfully passed all classes with a D grade or higher in the preceding trimester. Those who fail a course will be subject to the WIAA 3 week (grades 7/8) or 5 week (grades 9-12) suspension.**

Any class taken one period daily for the duration of the trimester shall be considered a full-time subject. On a case-by-case basis, students may be deemed to fall into an "exceptional circumstance" category. Principals may review requests of "exceptional circumstance" from parents or guardians to make a determination if 18.6.0 (pass all) may be waived. (This waiver will only apply down to the WIAA mandated requirement that a student must pass four (4) classes.) "Exceptional circumstances" may include age/maturity, unique personal, family or educational factors, and special program needs.

PARTICIPATION - All day school attendance for practice and contest days is mandatory. Full day school attendance is required the day following the contest *(see Travel Rules). Participants must obtain special administrative approval for needs to waive this requirement by phone the school and discussing the problem with the athletic director or principal. If approval has not been given in advance, the student must present a doctor or dentist note to the principal, AD, or designee immediately upon returning to school in order to be eligible to participate in that days' school activities. Irregular school and/or practice attendance is cause for suspension from the team.

ATTENDANCE:

1. Unexcused School Absences:
 - a. First Offense-miss next contest
 - b. Second Offense-miss next 2 contests
 - c. Third Offense-off team
2. To compete, an athlete must attend school on the day of the activity. Approved shortened schedules for senior, doctor or dentist appointments or funerals shall serve as exceptions, when pre-approved.
3. Athletes who report to school late following an athletic contest will not practice or play on that day unless cleared by the principal.
4. In the event a student athlete is inadvertently allowed to participate after an attendance violation, the student will forfeit participation on the next appropriate occasion.
5. An athlete who is suspended from school may not participate in practice or play during the period of suspension. This period is defined as from the close of school on the day of suspension to the end of the school day upon the completion of the suspension.

PLEASE SEE THE WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY HANDBOOK FOR DETAILS



BUS CONDUCT

MAJOR RULE TICKET INFRACTIONS

- Ö Assault/Fighting
- Ö Explosives (e.g. fireworks, stinkbom, etc.)
- Ö Extortion (coercing money or property from a student)
- Ö Failure to identify oneself
- Ö Discharge of fire equipment
- Ö Possession/distribution of tobacco products
- Ö Possession/use/distribution of drugs, alcohol, or paraphernalia
- Ö Profanity and/or profane gestures
- Ö Refusal to comply with a reasonable driver request
- Ö Harassment/intimidation/bullying
- Ö Theft of school and/or personal property
- Ö Accumulation of three "minor" rule ticket infractions
- Ö Knowingly departing bus at other than assigned stop.

As a general rule, the following procedures will guide corrective action(s) related to major misconduct on all West Valley School District school busses. In all cases, parents will be contacted as soon as possible. Administrators will use their judgement in administering discipline, given the facts of the case and the age of the student(s).

Special Education IEP's must be considered when imposing corrective actions.

First Major Ticket Infraction:

Three (3) day suspension of bus riding privilege.

Second Major Ticket Infraction:

Ten (10) day suspension of bus riding privilege.

■ Principal, parent, student, driver, transportation supervisor conference may be held before reinstatement of bus riding privileges following a second offense. The purpose of this conference will be to reaffirm behavior expectations and consequences for future violations.

Third Major Ticket Infraction:

A minimum twenty (20) day suspension, or end of trimester (whichever is longer) of bus riding privilege.

NOTE: Drivers are responsible to manage minor rule violations, issue tickets with complete objective information and contact parents when appropriate. Driver should expect all bus tickets to be signed by parent and returned within two days of issuance; drivers and/or transportation supervisor must contact parents if a signed ticket is not returned within five (5) days. Three (3) minor tickets is equal to one major rule ticket violation.

NO GLASS ITEMS OR BALLOONS ALLOWED ON BUSES.



NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCESS

Access to the Internet and other district network resources provides great educational opportunity for students. However, this opportunity must be balanced by responsibility and awareness on the part of the student. Network resources should be used only for school related research and communication. Student behavior on the internet should be to the same high standards expected in any other school activity. For more information on district expectations, see the School Board Policies and Procedures on Student Rights and Responsibilities, copies of which are available in the school office.

Additionally, students should always honor any limitations or directions given by teachers regarding use of these resources. Access to network resources is considered a privilege, not a right. The content and communication of work on the district's network is open to examination by network administrators - think of it like school lockers. On the Internet, your activities can be monitored and traced by others. Behave responsibly and ethically and you should not have problems.

The parent or legal guardian of a minor student may choose for their son or daughter to be denied access to networked computer services such as the Internet. To do so, a letter stating this shall be given to the building principal on an annual basis.

The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 permits the school district to release certain information, known as "directory information", to certain people or institutions. We will not release any "directory information" for commercial or other purposes not related to school business.

Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications as well. This includes our yearbook and school projects.

If you do not wish us to release "directory information" and/or to have your child appear in a photograph, videotape, film, slide, or the yearbook, please request in writing on an annual basis to your building principal. (SEE PAGE XI)



WEATHER CONDITIONS

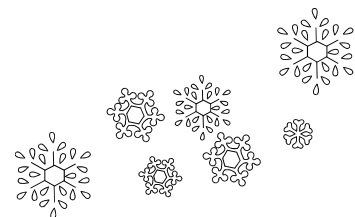
When weather conditions are extreme, please listen to one of the following radio stations or watch one of the following TV stations to find out if schools are operating. DO NOT call stations or the middle school's main office line for closure information. Check the West Valley School District's Webpage @ www.wvsd208.org

RADIO

KIT 1280 AM
 KMWX 1460 AM
 KBBO 1390 AM
 KYXE 1020 AM
 KHAK 980 AM
 KATS 94 FM
 KFFM 107.3 FM
 KXDD 104 FM
 KQSN 92.9 FM
 KRSE 105.7 FM

TELEVISION

KNDO CH 23
 KI MA CH 29
 KAPP CH 35





NOTICE FOR DIRECTORY INFORMATION (FERPA Notice)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the West Valley School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the West Valley School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the West Valley School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- The school website;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.¹

If you do not want the West Valley School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 1st of each school year. The West Valley School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

Footnotes:

¹These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Telecommunication/Electronic Devices

All students are strongly encouraged not to have in their possession at any time on any school district property any electronic or telecommunication device. However, in recognition of parents' decisions regarding the safety and communication needs of their families, the following procedures are placed into effect so as to establish and create as positive a learning atmosphere as possible.

The district prohibits the use of all personal telecommunication/electronic devices (including cell phones) during the school hours for students in grades P-12. If a parent/guardian wishes his/her child to have a cell phone, it must remain out of sight and be turned off during school hours. All communication between parents and students in grades P-12 must go through school personnel during the school day.

Students in the possession of telecommunication or other electronic devices shall observe the following conditions:

- All telecommunication/electronic devices may not be in visible sight or operated in school at the elementary and middle schools or in class or during instructional time at the junior and senior high schools, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to do otherwise.
- At the senior high schools, students may use telecommunication/electronic devices during lunch, before or after school and during passing time.
- Students who violate this policy will be subject to progressive disciplinary action up to and including confiscation of the device for up to 30 days. The first step in most cases shall be confiscation, after which the student may pick the device up at the end of the school day. A device which has been confiscated more than once shall only be returned to the student's parent or guardian.
- Teachers may allow the use of telecommunications/electronic devices in their own classrooms if such use contributes to instructional and/or educational purposes. Teachers will notify principals, in writing and prior to the beginning of the year, the details of allowable use. Further, so that all students and parents/guardians are aware of the appropriate use, if any, of telecommunications/electronic devices in a particular teacher's classroom, the teacher will include the details in the syllabus of the course.
- Students are responsible for telecommunication/electronic devices they bring to school or onto district-owned transportation. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of such devices brought onto school property even when confiscated. Nor will the school investigate the loss or damage of such an item.

While on school property after school hours or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities occurring after school hours, students may possess and use personal telecommunication/electronic devices. These include, but are not limited to, pagers, beepers, MP3 players and cellular phones. The possession and use of such devices must not pose a threat to academic integrity, disrupt the learning environment or violate the privacy rights of others.

Legal References: RCW [28A.320.135](#) Telecommunication devices – Limits on Possession-policies

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