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August 3, 2022

Dear Students and Parents,

The faculty and staff at Westpine Middle School would like to extend a hearty welcome back as we look forward to the 2022-2023 academic school year. The summer is over and it's time to get back to the business of empowering our children!

As always you will have the unwavering commitment of our faculty towards the growth of our students and our community. We will respond with prescriptive instruction, along with 21st century learning strategies that will engage ALL our students. Westpine's academic gains will be based on the collaboration of our students' hard work, an engaging teacher created learning environment and your parental support. For some of us, this endeavor will require us to become different versions of ourselves. We must all become more organized, more structured and more focused on providing the best education that we can for our children. We look forward to working with you this year to ensure that our students are successful. Please support your child and Westpine by requiring his/her best effort every day.

Please read the enclosed information about important issues of interest to you and your middle school child. We hope these materials will assure a smooth beginning for the school year. **You will find a flyer for Back to School Online Forms.** Please complete these forms as soon as you can.

If your child is in sixth grade, we invite you to our **“Cub Camp” orientation on Monday, August 15th from 9am -12pm** This is an orientation that will help get your child acclimated to Westpine Middle School.

Also, on Monday, August 15th from 2pm -5:00pm, we will be having our Open Campus for all grades. This is a good opportunity to pick up your schedule and walk the campus to find your classes. Here you can also pick up important information for the school year.

Please read the enclosed information concerning immunizations. **All seventh-grade students are affected by this requirement.** If you have completed the shots and are in possession of the official blue DH 680 Form, you should bring it to the Guidance office. **Students, who have not completed the required series of immunizations and/or have not turned in the official blue DH680 form, will receive a letter attached to the student's schedule. These students must receive the immunizations and provide the official blue DH 680 Form to Westpine's Guidance Office no later than Friday, September 2, 2022.**

Just a reminder that school starts on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

For your convenience, all of this information can be found on our website at www.westpine.browardschools.com or you can call us at (754) 321-4900.

Sincerely,
Christopher D. Johnson

Dress Code

As of the 2022-2023 school year, Westpine Middle School will follow the Student Dress Code policy as stated in the Student's Code of Conduct for Broward County Public Schools.

Appropriate dress and grooming can help to create a positive learning environment. Other attire may be allowed for special school activities with approval of the school administration. Possible consequences for violating the dress code are found in the Discipline Matrix. Changes in clothing trends will not override the dress code policy.

All students are expected to honor their responsibilities and dress in a way that respects the rights of others.

1. Footwear must be worn at all times. For grades K-12, bedroom slippers are not allowed, and for elementary students, backless footwear is not allowed. Additionally, elementary students may not wear backless, sling-backs, or open-toed footwear. Socks may not be worn with backless shoes as a substitute back for backless shoes. Parent should ensure that the footwear their students wear to school does not impede their safety.
2. Special clothing, including footwear, may be required for safety reasons in certain programs or activities such as physical education, home economics, career/technical education, and science.
3. Revealing clothing or clothing that exposes the torso is not allowed. Examples include but are not limited to: tank tops or spaghetti straps without overblouses (longshirts) or jackets; see-through garments; mini-skirts or mini-dresses; halters; backless dresses; jackets, shirts, or blouses tied at the midriff; and bare midriff outfits.
4. Clothing which is not worn appropriately, is not properly fastened, or has tears that are *indecent will not be permitted. All trousers, including oversized or low-hanging trousers, must be worn and secured at waist level.
5. Garments including, but not limited to, pajamas, boxer shorts, bloomers, and bustiers, which were traditionally designed as undergarments, sleepwear, or beachwear, may not be worn as outer garments. Other clothing not allowed are: leggings without overblouses (long shirts) that reach mid-thigh, tights, bodysuits, or hosiery, including those with lace trim, and bicycle racing attire unless they are worn underneath dresses, skirts, or shorts of appropriate length. Appropriate T-shirts may be worn as outer garments.
6. Clothing that exposes the upper thigh is not allowed. Shorts that are not shorter than mid-thigh, including walking shorts, Bermuda shorts, and split skirts

(culottes), are allowed. For Pre-K through 3, shorter shorts may be worn since these are standard attire for these ages.

7. Clothing, jewelry, buttons, haircuts, or other items or markings which are, *suggestive, *revealing, or *indecent, associated with gangs or cults, encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or violence, or support discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, linguistic differences, marital status, national origin, race, religion, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, physical appearance, or on any other basis are not allowed.

8. Other attire may be allowed for special school activities with approval of the school administration. Possible consequences for violating the dress code are found in the Discipline Matrix. Changes in clothing trends will not override the dress code policy. Section III Dress Code 27 economics, technology education, vocational education, and athletics or are worn for religious or medical reasons. Bandannas are not allowed. Hats, that do not violate #7 above, are allowed to be worn outdoors for physical education and recess as a safety precaution from sun damage.

9. Curlers and other hair grooming aids are not allowed. Personal grooming including, but not limited to, combing, brushing, and/or spraying hair, and applying cosmetics is allowed only in restrooms and/or designated areas.

10. Sunglasses may not be worn indoors unless a doctor's authorization is on file. Sunglasses are allowed to be worn outdoors for physical education and recess as a safety precaution from sun damage.

11. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury including, but not limited to: items with spikes or sharp objects, wallet chains, and heavy link chains are not allowed.

Note: Pursuant to F.S. 1006.07(2)(g), wearing clothing or accessories that depict a firearm or weapon or express an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is not grounds for disciplinary action or referral to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system. However, a student who wears clothing or accessory that causes a substantial disruption to student learning shall be issued a consequence as referred in the Discipline Matrix.

12. Parents/guardians may request exemptions for their students from participation in the mandatory unified dress program, and shall be informed by the principal, in writing, of the following procedure in this regard:

a. Parents/guardians may request an application for exemption from the current school.

b. An application for exemption must be made annually.

c. The application for exemption must be completed in full and must be submitted to the school principal within the first ten (10) school days of a student's initial attendance.

d. The school principal (or a designated school administrator) shall communicate with the parents to discuss the unified dress policy and the nature of the request for the exemption. The purpose of this communication shall include:

1. Ensuring that the parents/guardians understand the unified dress policy and its intent.

2. Verifying the accuracy of the information on the application for an exemption.

e. The principal's response in this regard shall be transmitted to the parents/guardians in writing via the Application For Exemption form within ten (10) school days of submission. Principal may only deny an application if the application is received on or after the 11th school day after enrollment.

13. Violators of the uniform policy (SB Policy 5309) shall be subject to the same penalties as violators of the dress code policy. For further clarification, see the District's Discipline Matrix that assigns specific consequences and is part of the attached school's discipline plan.

You may view the complete uniform policy and all School Board policies on the Web at: www.Broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies.

*Indecent, suggestive, and revealing refer to exposure of private body parts and/or pictures or words with a sexual connotation.

For more information on Dress code according to the Code of Conduct Please click link below BCPS Code of Conduct Dress Code Link

Steps To Access Student Schedule:

Sign into Clever

1. Browardschools.com/sso
2. Click visit BCPS SSO Launchpad
3. Click log in with active directory
 - a. Login is student number@my.browardschools.com
(06XXXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com)
 - b. Password is "P" then birthdate (PMM/DD/YYYY)

Once in Clever

4. Click Virtual Counselor button
You will be prompted to "click" button to "go to Virtual Counselor"
5. Click go to Virtual Counselor

Sign into Virtual Counselor

6. Enter student number (06XXXXXXXX)
7. Enter password (PMM/DD/YYYY)
8. Click submit
9. Go to student info drop down
10. Click student schedule

Schedules will be posted August 6th, 2022

Westpine Middle School



Cub Camp

Incoming 6th Graders
Student Orientation

ARE YOU READY?

August 15th
9am-12pm

Please RSVP by August 12th



www.browardschools.com/westpine

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS CAN BE COMPLETED ON-LINE

Broward Schools is excited to announce parents can now submit **BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS** on-line in your language of choice at:

www.browardschools.com/bts



Hi, Welcome to the Back to School Forms Wizard

We're here to help you complete the back to school forms required for your child. The wizard makes the process easy. Let's get started.

Note that this tool currently supports the completion of back to school forms for returning Broward County Public School students only. It is not intended to be used for new students, transfer students from other school districts, charter school students, or private school students. In those situations, the parent will complete a registration process at the school.



Select your language:

- English
- Português
- Español
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Continue

This on-line forms wizard replaces the paper Emergency Contact Card and Code of Conduct forms. Please complete the wizard entirely and print the confirmation page along with any required medical forms, sign and return them to your child's teacher.



Thank you for using the Back to School Forms Wizard

The provided information will help us to improve the quality of our service!

Your confirmation id is: 1965104322 Please keep it for future references

Please print and sign the Back to School submission sheet and return it to your child's school within 10 days of the start of school

Thank you

Submission Forms to Print
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Please Print the following Required Forms
OTC Medicate Auth Form (Grades 9-12)
OTC Medicate Auth Form (All Grades)
Medical Authorization Form



SAMPLE CONFIRMATION FORM:

Broward County Public Schools Back-to-School Online Forms Submission Sheet

Rather than completing and returning the hard copy Back-to-School packet and Code of Student Conduct Signature forms, I have used the Back-to-School Forms Wizard to complete the forms online. Please use the information I have submitted online to update my child's record. I have included the confirmation number I received at the end of the process for verification purposes.

Student's Name: BLANCA _____ Grade: 9 _____

School: _____ ELEMENTARY _____

Confirmation ID: 1965104322 - 36 _____ Date: _____

Parent's Name: JORGE _____

Parent Signature: Parent signature required here _____



Print & return this confirmation form signed along with any medical forms to Coral Springs High School.



Tel #: (754) 321-1566

STUDENT HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE (SHQ)



ATTENTION parents, caregivers and unaccompanied youth (not living with a parent or legal guardian):
The purpose of this questionnaire is to help identify school-aged children and youth who are experiencing housing instability as defined by Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.). According to this federal legislation, via the guidance of the HEART program, Broward County Public Schools is responsible for removing systemic barriers to the education of students experiencing homelessness by implementing the provisions of the law.

By completing this questionnaire, your school-aged child(ren) may qualify for HEART services and resources to help ensure educational stability.

1. With whom does the student(s) live?

- Parent
- Legal guardian
- An adult (18+) caring for student who is unable to live with parent or legal guardian at this time

Name (first and last): _____ Relationship: _____

***IMPORTANT: Please contact the student's school to complete the required Caregiver Authorization Form.**

I am an unaccompanied youth. I do not live with either of my parents or a legal guardian at this time.

2. Where do you currently live?

- I rent or own my home → **STOP HERE AND SKIP TO #4.**
- In an emergency or transitional shelter (A)
- Temporarily with a family member or friend (doubled-up) due to loss of housing, financial hardship, or similar reason (B)
- In a vehicle, trailer park or campground, abandoned building, or other substandard housing (D)
- In a hotel or motel due to loss of housing, financial hardship, or similar reason (E)

3. What caused your temporary residence?

- Eviction; Domestic Violence; Unemployment; Medical/Mental Disability; Poverty; Lack of Affordable Housing (O)
- Mortgage Foreclosure (M) Hurricane (H) Earthquake (E) Flooding (F) Man-made Disaster (D)
- Tropical Storm (S) Tornado (T) Wildfire or house fire (W) Natural Disaster – Other (N)

*** IMPORTANT: Please complete the requested information below for all school-aged children (PreK-12) enrolled in, or pending enrollment in a Broward County, FL public or charter school. If you have children enrolled in multiple schools, please return a completed questionnaire to each school.**

Student's Full Name (first and last)	Student ID #	M/F	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Grade	School Currently Enrolled

4. By signing below, I am attesting that the information provided is accurate:

_____ Signature _____ Date _____
Print Full Name (person completing this form)

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Current Address

_____ E-mail Address _____
Telephone Number

Florida Statute 837.06 provides that whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.