

Welcome to East Wake High School!

Rising 9th Grade Frequently Asked Questions

Mascot: Warriors Colors: Blue & Gold

What is the EWHS daily schedule?

Classes start at 7:25 am and end at 2:18 pm. The first bell rings at 7:18 am. A warning bell will ring one minute before class starts. If you get to your class after the last bell rings, you are late and will need to report to a tardy station for a pass. We're on a 4x4 Block Schedule, which means you have four (4) 80-minute classes each semester (for a total of 8 classes). Your first set of classes start in August and end in January. The second set (second semester) of classes start in January and end in June. When selecting classes for registration, you will choose 8 primary classes and 4 alternates.

Lunch is during Seminar, an additional class that is scheduled the full year. There are 2 lunch times **A and B**. For all lunches, you report to Seminar class first. OFF CAMPUS LUNCH: 11th and 12th grade students **ONLY**. This allows the student to go off campus **ONLY DURING THEIR ASSIGNED LUNCH**.

How big is EWHS? East Wake HS has one large main building and a set of mobile units. In the main building there are 2 floors. Each floor has a different layout, but most classes are grouped by subject area or grade level. Most freshman core classes will be taught in the same area of the building.

How much time do I have to get to class? You have 5 minutes in between classes. A warning bell will sound 1 minute before class starts. If you are not in your classroom before the final bell finishes ringing, you will be considered late and will need to report to a tardy station to receive a late pass before being allowed to enter class. There are consequences for being tardy which include warnings, detention, and suspensions.

Do classes/grades from middle school show up on the transcript? Yes, but only classes that receive high school credit. High school level World Language and High School level Math classes show up on the high school transcript with a grade but are not averaged into the GPA. The credits from these courses do count toward graduation.

Will 9th graders take classes with upper classmen? Generally, English I, World History, Math, Earth Science and Healthful Living are majority freshman. Other classes may be mixed such as CTE and Art electives depending on student course selection.

What is required for Healthful Living? We recommend changing your clothes to athletic clothing and athletic sneakers. For this class you will rotate between the gym for Physical Education and the classroom for Health class.

When will I receive my schedule? A welcome letter and copy of the schedule will be mailed home in early August.

Will I have a locker? Students can stop by Student Services during the school year to have one assigned. Most students choose not to use a locker, but this is available to you.

Should my child sign up for art, theater, band or athletics? We find that extracurricular activities help engage a student and help the student become more organized and therefore more successful in school. These activities provide students the opportunity to develop new friends, leadership skills, & enhance the high school experience. Students and parents should always evaluate the student's schedule and make certain that they are not taking on too much while still challenging themselves.

How do I get involved? Here at East Wake, we want you to feel welcomed and connected! Come get connected and meet new people, make new friendships, and be a part of something greater!

Activities: <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/1199> | Athletics: <https://eastwakeathleticzone.com/>

What are PowerSchool and CANVAS? PowerSchool is the school district's electronic system where student information is collected and stored. PowerSchool gives parents/students access to information about attendance, grades, and assignment descriptions. Students can stay on top of assignments, and parents are able to participate in their children's progress.

Canvas is where students interact with learning content. Teachers post assignments on the sites so students are always aware of when assignments are due. Both sites allow students to submit assignments, take tests and quizzes, take part in surveys and discussion groups, and interact with the teacher and classmates.

How are you getting to school? If you ride the school bus, please be sure to be at your bus stop 10-15 minutes before your scheduled stop. You can find this information on your PowerSchool account. The buses leave campus shortly after the school day ends.

If you use carpool, please be sure to use the appropriate carpool entrances/exits.

Unexcused vs Excused Absences: If you are absent from school, you will be marked absent in each class period you miss. If you are absent for illness, appointments, etc., bringing in a note from parent or doctor will change your absence to an excused absence. Bring these notes to the attendance office the day you return. You are responsible for any work missed.

How can parents be involved at the high school level? We love parent volunteers! Joining the PTSA is a great way to get involved. Visit <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/1216> to join!

How do I get in contact with teachers? Your student's teachers might not have a common planning period, so email is often the fastest way to make contact. If you need to conference with a teacher, you should email that teacher to work out a time. Counselors can facilitate a conference with all of a student's teachers if needed. Teachers also have individual tutoring availability that is shared with students at the beginning of each semester.

Other than teachers, who can assist my student? Counselors are assigned a caseload of students by last name. Counselors can build a positive relationship with students over their four years at East Wake. We have five Academic/School Counselors, two Student Assistant Program Counselors, a School Psychologist, a Dean of Student Services and an Intervention Coordinator to support student's academic, social/emotional, and career development.

What is Title I? A federally funded program attached to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), formerly known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Funds are allocated to schools based on the number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch. Funds are intended to help students and schools access needed resources for quality instruction. Funds can be used for teachers, purchasing materials / supplies, Professional Learning and Family Engagement. Here, at East Wake, we have a Parent and Family Engagement Center which ensures parents are informed and have a voice in the education of all students. Ms. Goodson, Coordinator and Mrs. Ruthie Margarin, Liaison / Interpreter work diligently to keep parents abreast of events and opportunity for involvement. If you are interested in being on the Parent Advisory Committee, please email cdgoodson@wcpss.net.

Principal Weekly Message: Principal Alston sends a comprehensive email announcement each weekend. Parents are automatically opted in to receive the messages starting July 1 of each school year based on PowerSchool contact information. The announcement ensures that families are up to date on all events and happenings at East Wake!

Events for Rising 9th Grade

February 22, 2023- Curriculum Fair, East Wake Gym (5:30pm-7:00pm)

August 2023- 9th Grade Orientation, Date TBD