



May 29, 2020

Dear 6th Grade Students and Families,

Thank you for your continued support of the Washington Township School District during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we prepare for the end of the school year, we would like to provide you with a few updates and reminders:

6th Grade Recognition

- Due to COVID-19 precautions for large inside gatherings, the District will not be able to host an in-person 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony. In place, the District is creating a special recognition video to acknowledge our wonderful sixth graders. While we would love the opportunity to celebrate our sixth graders in person, current health restrictions will not make this practical.
- In addition to the special recognition video, sixth graders were celebrated with special lawn signs. Thank you to our fantastic PTA for making the signs possible for our students!

Pick Up and Drop Off Student Materials – 6th Grade Only

We are kindly requesting 6th Grade students be in the car with a parent/guardian for student materials pickup/drop off. The following process will be followed to ensure appropriate safety precautions.

- Parents and student should remain in their car during the entire pick up / drop off process. Please drive up to the front of the school (bus lane).
- When you arrive at the school, you will be asked your student's name and homeroom teacher.
- Please open the trunk to your car and a staff member will collect:
 - School issued technology devices (iPads)
 - Textbooks (do not return workbooks that students have written in during the school year)
 - Library books
- After removing school materials, a staff member will deliver your student's personal belongings to the car. Student belongings have been placed in plastic bags and labeled by staff members.
- Drop Off and Pick Up Schedule:
 - **Friday, June 12th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm** **6th Grade Students Only**
 - If you cannot make it on any of the above scheduled time, please make arrangements for another family to drop off and pick up supplies. Again, to every extent possible, we are requesting 6th grade students be in the car for materials pickup and drop-off. You may call the office at 908-689-1188 ext. 3600 or email rrhinehart@washtwpsd.org no later than Friday, June 5th to make alternative arrangements, if needed.
 - **Items not picked up in a timely manner will be donated and / or discarded.**

Report Cards

- Report Cards for students in grade 6 will be available in the OnCourse Parent Portal on Friday, June 12th.

4th Marking Period Grading

Reminder, the District has made the following adjustments to its grading system for Special Areas in the 4th marking period. All special area subjects (art, music, world language, physical education and media) will be graded using the following scale:

- Exceeds Expectations – **E** – Student has consistently submitted excellent, detailed work
- Pass – **P** – Student passes with satisfactory work and effort
- Needs Improvement – **N** – Student has struggled to submit assignments throughout the marking period





Core academic subjects will continue to utilize their current grade scales for the 4th marking period. Subject indicators will not be scored on report cards for the 4th marking period. Honor Roll determinations will not be calculated and scores for the 2019-2020, 4th marking period will not be utilized when calculating cumulative academic awards (6th grade awards).

Extended School Year (ESY) Program

The State has still not provided official guidance on programming for students eligible to participate in Extended School Year programs. In the absence of official State guidance and with the need to make appropriate plans for students, the District will be providing remote Extended School Year Programs for Special Needs Students eligible. Parents of students with Special Needs, eligible for the Extended School Year Program, will be provided updates regarding a schedule as soon as information becomes available. *Please note, Extended School Year Programs for eligible students transitioning to Warren Hills Middle School will be contacted by the Warren Hills school district regarding their ESY Program.*

End of School Year Schedule

- Thursday, June 11th – Early Dismissal Schedule – Staff will be available to address family emails / student lessons from 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- Friday, June 12th – Early Dismissal Schedule – Staff will be available to address family emails / student lessons from 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- The last day of the school year for students will be Friday, June 12th.

Breakfast & Lunch Program

Washington Township School District Families – If you have experienced a job loss or underemployment due to COVID-19, please contact the district at 908-689-1119 x 1605 or mmiller@washtwpsd.org. Federal programs allow families who have experienced job loss or underemployment to receive free breakfasts and lunches.

Additional information and resources can be found on our District website and Facebook page.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent

