



Orientation

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We are so glad that you will be attending Woodlawn Middle School!



WMS Vision

At Woodlawn Middle School we are dedicated to preparing students to become life-long learners and productive citizens through a rigorous curriculum and a commitment to excellence.



Administrative Staff

- Principal - Raquel Brown
- Assistant Principal - Darryl Davis
- Assistant Principal - Donna Redmond Jackson
- Assistant Principal - Leslie Tate
- Dean of Students - Dallas Rogers
- Literacy Coach - Myra Looney
- Instructional Specialist - Maura Lewis
- Magnet Site Coordinator - Raina Spurlock
- Gifted & Talented Site Coordinator - Heidi Miles



Administrative Staff Continued

School Counselor - Tara Washington

School Counselor - Kamryn Bossom

TOR Moderator - Nathan Harrison



Safety is Our Top Priority

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority every day. We will all need to do our part to keep each other safe this school year.



Safety

It is vital that students practice safety drills each school year. It is also essential that they take the safety drills seriously.

Crisis planning is necessary to ensure the safety of everyone.

Lockdown Drill

Shelter in Place

Fire Drill

Bus Safety Drills

Active Shooter Drills

Metal Detector



Security Notice

All persons and property are subject to search with a metal detector or other means authorized, as a condition of entry to the school.

- No weapons of firearms
- No explosives or flammables
- No knives or sharp objects
- No pepper spray or mace



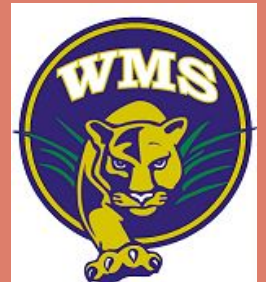
Math Expectations



- Last school year we used both DreamBox Math and Zearn. DreamBox Math for the second semester was used three days a week for 15 minutes in class and Zearn was used two days a week. Students were required to complete 5 DreamBox Math lessons a week.
- This year students will work in Zearn 5 days a week in class and will work at home in DreamBox Math.
- Students will need to complete 3 lessons a week in Zearn. Students will need to complete 3-5 lessons a week in DreamBox Math.
- Zearn will be used to accelerate students.

Zearn Math

- Is evidenced by research,
- Is uniquely positioned to support educators in accelerating math learning for all students.
- Provides dynamic digital lessons proven to significantly impact the learning gains within a typical year of instruction.



Zearn Math

- We will use Zearn Math to accelerate students.
- Students are to complete 3 lessons a week. Students will have approximately 15 minutes during class to complete the lessons. (Each lesson takes approximately 30 minutes.) It will take 2 class days to complete one lesson. Students will need to take some time at home to complete the 3rd lesson. When lessons are not completed at school during class time, they will need to be completed at home.
- It is very important that the students watch the Zearn videos.



DreamBox Math

- DreamBox Math will be used to help students close gaps in their math skills and understanding. The lessons in DreamBox Math are shorter than the lessons in Zearn. The lessons in DreamBox Math are to be completed at home.



Attendance Concerns

94.58% - Percent Present 2019-2020 School Year

92.63% - Percent Present 2020-2021 School Year

90.46% - Percent Present 2021-2022 School Year

91.77% - Percent Present 2022-2023 School Year

89.35% - Percent Present 2023-2024 School Year (10.65 Percent Absent, 5,212 days absent)

Attendance



- Please send a parent note or doctor's note when your child is absent from school.
- Students may only be absent 5 days each semester.
- Being absent 2 days each month is considered chronic absenteeism. (Students end up being absent 18-20 days from school.)
- There is no substitute for lost instructional time.

Student Academic Goals

- Complete 3 Lessons in Zearn Weekly
- Complete 3-5 lessons in DreamBox Math at home for homework weekly.
- Grow 25L each nine weeks in Achieve 3000 (A total of 100L for the school year.) Demonstrate 1-2 years of growth in reading if below grade level.
- Complete 3-4 Achieve 3000 articles a week.
- Students should only make an A, B, or C on their progress report and report card.
- Complete 45 - 75 minutes in Amira each week.



Growth Example for a Student 3 Years Behind Grade Level

3 Grade + 1.5 Year of Growth = 4.5 Grade Level

4.5 Grade + 1.5 Year of Growth = 6 Grade Level

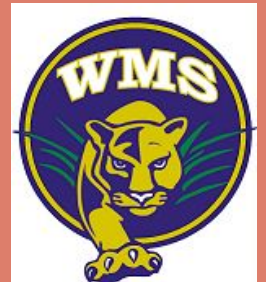
6 + 1.5 Year of Growth = 7.5 Grade Level

Even with 1.5 years of growth every year of middle school the student would still go to high school behind.



Behavior or Questions Regarding Discipline

Any questions regarding the Student Handbook, behavior or discipline are to be directed to Assistant Principal Mr. Darryl Davis (ddavis3@ebrschools.org) or Assistant Principal Leslie Tate (ltate1@ebrschools.org) or Dean of Students Dallas Rogers (drogers@ebrschools.org)



Dress Code



Standard uniform khaki pants, capris or shorts not more than 3” above the knee must be worn.

A traditional collared navy blue shirt/blouse, no more than 4 buttons, with no visible logo must be worn.

SOLID white undershirts with sleeves that should not be longer than sleeves of uniform shirt must be worn.

Woodlawn Middle School’s Official Purple Sweatshirt or Other Official Woodlawn Middle School Sweatshirt may be worn.

Plain brown, black, blue, navy blue, white or khaki belts must be worn. NO DESIGNS/DECORATIONS, rivets, holes, jewels/stones, or embroidery is allowed on belts.

Dress Code



Traditional matching tennis shoes (shoes must be the same color) with closed toes and closed backs that can be secured with matching colored shoe laces that are tied must be worn in all school facilities and on school grounds.

Only 1(one) pair of solid black, navy, or white matching socks is acceptable. Socks that come above the calf are unacceptable. Ankle or no show socks may be any color.

Profane/obscene language, mature themes, cults, whether direct or inferred, on t-shirts, masks or other clothing is prohibited at all school functions. Reference to drugs, alcohol or tobacco products on clothing is prohibited.

Parent Teacher Conferences



- It is always best to contact your child's teacher first.
- It is better to email the teacher with your concerns.
- You may set up a phone conference or a face-to-face conference.
- Should you want to set up a face to face conference, you would contact one of the School Counselors to set up the conference. Please email the school counselor for face-to-face conferences.
- Teachers have conferences during their planning period.

School Fees

- Logistical Fee \$25.00
- Technology Fee \$30.00
- Enrichment Fee \$ 35.00

Parents & Guardians are able to pay fees online beginning Thursday, August 1st.

Online School Management Systems

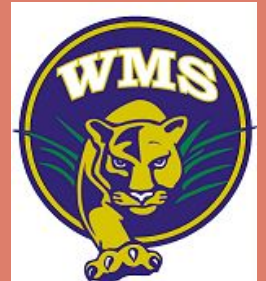
<https://osp.osmsinc.com/EastBatonRouge/>



P.E. Uniform, Woodlawn Sweatshirt, Woodlawn Spirit Shirt

- P.E. Shorts \$15.00
- P.E. Shirt \$10.00

- Woodlawn Sweatshirt (S, M, L, XL - \$20.00)
- Woodlawn Sweatshirt (XXL, & XXXL - \$22.00)
- Woodlawn Spirit Shirt (S,M, L - \$15.00)
- Woodlawn Spirit Shirt (XL, XXL & XXXL \$18.00)



Magnet Sweatshirts, Magnet Spirit Shirts

Magnet spirit and sweatshirts are for magnet students only. Please speak with Ms. Spurlock in the cafeteria regarding magnet items for purchase.

- Magnet Spirit Shirts \$15.00
- Magnet Sweatshirts \$20.00



The First Day of School is August 8, 2024

