



West Chester Area School District Middle School Course Quick Guide 2022-2023

School Counselor Assignments for 2022-23:

Fugett Middle School:

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- Akieda Behlin, Grade 8
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Stetson Middle School:

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Parents may contact or conference
with teachers or counselors
throughout the process.

As students progress through middle school in the WCASD, the course guide is intended to help them and their families make effective decisions by providing descriptions of the courses offered in WCASD middle schools.

Course Selection Timeline

February

- Teacher Recommendation Window
- Student and Parent Course Selection Week
- February 23: Middle School 101 Parent Information Night

March

- Recommendations Available on Parent Portal
- Requests to Change Course Selections and/or Recommendations Submitted to Student's Counselor
- March 25: Course Change and Course Level Waiver Deadline

May

- May 4: 5th Grade Course Selection Night

Late August

- 5th Grade Parent Orientation Nights





Level Recommendation Guidelines

There are three different course levels offered in WCASD middle schools, including Accelerated Honors, Honors and Grade Level. Each level is intended to develop students' skills and prepare students for their future endeavors. Students may consider level changes after September 16. Level changes will be honored provided they are in the best interest of the student and seats are available as a result of a level change.



WC Cyber Program

Middle school students have the option of taking classes through the WC Cyber Program. Courses available through Cyber will be designated with the WC Cyber Program logo (🌐) throughout the course guide.



Keystone Exams

The Keystone Exams are one component of Pennsylvania's system of high school graduation requirements. Keystone Exams help assess student proficiency of the Pennsylvania Core Standards - standards aligned with expectations for success in college and the workplace. In order to receive a diploma, students must also meet local district credit and attendance requirements and complete a culminating project, along with any additional district requirements.



Sports, Clubs and Activities

Each of WCASD's middle schools offer a wide variety of boys and girls team sports throughout the school year. Students can also explore their interests and build skills by participating in numerous clubs and activities such as chorale, drama club, student council and many more.

Grading Scale:

A+ = 97-100 A = 93-96 A- = 90-92
B+ = 87-89 B = 83-86 B- = 80-82
C+ = 77-79 C = 73-76 C- = 70-72
F = below 70

Student Placement Decisions:

To make appropriate decisions, middle school principals will consider multiple data points. Data points include student performance in class as evidenced by their report card, PSSA assessments, the teacher's recommendation and local assessment data if available.

The mission of the West Chester Area School District is
"educate and inspire our students to achieve their personal best."