

Wyoming County Schools . . .

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Superintendent's Bulletin

August 15, 2018



Board of Education Meetings

Thursday, August 16

Central Office at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, August 27

Career Center at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 4

Career Center at 6:00 p.m.



Notice to Professional Personnel

The "Stay Put" date will be September 4, 2018. Once school starts with students, professional personnel will not be allowed to physically switch positions. You can bid and hold positions on paper after that date, but you cannot change positions.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 29

First Day for Personnel

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4

First Day for Students

September 2018

Attendance Awareness Month

September 10-14

Celebrate Freedom Week

Monday, September 17

Constitution Day



The Wyoming County Career and Technical Center is now accepting enrollment applications for 2018-2019 school term in the following programs:

**Cosmetology
Nail Technician
Hair Stylist
Aesthetics**

Classes begin September 5, 2018. For more information, please call 304-732-8050, extensions 7103 or 7104. If no answer, please leave a message.

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August 10, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to what will be an exciting 2018-19 school year in Wyoming County. Hopefully, you have enjoyed the longer summer and have had many memorable experiences filled with fun and sun. Each new school year brings possibility and hope for all involved . . . children, families, communities, and school employees. Everyone becomes enthused about the experiences and growth that will come with the new school year. The quote, "And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been", by Rainer Maria Rilke, gives light to the anticipation of the 2018-19 school year.

We will welcome students back to school on Tuesday, **September 4, 2018**. Our first day of school is a full day for all students, except for those in Preschool and Kindergarten. The first day for all employees is Wednesday, **August 29, 2018**. As we did last year, you will report to your schools August 29, 30, and 31. Most trainings and professional development will be school-based and you will be notified of any trainings away from your school site. We recognize the need to work in preparation for the opening of school. Ms. Cooke, Ms. Hall, and I will visit schools and departments to address any needs or concerns. If you have questions about the opening of school format, feel free to call us.

Each school will plan orientations, Back to School Bashes, and activities designed to provide a wonderful opening for students and families. We want our students, families, and communities to feel the excitement of the upcoming school year. We want to create "school families" that will be supportive and involved, at all times. We want to encourage families to instill the importance of education in our students. We want school openings that will set a positive tone for a phenomenal year of learning and growth for our students. We want to "roll out the red carpet" and let everyone involved with our schools know that we appreciate and need them! As Douglas Fisher said, We want our schools to "be so welcoming, so inviting, and so comfortable that every person who walks through our doors believes they are about to have an amazing experience".

As a school district, we will undertake several bold and important steps to enhance each child's learning experiences. Our summer professional development addressed several of these endeavors, some will be addressed in the future, and follow-ups will be forthcoming, as needed. Compelling, new educational projects include:

- Completion of Summer Reading Programs at all elementary and middle schools;
- Productive and innovative Summer Professional Development Series and trainings for teachers;
- Implementation of a K-12 Drug Prevention Curriculum;
- Utilization of English/Language Arts and Math Curriculum Coaches to support teachers and instruction within the schools;
- A district-wide Writing Plan for grades 3-12;
- New K-12 math series, including "family-friendly" technology components;
- Secret Stories Phonics Program for grades K-2;
- Transition to a traditional (8 period) schedule for high schools;

- Implementation of a Digital Learning Center at each high school, which will provide an array of digital and online learning opportunities;
- Continued emphasis on clean, first-rate school buildings and facilities;
- Dual credit courses for high school students;
- Online college courses for high school students;
- New payroll and substitute calling system for employees;
- Communities in Schools Program for dropout prevention at Westside High School;
- Graduation 20/20 Program for dropout prevention at both high schools;
- Emergency safety communication equipment and tools for all schools;
- Revision, update, and training regarding Crisis Management Plans at all schools;
- New and additional mobile computer labs at all schools;
- New virtual reality labs at all schools;
- New computers for classroom computer labs at several schools; and
- New and additional Viewboard computer systems in every school.

Student safety is one of our primary responsibilities and we take this charge very seriously. We want children to attend schools that reinforce safety, in all regards, and this goal begins with relationships. EVERYONE . . . ALL STAKEHOLDERS . . . school employees, students, families, and community members must work together, as a team, to communicate and remain actively engaged to assure the safety and well-being of our children. Everyone within Wyoming County Schools works hard and is vigilant regarding student safety - WHATEVER IT TAKES! Thank you!

The Vision of Wyoming County Schools is to maintain “an efficient and effective system where employees have all needed resources and children are HAPPY while they are learning”. Our school system recognizes and fosters the potential in ALL students. The Central Office Staff and the Wyoming County Board of Education appreciates the endless energy and the tireless dedication that is given by school employees in the service of children. You make miracles happen, large and small, every single day. Your life’s work in education is meaningful, profound, and essential. Enjoy the remainder of your summer! A great year is ahead for all of us in Wyoming County Schools!

Blessings to you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deirdre A. Cline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deirdre A. Cline
Superintendent

Transition to Traditional Schedule



(L to R): Eva Marcum, Margaret Williamson, Jessica Austin, Michelle Moore, and Carrie Reeves from WVDE.

High school administrators and teachers from both Westside High and Wyoming East High participated in training on August 8 to help them in their transition from block schedule to a traditional class schedule.

Eva Marcum, Margaret Williamson, Jessica Austin, Michelle Moore, and Carrie Reeves from the West Virginia Department of Education planned and delivered the training.

Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs, developed and organized the training session.

Medical Time Out (MTO)

Annual Medical Time Out training will be Monday, August 20, at Pineville Middle School starting at 6:00 p.m. High school administrators, athletic directors, athletic trainers, and coaches along with local fire departments and ambulance services will review protocols for responding to any medical emergencies at football games this fall.

Curriculum Coaches



(L to R): Mariana Donley, Stella Brumfield, Barbara Fields, Misty Lyons, LeAnn Biggs, Ashley Francis, and Liz Bailey.

Wyoming County Curriculum Coaches visited Mingo County Schools on August 10 for a collaborative coaching session. Our coaches, Misty Lyons, LeAnn Biggs, Ashley Francis, and Liz Bailey, meet with Mariana Donley, Stella Brumfield, and Barbara Fields of Mingo County. Our coaches were accompanied by Kara Halsey-Mitchell, Director of Academic Programs.

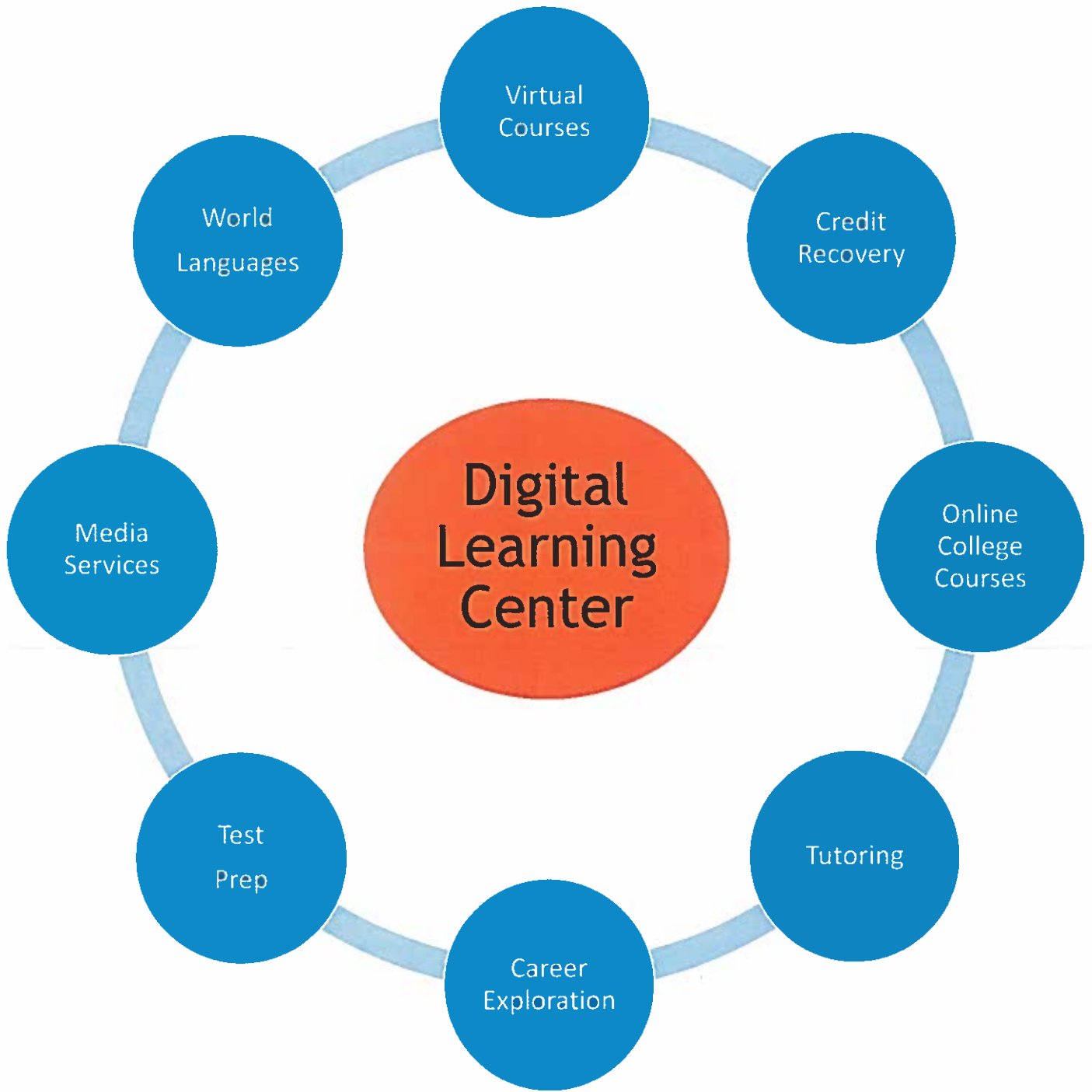
A special thank you to Mingo County Superintendent Spence and Dr. Runyon for welcoming Wyoming County so graciously.

Digital Learning Centers

Digital Learning Centers will open at Westside High and Wyoming East High School when school starts. A variety of services will be available to students. Please see the following page for a menu of those services.

Mrs. Gloria Burdette, Lead Coordinator for the Office of Middle/Secondary Learning at the West Virginia Department of Education, visited Wyoming County Schools on August 7 to provide training to administrators and Digital Services Instructors on West Virginia Virtual School.

"You are only as strong as your purpose; therefore, let us choose reasons to act that are big, bold, righteous, and eternal." – Barry Munro



Virtual Courses

Credit Recovery

Online College Courses

Tutoring

Career Exploration

Test Prep

Media Services

World Languages

Digital Learning Center

PRESS RELEASE

July 17, 2018

Students in Wyoming County will be required to have specific medical and dental documentation before entering school this fall, according to Deirdre Cline, Superintendent of Wyoming County Schools. The requirements only apply to Pre-K, Kindergarten, second, seventh, and 12th graders.

Pre-K students beginning school for the first time must have a Yellow Card with the state approved immunizations, stamped by the Wyoming County Health Department. They also will be required to have a comprehensive medical health exam (health check), a dental exam signed by a dentist or licensed hygienist, and a vision and hearing exam, either completed with the health check or by a separate provider.

Kindergarten students who have not attended Pre-School or Head Start are required to have the same examinations as Pre-K students, and their immunizations will need to be updated. The immunizations should be presented on a Green Card stamped by the Wyoming County Health Department. The only new requirement for Kindergarten students who have already attended Pre-K or Head Start is that they have the updated immunizations on the Green Card, also stamped by the health department.

Second graders and seventh graders should have an updated dental exam and comprehensive health exam. Seventh graders are also required to show proof of immunizations required by the state, including Menactra or MCV4 and Tdap. The proof of the immunizations should be provided to the Wyoming County Health Department for documentation on the student's blue card.

Students entering their senior (12th grade) year have the same requirements as seventh graders.

"These exams are important and necessary in order to follow state regulations and to ensure the health and well-being of the children we serve," said Cline. "Following these guidelines as directed will help make certain your child has a smooth transition going in to the coming school year."

All documentations should be submitted to the student's school prior to enrolling or starting on the first day of the 2018-19 year.

For more information, contact Wyoming County Schools at 304-732-6262.

Nearly three million dollars in scholarship funds were awarded for the 2017-18 school year to high school students in Wyoming County.

Wyoming East and Westside high schools were awarded \$62,412.75 in one-time scholarships and \$2,891,186.00 in four-year renewable scholarships, bringing the total to \$2,953,598.75.

“We are very pleased with the amount of scholarships given to our students,” said Robin Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools. “Our students are among the brightest and we want them to have every opportunity to get a college education. These monies help tremendously by taking care of some of the financial burden for their families.” Hall said the amount of scholarship monies awarded this year has exceeded last year’s totals.

Hall noted the search for scholarship funding starts early each year. “The students begin looking for scholarships just about as soon as the school year starts,” she said. “About 40% of the student population of seniors apply for funding.”

The counselors at each of the two high schools make sure that students know about scholarships and help them in the application process. Kim Queen, counselor at Wyoming East, and Keisha Fullmer, counselor at Westside, are responsible for getting information out to the students about available scholarships and how to apply.

There are a number of ways students can get information about scholarships, and several different resources are used to make students aware of what funding is available. LiveGrades is used by both counselors to post updates and keep students and parents informed of scholarship availability, as well as financial aid workshops. Representatives from the Higher Education Policy Commission also come to the schools and assists seniors and their parents in completing the application for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Once the application is completed and submitted to FAFSA, a confirmation page will let the students know how much financial aid they will receive, what their EFC (Estimated Expected Family Contribution) amount is, if they qualify for the Pell Grant, as well as other state grants and scholarships.

Both the FAFSA and the Promise Scholarship become available on October 1 each year.

The Promise Scholarship can be completed on the CFVW website, which is a free resource to seniors. Students can sign up for an account and access college and career readiness information, apply to college and do scholarship searches all directly through the site. CFVW not only is a scholarship search tool for finding scholarships in West Virginia, but also across the nation.

College representatives also come to both high schools and make presentations to the seniors about their college or university. Students who are interested in that college can meet with an admissions counselor and receive scholarship information.

The Wyoming County Career and Technical Center has three primary scholarship opportunities that are strictly CTC related. The National Honor Society Scholarship, which is made available through fundraising at the Career Center, is given to one Wyoming East student and one Westside student each year. The Albert Yanni Scholarship can be applied for on-line and is only available to CTE students. These scholarships are awarded throughout the state, but each school is not guaranteed one, nor are they limited to just one. Students who compete in the SKILLS USA competition are also eligible for scholarships given out by colleges and universities who attend the competition.

“We want to use every avenue available to see that these students get the information they need to apply and be awarded scholarships,” Hall stressed. “Looking at this year’s totals, I believe our counselors are

doing a great job. The tremendous amount of scholarship funds our students received shows hard work and great teamwork on the part of our students, school staff and families.”



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AUGUST 2018

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