# Wall Township School District Office of the Superintendent Dr. Tracy Handerhan

# <u>Chain of Communication / How to Effectively Communicate with School Officials</u> 2023-2024 School Year

Parents are often discouraged when they attempt to communicate with central office administrators and are sent back to the building-based officials in order to resolve a problem their child may be experiencing in school. To prevent that frustration, parents can become informed about the "Chain of Communication", or where to begin the communication sequence regarding their child's problem. Parents should only contact the Case Manager or Director of Special Services if the parent has a child who is classified.

Many parental questions are easily and completely answered by communicating directly with the educator in charge of the class or program. Each situation should be addressed at whatever level the initial action was taken with appeals moving on to the next level on the chain of communication. The easiest way to communicate would be by email (please see the respective e-mail addresses listed below). A phone call would be the next preferable way to communicate.

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### A. On matters involving <u>High School Curriculum and Instruction</u> first contact:

1. Classroom Teacher				
2. Guidance Counselor or Case Manager (varies by student)				
3. Appropriate	Dr. Tracy Skinner	tskinner@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2053	
Supervisor of	(K-12 World Language/			
Instruction	Social Studies/ESL)			
	Mrs. Laura Kurmin (Math/Science/Computer Science/Business)	lkurmin@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2091	
		imccann@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2023	
	Mrs. Jennifer McCann (ELA/Media) Mr. John Higham (Technology)	jhigham@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2003	
	Dr. Peter Righi (Acting Principal) (Music)	prighi@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2041	
	Mr. Kevin Davis (Vice Principal) (NNDCC/Art)	kdavis@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2045	

	Mr. Seth Hewitt (Vice Principal) (TV Production/Family Consumer Life)	shewitt@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2043
4. Principal	Acting Dr. Peter Righi	prighi@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2041
5. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction	Mrs. Jennifer McCann	imccann@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2023

#### B. On matters involving <u>Special Education (high school level)</u> first contact:

1. Classroom Teacher					
2. Case Manager or Guid	2. Case Manager or Guidance Counselor				
3. Special Education Supervisor Dr. Nancy Samaha nsamaha@wallpublicschools.org 732-556-2603					
4. Principal	Acting Dr. Peter Righi	prighi@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2041		
5. Director of Special Education	Mrs. Kelly Bond	kbond@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2121		

#### C. On matters involving <u>High School Athletics</u> first contact:

1. Coach				
2. Athletic Director	Mrs. Marni Henry	mhenry@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2064	
3. Principal	Acting Dr. Peter Righi	prighi@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2041	

#### <u>High School Extra-Curricular/Clubs</u> first contact:

1. Club Advisor	Varies per club		
2. Assistant Principal	Mr. Seth Hewitt	shewitt@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2043
3. Principal	Acting Dr. Peter Righi	prighi@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2041

#### D. On matters involving <u>High School Student Discipline</u> first contact:

1. Classroom Teacher					
2. Guidance Counselor or Case Manager					
3. Appropriate Assist	3. Appropriate Assistant Principal (see below)				
Grades 9 & 10	Mr. Seth Hewitt	shewitt@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2043		
Grades 11 & 12	Mr. Kevin Davis	kdavis@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2045		

4. Principal	Acting Dr. Peter Righi	prighi@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2041

## E. To resolve all matters <u>only</u> after you have followed the levels outlined above:

Superintendent of	Dr. Tracy	officeofsuperintendent@wallpublicschools.org	732-556-2006
Schools	Handerhan		