

Transition Information for Students with Disabilities at WTPS



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7 pm

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Special Services Department in Wall Township

- Director of Special Services
 - **Kelly Bond**
- 2 Special Education Supervisors:
 - **Samantha Roberts, Grades PK-5**
 - **Dr. Nancy Samaha, Grades 6-12**
- 92 Teachers & 93 Instructional Paraprofessionals
- 17 Child Study Team members (LDT-C, Psychologist, Social Worker)
- 2 Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA)
- 9 Speech Therapists
- 2 Occupational Therapists (OT)
- Specialists including: Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Transition Coordinator, and Special Education Reading Specialist
- Contracted OTs & PTs



Where do we educate our students?



- General Education
- In-Class Resource
- Pull-Out Resource
- Self-Contained Classes
- Out-of-District

Our Current Special Education Programs

Wall Primary School

- Preschool Disabled
- Integrated Preschool

Allenwood Elementary School

- 1-3 Emotional Regulation Impairments (ERI)
- 4-5 Emotional Regulation Impairments (ERI)
- K-2 Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- 3-5 Multiple Disabilities (MD)

Old Mill Elementary School

- K-1 Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)
- 1-2 Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)
- 3-5 Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)

Wall Intermediate School

- 6-8 Emotional Regulation Impairments (ERI)
- 6-8 Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- 6-8 Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)

Wall High School

- Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- Learning and/or Language Disabilities (LLD)
- Structured Learning Experience (SLE)



The Importance of Transition

- Transition programs are helpful for both students and parents.
- Change is good, but it's important to be prepared for it!
- Stay positive when discussing it with your child, even if it's hard for you to see them growing up!
- Be sure to get to know your child's new case manager in their new school.
- Please know that we are all working toward the same goal - making sure your child's needs are being met and that they are able to reach their potential.



Transition from Wall Primary to Elementary School

- **May/June 2023** - Preschool students in the four hour program at Wall Primary will attend a trip with some elementary students to the Field of Dreams in Toms River (an inclusive park designed for students of all abilities).
- **June 2023** - Preschool students attending Wall Primary will take a field trip during their school day to visit the elementary school they will be attending the following year. Students will get to see a kindergarten classroom and tour the building.
- **August 2023** - Kindergarten Orientation at each of the elementary schools.



Transition from Elementary to Wall Intermediate

For the Students



- **April 24 & 26, 2023** - The WIS Principal and Counselor visit each elementary school to meet with the entire 5th grade for a Q&A about the expectations of WIS.



- **May 30 & 31, 2023** - 5th grade students will take a field trip to WIS during the school day to learn about WIS and participate in a Q&A panel with the National Junior Honor Society Members. Guided tours will be given.



- **September 2022** - Welcome to 6th Grade Pizza Party - This is an opportunity for incoming 6th graders to attend a pizza party before the first day of school.



Transition from Elementary to Wall Intermediate

For the Students



- Scheduled visits will begin during second semester for students who will be transitioning to WIS self-contained special education programs.
 - Transportation and paraprofessional support provided.
 - Students will attend some WIS classes, tour the building, and meet some of the WIS students and faculty.
 - Participation in a field trip with WIS students. Possible destination:
 - Field of Dreams
- Child Study Team (CST) members across both schools have articulation meetings leading up to the transition and select teachers observe elementary/WIS programs, as needed.
- ESY - Students transitioning to WIS who are recommended to attend ESY will do so at WIS

Transition from Elementary to Wall Intermediate

For the Parents



- **February 22, 2023 - 5th to 6th Grade Parent Information Night # 1 - 7PM WIS Auditorium:** An overview of WIS, this presentation highlights the major differences between the elementary level and the middle school level.
- **April 5, 2023- 5th to 6th Grade Parent Information Night # 2 - 7PM WIS Auditorium:** An overview of the leveled classes and placement at WIS. They will also discuss Elective and World Language Options for students. This information will be shared with students in May.
- **Spring 2023- Annual Review Meetings-** A CST member from WIS will be invited to attend.

Transition from Wall Intermediate to Wall High School

For the Students



- **February 8, 2023** - Teachers from WHS will present elective programs to 8th grade students at WIS
- **February 13-27, 2023** - WHS counselor will visit 8th graders at WIS to choose electives and finalize course requests
- **May 22, 2023** - **Step Up Day during school hours**
 - 8th grade students participate in a field trip to WHS. They will enjoy different presentations and meet current WHS mentors. Guided tours will also be offered.
- **May 23, 2023** - WHS coaches and advisors host Q & A booths for clubs sports and activities available at WHS
- **August 23, 2023** - **Freshmen Orientation 9-10:30** Incoming 9th graders are invited to attend a welcome session at WHS to find their lockers, follow their schedules and meet counselors and administrators
- **Summer 2023** - Special Meet & Greet and Tours can be arranged
- **September 20, 2023** - **Freshman Club and Activities Fair**
 - Students will learn about clubs and activities from the WHS staff and students.



Transition from Wall Intermediate to Wall High School

For the Students



- Regular visits during second semester for students who will be transitioning to WHS self-contained special education programs
 - Transportation and paraprofessional support provided
 - Students will attend some WHS classes
 - Participation in select field trips with WHS students. Possible destinations include:
 - Monmouth County Library & Americana Diner
 - Ocean County Library & Capone's Restaurant
 - Count Basie Theater & Red Bank Diner
 - Field of Dreams
 - ShopRite
- WHS and WIS CST members have articulation meetings leading up to the transition and select teachers observe WIS and WHS programs, as needed.
- ESY - Students transitioning to WHS who are recommended to attend ESY will do so at WHS



Transition from Wall Intermediate to Wall High School

For the Parents



- **November 17, 2022 & January 19, 2023 - Parent Coffee Hours:** Meetings with parents and WHS administrators, including Director of Guidance and Instructional Supervisors to introduce the different academic programs at WHS, discuss the placement process and answer any questions.
- **January 12, 2023 - Academic Night:** Meeting with parents of incoming 9th graders with WHS administrators, counselors, supervisors and other WHS staff members to discuss in detail the many different academic programs at WHS
[Academic Night presentation](#)
- **Spring 2023 - Annual Review Meetings:** CST member from WHS and counselor will be invited to attend
- **September 20, 2023 - Activities and Clubs Information Session**
 - Parents and students will learn about clubs and activities from the WHS staff and students



High School Transitional Programs



Monmouth County Vocational School Program

Career Center - Shared Time Program

[Career Center website](#)

- 5 day prevocational evaluation - CST submits application for this evaluation as early as 8th grade
- Admitted students attend Career Exploration Program. Students attend AM vocational program and rotate to 4 different vocational areas.
- Vocational Training in specific area (typically in the PM) that will hopefully lead to further education or entry-level employment
 - Auto Services, Baking, Building Services, Building Trades, Food Service, Health Occupations, Horticulture Floral, Horticulture Landscaping, Marketing, Materials Handling, Skills Discovery, Supermarket Careers



High School Transitional Programs

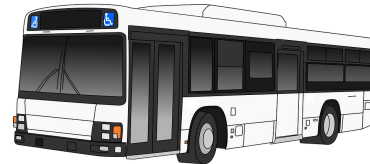
YOUNG ADULT
TRANSITION
PROGRAMS



Wall High School Program

The purpose of our transition programs here in Wall Township is to work with our students to support them in acquiring skills in the following areas:

- Living independently
- Employment
- Recreation and leisure time
- Continuing education



We do this through a variety of programs and experiences including **life skills classes, community based instruction, in house work experiences, and work based experiences.**

Life Skills Classes:

- Units of study include: Career Exploration and Preparation, Communication, Independent and Daily Living Skills, and Nutrition and Cooking
 - Ex: Students prepare and sell breakfast sandwiches and fruit cups to staff members monthly as a fundraiser for Project Snowflake

Community Based Instruction

- Instruction that occurs in the community - teaches students functional skills in their natural environment through repeated experiences
 - Ex: shopping, bank, library, restaurants
- District wide program



High School Transitional Programs



Wall High Job Coaching Program

In House Work Experiences

- Students who need to further their work-preparedness skills in-house participate in programs developed within the school system. These placements provide the opportunity for students to practice good work habits and apply appropriate behaviors, while also developing the necessary soft skills that are required for gainful employment.
- Office assistance - copying and shredding
- Teacher assistants at primary or elementary level
- Lunch and playground help at elementary schools
- Assist with district mail runs

Work Based Experiences

- Formerly called Structured Learning Experiences
- Include paid, non-paid, and volunteer work.
- Experiences may take place in retail, day-care, food banks (for ages 18-21), colleges, and rehabilitation facilities.
- Past duties have included: bagging groceries, bussing tables, greeting customers, assisting managers, returning stretchers and wheelchairs to holding areas, and delivering mail.
- Students are matched up with positions in which they have an interest and that address growth needs and transition goals.

Unified Sports and Other Inclusive Activities

Recent Grant awarded from SONJ for WHS inclusive activities

- Polar Express - Parents Night Out 12/22
 - BIG SUCCESS!!
- Unified Sports Spring 2023
 - Kickball practices at WHS and culminating game v. TRE in May, 2023
 - Planning soccer for Fall 2023 and Basketball for Winter 2023/2024
- Wall Social Club
 - Students in our self-contained classes attend some trips with peer mentors. They also meet regularly during lunch to play games and collaborate on fund raising activities.



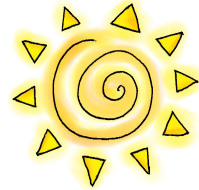
Extended School Year (ESY) – Summer 2023

Primary (Entering 3 & 4 year olds)

- 4 week program from June 26 to July 20
- 2 hour sessions from 8 - 10 and 10-12
- 4 hour session from 8-12
- Located at Allenwood Elementary

Intermediate (Entering 6-8)

- 4 week program from June 26 to July 20
- 6 week program from June 26 to August 3th
- Hours: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Located at Wall Intermediate



Elementary (Entering K-5)

- 4 week program from June 26 to July 20
- 6 week program from June 26 to August 3th
- Hours: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Located at Allenwood Elementary

High School (Entering 9-12)

- 4 week program from June 26 to July 20
- 6 week program from June 26 to August 3th
- Hours: 7:45 am to 11:45 am
- Located at Wall High School

Please note: None of the ESY programs run on Fridays and students are off on July 3rd and July 4th.



Transitioning to a new school can be an exciting time and we look forward to supporting you and your child in this process.



Questions



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