

July 16, 2025

Hello Parents and Guardians!

The following is information needed before school starts.

The front office will be open Wednesday, July 30 through Friday, August 8, from 7:30am-2:30pm to pay fees, pick up schedules, and take care of any other necessary business. We will also be staying late two evenings for your convenience – Tuesday, August 5th till 6pm and Thursday, August 7th till 6:30pm.

The PowerSchool Portal (<https://powerschool.washk12.org/public>) will be open beginning Wednesday, July 30, to pay fees online. Schedules will then be emailed out hopefully by the end of day.

The following is a list of the 25-26 fees:

School Fees

- \$25 – 9th Grade Activity Fee
- \$15 – 9th Grade Food Classes
- \$15 – 9th Grade Sewing Class
- \$10 – 8th & 9th Grade Shop Class Fee (projects made will be an additional cost)
- \$20 – 8th Grade FACS Exploration
- \$20 – Fine Arts Class Fee for 8th & 9th Grades (art, choir, band, orchestra, theater, film, guitar, etc.)
- \$20 – 9th Grade ROTC Class Fee (charged by PVHS)
- \$95 – Band/Orchestra Instrument Rental
- \$35 - Guitar Rental (limited amount, please email heber.white@washk12.org)

Optional Fees

- \$25 – Yearbook (price goes up \$1 each month, up \$2 in May)
- \$2.70- Lunch (can be paid in the office, on PowerSchool, or on PayPam)
- \$2.50- Breakfast (can be paid in the office, on PowerSchool, or on PayPam)
- \$30 – up to for Student Apparel
- \$10 – PE Shorts
- \$ 8 – PE Shirt
- \$25 - Food Handlers Permit (9th grade only in Foods Class)
(There will be other things that come up throughout the year)

To apply for a Fee Waiver, **one** of the following will need to be brought into the front office: 2024 Income Taxes, or last three check stubs of adults in the home, or a letter from SNAP with the student's name on the letter. If approved, this will cover the school fees only. It will not cover any optional fees, credit recovery, food handler permits, etc.

To apply for Free/Reduced Lunch, please go to washk12.org, departments, food service, free and reduced, and fill out the application. It sometimes takes up to two weeks to process, so the sooner the better.

If you feel there is a need to have a schedule change, the student can sign up on the Chromebook in the Counseling Center or go to the school website (hms.washk12.org) click on the counseling tab and click on to see your counselor. **There will be NO schedule changes after Friday, Aug 15th.**

Parents and Guardians are now able to deposit money into their student's finance account (different from lunch account) for later use. We have found this helpful to pay for items when a parent is unavailable to come into the school, and since credit cards cannot be taken over the phone. This money can be used for shop projects, PE clothes, library fines, Math Counts, etc., that is needed during the year. Unused amounts remain in the account. Students **cannot** pull cash from this account. Deposits can be done through the PowerSchool Portal also.

Back to School Night is Thursday, August 7, from 5:00 - 6:30pm. There is no opening meeting, just come and meet your students' teachers, tour the school, and have questions answered.

Picture Day is Wednesday, August 13.

Attached is the new District Cell Phone Policy, Dress Code, and Policy Disclosure. Please take a moment to review them with your student. Please fill out, sign, and return the Policy Disclosure either in person, or by email.

This is going to be a great school year!

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