

WESCLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL



WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE

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**CLASSROOM ORIENTATION
SCHOOL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

Dear Parents,

Greetings and welcome to Wesclin Middle School. Enclosed you will find much information to assist your child in making this a productive and happy school year. Please review this information carefully with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at school.

Communication between home and school is vital for the success of your child. If you are frequently in contact with your child's teachers, your child's progress will be greatly enhanced. Too often, parents are not aware of their student's progress, and it is difficult for us to continuously maintain lines of communication. Calling, e-mailing, or leaving a message is the best approach.

We are very pleased to have the privilege of teaching your child this year. Each student is unique and special in his/her own way. Our goal at Wesclin Middle School is to challenge each of them to think, to be creative, and to strive for knowledge as they continue their journey to adulthood. We cannot teach them everything they will need to know for the future, but we do hope to give them some tools, skills, and knowledge that will enable them to lead happy and productive lives.

We hope this school year will be a pleasant one for both you and your child. Working together as a team - students, parents, and teachers - will ensure that this will become a reality.

Sincerely and with thanks for your cooperation,

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Guidelines for Fifth Grade Success

For All Classes:

- ✓ Pay attention to class instruction; listen to the teacher rather than the other students in the classroom.
- ✓ Follow the directions on written work and those given in class.
- ✓ Keep track of the homework assignments as you go from class to class---**not just at the end of the day!!!**
- ✓ Turn in all assignments on time. Students will not be given permission to call home for forgotten assignments or other items (exception: medications).
- ✓ Be honest in your academic work. Cheating will not be tolerated. Instances in which cheating is involved may result in partial credit given for the particular assignment to any student involved in the act. Be proud of your own work, and if you are having problems, be sure to ask for help the appropriate way.

Procedures for Fifth Grade

Below are listed requirements and procedures for the fifth grade. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Please review them carefully with your child.

1. Folders: These folders are excellent tools to help the students stay organized. Each pocket will be devoted to a separate subject (Math, English/Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Homework, Take-Home, Return to School). Please check the folders daily and keep them organized.
2. Roster Number: Each student will be given a number based on his or her order in the gradebook. Students should write this number on **every sheet of paper they turn in**. The number is to be written in the upper left hand corner, unless a place is already indicated on the assignment.
3. Agenda Sheet: Each student will be given an agenda sheet for the week. You are to write down all assignments daily. Homework will be listed on the Homework Board every day. Be sure to keep this updated throughout the day rather than rushing at the end of the day. Assignments will also be posted on the class website after the conclusion of the school day.
4. Switching Classes: Students are given three (3) minutes of transition time between each class. This time should be used to gather supplies, use the restroom, and get a drink. All classrooms have a list of necessary supplies posted outside the classroom. Be sure to check the list to ensure you have the required materials. Students entering the classroom after the three minute transition time or students that do not have the required materials may be issued a classroom tardy. Three classroom tardies in one quarter will result in a strike.
5. Home/Class Assignments: Any assigned work given is expected to be completed on time. **The only time you will be excused for late work is when you are absent on the day it was assigned.** Any time a graded assignment is missing or less than 50% complete, the student will have to make up the assignment for half credit. It will be the student's responsibility to turn in the assignment by the end of the grading period/quarter. Any assigned homework will be due at the beginning of the school day (8:15 a.m). Late assignments will count as a strike towards the quarterly incentive parties. Each quarter, the students will receive a Homework Coupon which gives them one extra day to complete a homework assignment for full credit. If the coupon is not used by the end of the quarter, it may be turned in for extra credit in a subject of their choice.
6. Book Orders: Throughout the year, there will be several opportunities to purchase books through various book clubs. All orders will need to be submitted online. Separate information will be sent regarding setting up an online account.
7. Student Absences: If a student is absent for any reason, please contact the school secretary. **The student will have one day plus the number of days absent to complete any missing work.** Upon request, daily homework assignments can be sent to the office for pick up. If the absence is pre-arranged, the office must be notified so that the necessary form can be signed by the parents and teachers.
8. Consequences: All students are expected to follow the classroom rules. The rules are as follows:
 - Respect the rights and feelings of others.
 - Be prepared for class with the proper supplies, assignments, and attitude for learning.

---Use proper manners and common courtesy at all times.

---Follow the rules stated in the Wesclin School District Student Handbook.

Ignoring the rules may result in the loss of certain privileges such as recess, incentives, and other class activities. Infractions may result in a strike being issued. A student receiving three (3) strikes in one quarter will be ineligible to attend the reward party at the end of the quarter. Strikes may be issued for late/missing assignments, three tardies, behavior issues, and/or lunch detentions. An email will be sent home with notification that a strike was issued. Warnings may be given for minor infractions. When three (3) warnings are accumulated, a strike will be issued.

9. Classroom Parties: Halloween and Christmas parties will be hosted by the teachers. A list of items that are needed will be sent out in the weeks preceding the parties. Reward parties are also held each quarter for those students who earned fewer than 3 strikes.
10. Band and Chorus: Fifth grade students have the opportunity to sign up for beginning band and/or chorus. Group rehearsals will take place 2nd Hour (Math Rtl) to avoid interruptions during the academic classes. Individual band lessons will occur throughout the day. If a student requires Math interventions, they will be given a schedule that will allow them to attend Rtl, band, and chorus throughout the course of the week. Forms will be sent home by the music department.
11. Sports: Fifth grade girls are eligible to participate in basketball and cross country in the fall and volleyball in the spring. Boys are eligible to participate in basketball and cross country in the fall semester. A current physical must be on file in the office in order to participate. An athletic fee of \$50 must be paid prior to the first game of the season. Students participating the sports must meet the academic eligibility requirements as stated in the student handbook.
12. Beginning the School Day: Listed below are the procedures you are expected to follow in this classroom at the beginning of the school day.
 - Enter the classroom respectfully. Put your book bag, coat, supplies etc., in your locker.
 - Give any papers that must go to the office to the teacher.
 - Turn in any necessary homework assignments. These will usually be listed on the board each morning.
 - Get your materials ready for your first class. (Books and papers on your desk, at least 2 pencils sharpened, etc.)
 - Be sure to use the restroom and get a drink. Be in your seats by the 8:15 and ready for 1st Hour. Students that return after the bell, will be given a classroom tardy.
 - Listen carefully for any further instructions from the teacher.
 - Have a wonderful day.
14. Class Website/Weekly Update: To access the classroom website, go to www.wesclin.org and click on the "Middle School" tab. Click on the gray "Teacher Pages" tab on the left side of the screen and select the desired teacher. Additionally, parents/guardians that have provided an email to use through the TeacherEase program, will receive an update of upcoming events and assignments at the end of each week. If no email address is available, please notify the teacher and paper communication will be provided.

