



Be You!

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2026-2027



Welcome to Worthington Hooker
School!



MISSION, VISION & CORE BELIEFS



MISSION

Show P.R.I.DE in all that you do! Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination & Empathy

VISION

We are a guiding light along the path of learning, supporting, challenging and recognizing the individual strengths and needs of each student, assisting them in recognizing their academic potential and to be their best selves.

1 School; 2 buildings

K-2 180 Canner St. 475-220-3700

3-8 691 Whitney Ave. 475-220-7200

MISSION, VISION & CORE BELIEFS

NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PATH TO EXCELLENCE

Strategic Operating Plan - 2024-2029

MISSION

In partnership with families and community, New Haven Public Schools empowers every student to thrive in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment that embraces and cultivates our vibrant cultural diversity. Together, we nurture critical thinkers and lifelong learners who are prepared for success.

VISION

Our vision is to be a district of excellence that inspires, empowers and equips every student to flourish in and contribute to a changing world.

TEACHING
&
LEARNING

FAMILY &
COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS

CORE VALUES

- Equitable Opportunities
- High Expectations
- Collaboration & Partnerships
- Continuous Improvement
- Systemic Accountability

CULTURE
&
CLIMATE

OPERATIONAL
EFFICIENCIES



Together, Striving Towards the Next Chapter of Excellence



CANNER ST. - SCHOOL HOURS & ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Regular School Day: 8:20am-3:05pm Early Dismissal 8:20am-1:05pm
Arrival and Dismissal K-2

CANNER ST. ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

8:20am Arrival. Breakfast available as “grab and go”.

- 1st and 2nd grade students will enter through the front doors. We are not permitted to allow students to enter any earlier. Double parking is not permitted on Canner St. This causes dangerous congestion and decreased visibility. We ask that you please park farther down on Canner St. or any surrounding street in order to provide staff with a clear visual of all students entering the school.

2:55pm Grades will dismiss from the following locations:

- 1st Grade: Back doors (on the playground)
- 2nd Grade: Café doors



WHITNEY AVE. DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Regular School Day: 8:20am-3:05pm Early Dismissal 8:20am-1:05pm
Arrival and Dismissal 3-8

8:20am - All students will enter through the first set of double doors. We are not permitted to allow students to enter any earlier, unless they have a band lesson.

- In order to alleviate traffic on Whitney Ave., it is extremely important that every vehicle is pulled all the way up into the parking lot, directly behind the vehicle in front of them. Once your child is dropped off, please proceed through the circular driveway and exit. A succinct drop-off will allow vehicles in and out quickly.
- Please do not drop students off on Whitney Ave., as this is a safety risk. Students may also enter through the back gates on Everit St. The back gate is open for arrival from 8:20 - 8:35 am. The back gate remains locked until dismissal. Students arriving after 8:35 am need to enter through the front doors.



WHITNEY AVE. STAGGERED DISMISSAL

Dismissal 3-8

2:50 pm - 3rd and 4th Grade Students are dismissed out of the second set of double doors.

2:55 pm - 7th and 8th grade students exit through the back doors, facing the field. 7th and 8th grade parents can pick up their children by pulling over at the circular driveway. (Only 7th and 8th grade CAR pickups are allowed on Everit St.)

3:00 pm - 5th and 6th Grade students are dismissed out of the second set of double doors.

Late pick-ups need to be signed out of the main office.



LUNCH, SPECIALS & RECESS

Lunch Times

K	11:00-11:30
1	11:35-12:05
2	12:10-12:40
3/4	11:15-11:45
5/6	11:55-12:25
7/8	12:30-1:00

Specials:

	Per week
PE	2
Music	2
Art	1
Library	1
Band 5th -8th	

Recess: K-6 20 minutes daily

Lunch menus: <https://nhpscnp.org/>



Curriculum

- **Worthington Hooker School thrives off an interest- based approach to learning through which we understand and celebrate our diversity as well as our commonality. We foster hands-on, enriching and creative projects that foster Higher Order Thinking and arts integration.**
- **We celebrate our learning through:**
 - **Monthly Town Meetings**
 - **International Day: our students present songs, dances and stories from around the world.**
 - **“Revels” is a musical and dramatic celebration of the Winter Solstice and the many traditions that occur in December.**
 - **Social Emotional Learning is explicitly taught and integrated throughout all content areas.**

Curriculum

➡ Foster

➡ a

➡ love

➡ of

➡ learning



Soft Start

A "soft start" is an effective way for students to ease into their school day. Normal routines such as emptying backpacks are implemented. Then, instead of immediately beginning the academic day, students choose an activity they enjoy to put their mind at ease or to warm up their minds. A soft start for students mimics the way you likely prefer to start your day – with a chance to settle in. For approximately 10 minutes, students choose their activity every morning.

Soft Start options can include:

Play doh
Kinetic sand
Bracelet making
Drawing/Coloring
Picasso Tiles
Marble Runs
Sewing

Wikki Sticks
Legos
Dancing
Stickers
Pop-Its
Puzzles

Soft start





HEALTH AND SAFETY

- **Please do not send your child to school sick. Students are welcome to return to school when they are fever free or vomit free for 24hrs.**
- **Teachers implement hand washing often. Every classroom K-8 has a sink for easy access.**
- **Please call the Nurse 475-220-3728 (Canner) 475-220-7215 (Whitney) if you have any questions.**



HEALTH SERVICES

The School Nurse is responsible for

- Checking all health records to be certain that each student is properly immunized,
- Contacting parents of ill or injured students and
- Checking other health related matters.

State Law mandates that all students be properly immunized and receive a physical before entering Pre K, Kindergarten and Grade 7.

In addition **ALL** new entries, in any grade from Out-of-State must have a physical before entering school. Physicals from Out-of-State Doctors are not acceptable. [Connecticut Health Assessment Record](#) forms may be obtained from the School Nurse, New Haven Board of Health or most Doctor's offices. Please contact the Bureau of Nursing at 203-946-7301 with any questions on this policy.



NHPS HEALTHY KIDS FIRST

In accordance with the Healthy Kids First Initiative in the district, there are guidelines for the celebration of special events at school.

- 1. Non-edible treats are acceptable for birthday celebrations (i.e., stickers, pencils, small gift bags, etc., or a book donated to the class in your child's name)**
- 2. "Treats" for special events must be healthy and nutritious (i.e., pretzels, fruit, veggies, etc.)**
- 3. If a child wishes to distribute birthday invitations in school, he/she must have an invitation for every child in the class. Otherwise, invitations must be mailed or distributed outside of school.**



ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES



Plan to be on time to help your child be successful!

After 8:35 AM students have to be signed into school in the main office and are marked Tardy Unexcused (TU). Please call the office if your child will be late due to a doctor's appointment. In this case, your child will be marked Tardy Excused (TE).

What happens when students are late...

- Students **lose** valuable instruction when they arrive late to class
- Learning is disrupted for others when the teacher needs to stop instruction
- Students miss out on our Soft Start

Students MUST be picked up PROMPTLY by 3:05 PM (1:05 PM on early dismissal days)

Students who are present every day will perform well, retain information, and are connected to the school community.

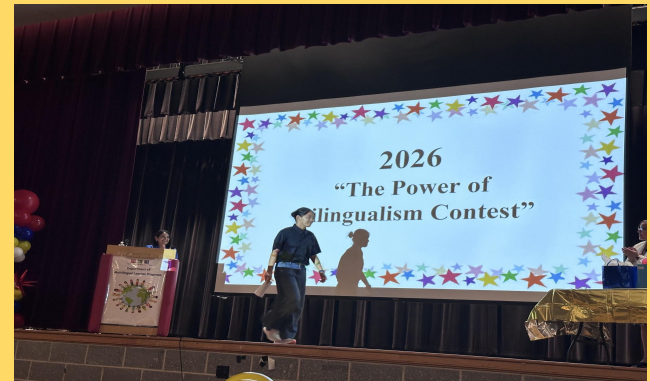


CODE OF CONDUCT

New Haven Public Schools has adopted a new code of conduct based on restorative practices. Restorative practices help to build positive relationships and foster a safe, supportive, and positive learning community by respecting all individuals. WHS follows the NHPS Code of Conduct.

Please review the behavioral and academic expectations with your child, especially the following:

- **No Cell Phones**
- **No outside food**
- **Birthday Celebrations**
- **Behavioral expectations: PRIDE**
- **Zero tolerance for bullying and harassment**
- **Academic honesty and work expectation**





CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS POLICY

Please review the New Haven Public Schools Electronic Device Policy - [Cellular Phones_Electronic Communication Devices.docx.pdf](#)

Students should not bring electronic devices, such as cell phones, tablets, iPods, mp3 players, smartwatches, etc., to school. Failure to adhere to the strict policy may result in electronic devices being confiscated and returned to parents/guardians.

Schools will not be responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.

Students may be suspended from school if they persist in using electronic devices inappropriately in the school building.

Students in grades 5-8 will utilize the YONDR pouch program.

Stay Connected!



Download the NHPS App

School Website [Here](https://worthington.nhps.net/o/worthington)

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Follow us on Social Media!

[Instagram @ worthingtonhookernewhaven](#)



[Facebook @Worthington Hooker New Haven](#)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



- A packet will be coming home with students on the first day.
Please return:
 - Emergency Information Form and ensure to provide an accurate telephone and cell phone numbers, updated addresses, and a minimum of 2 emergency contacts (apart from parents/guardians)
 - Medical Emergency Form
 - Dismissal Letter
 - Appendix B from NHPS Acceptable Use Policy
- Please Read: Student / Parent Handbook
- Weekly Specials: P.E., Music, Art, Library, Drama 3-8
- All medicine must be brought to school by an adult parent/guardian. No medication will be accepted from a student. All medications brought onto school property must be taken to the school office or nurse's office. Long-term prescription medication (in excess of two weeks) may be administered at school if both parent/guardian and physician have completed an [Authorization for the Administration of Medication](#)



COMMUNITY & CELEBRATIONS

- PTA partnership
- Mystery Readers
- Room Parents
- Spirit Days
- Buddies
- Magical March
- Student Council 5-8
- Nature's Classroom 7th
- Student of the Month
- Town Meetings
- Eli Whitney Partnership
- cARTie
- Winter Wonderland
- Black History Month
- Lunar New Year
- Ice Skating Party
- Talent Show
- International Day
- Spring Fair
- Family Directory





PTA



Worthington Hooker School has an AMAZING PTA that works to support our school community.

Visit their website at: <https://www.whspta.org/>

2026-2027 Letter - [2026-2027 WHS PTA Welcome Letter](#)



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Worthington Hooker School's After-School program will run from Wednesday, September 9, 2026-Friday, June 11, 2027.

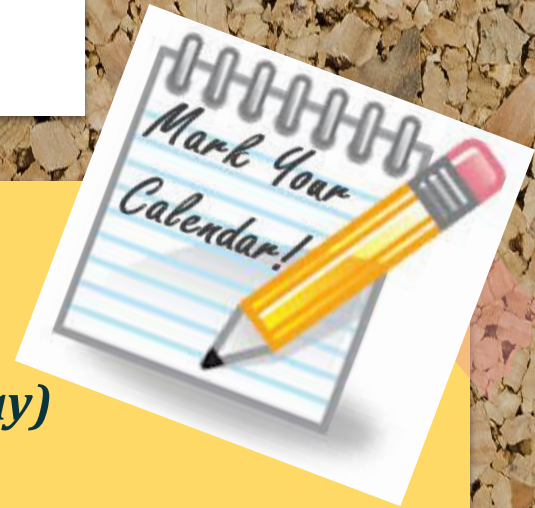
We will be offering care between 1-5 days a week from 3p-5p. ASP will follow the NHPS 10 month calendar, including holidays, school vacations and early dismissals.

https://schools.mybrightwheel.com/sign-in?redirect_path=/admissions/packet/534c6da1-9a5d-4ea8-a52f-527343bb2805/fill

Please contact Faith Mann at faith.mann@new-haven.k12.ct.us or on APPTGY if you should have any questions. We look forward to supporting our ASP families this year-see you very soon!



SAVE THE DATES!



- ***August 31st-First Day for Students!***
- ***September 7th-No School Labor Day***
- ***September 8th- No School (Students Only-District PD Day)***
- ***September 3rd Ice Cream Social 5:30 both buildings***
- ***September 16th- Open House (5:00-7:00 pm)***
- ***September 18th Welcome Back Picnic East Rock 5:30-7:00***
- ***September 21st- No School Yom Kippur***
- ***September 23rd- PTA Meeting (6:00 pm)***



Important Links

[Parent Student Handbook](#)

[PTA Welcome Letter](#)

[Room Parent Letter](#)

[PTA Directory Letter](#)

[After School Letter](#)



PowerSchool

For issues with PowerSchool:

Kindergarten -Grade 2:

email Jacqueline.jones@new-haven.k12.ct.us

Grades 3-8:

email olivia.patterson@new-haven.k12.ct.us