



Be You!

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2026-2027



JUST
BE
YOU

Welcome to KINDERGARTEN!
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

KA: Janet Pepe & Morgan DiFrancesco

KB: Laura Tortora & Jasmine Leis





ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Regular School Day: 8:20-2:55 pm

Early Dismissal 8:20-12:55 pm

Arrival and Dismissal

- 8:20 am- Arrival through the back door on the playground
- Breakfast available as “grab and go”.
- We are not permitted to allow students to enter any earlier than 8:20
- 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.
- At 2:55 pm- Kindergarten will exit through the front doors
- Dismissal signs



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





DAILY SCHEDULE

8:20-8:35	Breakfast/Soft Start
8:35-8:45	Morning Meeting
8:45-9:05	Phonics
9:05-9:15	Heggerty
9:15-9:35	HMH Whole Group Instruction
9:35-10:20	HMH Small Group Rotations
10:20-10:50	HMH Writing
11:00-11:30	Lunch
11:30-11:50	Recess
11:50-12:20	Math-Whole Group
12:20-12:45	Math- Centers
12:45-1:30	Specials
1:30-2:00	WIN
2:00-2:10	Snack
2:10-2:55	Science
2:55-3:05	Dismissal



HEALTH AND SAFETY

- *Handwashing*
- *Please do not send your child to school when sick. If your child is running a fever they may come to school after they have been fever free for 24 hours (A temperature less than 100.4)*
- *Any questions, please contact our Nurse at 475-220-3728*
- *Change of clothes in a labeled bag*



HEALTH

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 Kindergarten

- 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](#)

**GET YOUR REQUIRED
BACK TO SCHOOL
PHYSICALS AND
VACCINATIONS!**



WHO?

Rising Pre-K, K, 7th, 10th, &
students new to the district.

HOW?

Please call: 203-946-8181
Book now! Spots will fill up!



Scan for more
information!



NHVHealth.org



NHPS FOOD ALLERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Healthcare/Allergy Need

Parents/Guardian's Responsibility in Management and Emergency Planning

- To notify the school of the child's allergy/healthcare needs by providing as much information about the extent and nature of the healthcare need/food allergy as is known.
- To work with the school nurse and school team to develop a plan that accommodates the child's needs throughout the school including the classroom, cafeteria, after-school activities, and the school bus.
- To provide written medical documentation, instructions and medication as directed by a physician. This may include proper authorizations for medications and emergency response protocols.

LINK: <https://www.nhps.net/Page/532>



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

Students miss out on our Soft Start

Students MUST be picked up PROMPTLY at 2:55 PM (12:55 PM on early dismissal days)

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

Daily attendance is essential for continuity and academic growth

Please call the office when your child is out sick and follow up with a signed note; it can be scanned and emailed

Stay Connected!



Download the NHPS App

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

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

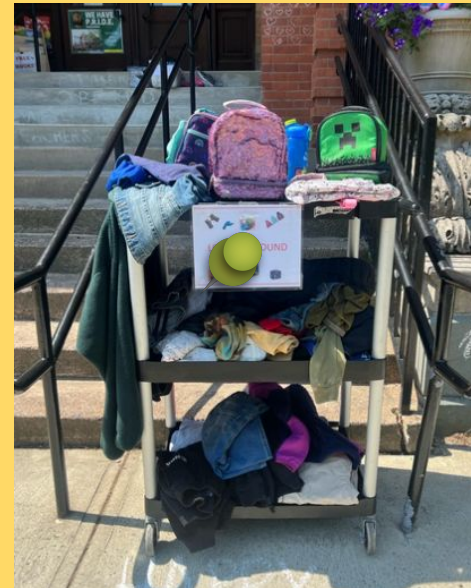
- Information will be coming home with students on the first day. Please return:
 - Emergency Information Form and ensure to provide an accurate telephone and cell phone numbers, updated addresses, and a minimum of 2 emergency contacts (apart from parents/guardians)
 - Medical Emergency Form
 - Appendix B from NHPS Acceptable Use Policy
- Please Read: [Kindergarten At-A-Glance 26-27.pdf](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Home/School Folder
- Peanut/tree nut free school
- Birthday celebrations
- Snack
- Water bottle
- Lost and Found

The following items are not permitted in school:

- Electronic toys or games
- Toys
- Electronic music devices
- Candy/Gum





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 (ASP)



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 APPTEGY if you should have any questions. We look forward to supporting our ASP families this year-see you very soon!



SAVE THE DATES!



Kindergarten Meet and Greet August 28th 2:00 pm Canner St. playground

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

