



**Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Mission Statement**

*Working together with home and community, we are dedicated to providing the best education for every student, enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor to a changing world.*



**SCHOOL WILL BE BACK IN SESSION...  
Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

**2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

September 1	First Day for Students
September 7	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
September 28	<b>*PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
October 30	Autumn Break – NO SCHOOL
November 2	<b>*PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
December 24-January 1	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
January 4	Students Return
January 21	<b>*RECORD KEEPING DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
January 22	<b>*PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
March 4	<b>*PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
March 21-25	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
May 30	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 2	Last Day for Students (half day)



**REGISTRATION**

All students who have moved into the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District, moved within the District, transferred to public elementary schools from parochial schools, and kindergarten students who have not already registered, are urged to register as soon as possible at the Thomas A. Lenk Educational Services Center, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids.



**2015-2016 School Hours**

Pupils should report to the school they assigned at the times designated below. Variations in time schedules are necessary as a result of bus scheduling requirements.

<b>School</b>	<b>School Hours</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>School Hours</b>
Grant Elementary	8:50 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Washington Elementary	8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Grove Elementary	8:35 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Woodside Elementary	8:45 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.
Howe Elementary	8:45 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.	Wisc. Rapids Middle	7:30 a.m. – 2:38 p.m.
Mead Elementary	8:35 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.	East Jr. High	7:30 a.m. – 2:38 p.m.
THINK Academy	8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Lincoln High	7:35 a.m. – 2:52 p.m.
Vesper Academy	8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.		

## **SECONDARY**

### ***WISC. RAPIDS AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL (Gr 6-7) 715-424-6740***

**Grade 6 Orientation:** August 19 at 10:30 a.m. or August 20 at 5:30 p.m.

**Grade 7 Schedule Hand-out:** August 19 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. or August 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Schedules, planners, and information folders will be handed out and the book and material fee of \$45 will be collected.

**Meet the Teachers/Open House:** August 26, 5:00- 6:30 p.m.

### ***EAST JR. HIGH (Gr 8-9) 715-424-6730***

**Orientation Sessions:** **Wednesday, August 19, 2015 : 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 20, 2015: 2:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Monday, August 24, 2015: 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

Meet building faculty and staff; receive class schedules, agenda planners, and locker information; pay the required book and material fee of \$45; and find lockers and classrooms.

### ***LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL (Gr 10-12) 715-424-6750***

**Required orientation for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and students new to LHS is as follows (must attend one):**

**August 17 at 6:00 p.m.; August 19 at 12:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.; and August 27 at 4:00 p.m.** Parents and students should plan to report at least 10 minutes before the orientation session. Student book and material fees (\$45) will be collected, schedules will be distributed, class pictures will be taken, and lunch money may be deposited at orientation.

Schedules for returning students in grades 11-12 can be picked up upon receipt of the \$45 student book and material fee at the following times:

Monday, August 17, from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. / Tuesday, August 18, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All students must go through the photo line to obtain their required student ID card! For further information, call the school office at 715-424-6750.

### ***RIVER CITIES HIGH SCHOOL***

**Orientation for NEW students and parents will be held** at River Cities High School on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. RCHS school policies and expectations will be reviewed and questions will be answered. Parents will also be able to complete required paperwork and pay the \$45 student book and materials fee. For more information, call the school office at 715-424-6798.



## **LUNCH**

Hot lunches are available in all regular schools. The costs are as follows:

Elementary Schools: \$1.95/meal	Middle School: \$2.15/meal	Reduced: \$.40/meal
Jr. High and High School: \$2.35/meal	Adult: \$3.10/meal	

Deposits to student meal accounts may be made to individual school offices in person or by mail after August 11, 2015. Information regarding free or reduced priced school meals will be sent home with each student the first day of school or at orientation. On-line payments may be made at:

[www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com)

## **BREAKFAST**

Breakfast is served at all schools. Breakfast prices are as follows:

Elementary Schools: \$1.25/meal	Middle School, Jr. High and High School: \$1.25/meal
Reduced: <i>free</i>	Adult: \$1.85/meal



## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Kindergarten:** Parents of all kindergarten pupils who meet eligibility requirements for busing should receive information from the Transportation Department notifying them of their pick-up location and time schedule. Kindergarten students should ride the school bus the first day of school.

**Grades 1-12:** Students in grades 1-12 will ride the same buses that they rode during the 2015-2016 school year unless they have been notified of a change in bus numbers. Students riding the bus for the first time will receive communication from the busing department. Elementary school boundaries

have been established by the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District. Any student attending a different school than last year should be notified of a change in bus number. Students on elementary bus routes that have time changes of more than five minutes will be notified of this change during the month of August.

**Parent Responsibility:** Please notify the School District Office if you have not received your bus information by Tuesday, August 11. Anyone having questions on bus transportation or elementary school boundaries should contact Jody Gruber at 715-424-6704.



### **Pupil Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy**

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for all District students. The District will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. The District strives to provide a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students in school buildings, on school grounds, and school buses and at school-sponsored activities. The District prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment. The District consistently and vigorously addresses discrimination and harassment so that there is no disruption to the learning environment and learning process.

The District encourages all students, as well as third parties, to promptly report incidents of discrimination or harassment to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee or official. Any alleged violations of the District's equal educational opportunities policy will be processed according to established procedures and in accordance with Board Policy 411. A copy of this policy is available on the District website at [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org), or may be obtained from each building office. The District's designated Compliance Officer is Ryan Christianson, Director of Human Resources.



### **Bullying Prohibited**

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids strives to provide a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students in school buildings, on school grounds, and school buses and at school-sponsored activities. Bullying has a harmful social, physical, psychological and academic impact on bullies, victims and bystanders. The District consistently and vigorously addresses bullying so that there is no disruption to the learning environment and learning process. Bullying behavior is prohibited in all schools, buildings, property and educational environments, including any property or vehicle owned, leased or used by the District. This includes public transportation regularly used by students to go to and from school. Educational environments include every activity under school supervision.

All school staff members and school officials who observe or become aware of acts of bullying are required to report these acts to the building principal. Any other person, including a student who is either a victim of the bullying or is aware of the bullying or any other concerned individual is encouraged to report the conduct to the building principal. Reports of bullying will be addressed immediately in accordance with Board Policy 411.5. A copy of this policy is available on the District website at [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org), or may be obtained from each building office.



### **Parent Right to Restrict School in Release of Directory Data Information**

Wisconsin Law permits parents, legal guardians, and adult students (18 years or older) attending public schools in Wisconsin to request that public schools not release certain directory information about their child. According to Board adopted administrative rules, directory data may be released to parties outside of school when a request is made. However, directory information will not be disclosed if parents/legal guardians or adult students inform the school in writing that they do not want the information released. Directory information includes: *student name, address, major field of study, participation in activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, photographs, degrees and awards received, and name of school most recently attended.*

Parents and/or legal guardians of students attending the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools who wish to restrict the release of directory data should complete a directory data release form (available in each office) or send a letter expressing this desire to the building principal by September 15, 2015. The letter should state the specific information to be withheld for public disclosure.



**Notice to Interested Local Vendors**

Local vendors interested in being added to the vendor list for bids, quotes, and/or purchases should send their name and contact information to: WRPS Business Services Director, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.