

# North Wayne Elementary



**“Champions for Children”**

## **Student Handbook**

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## **Wayne Township Mission Statement**

Provide multiple opportunities for learning that meet or exceed the present and future goals and aspirations of our students, in partnership with our community.

## **North Wayne Mission Statement**

To be a safe and culturally responsive community of lifelong learners that ensures academic, social, and emotional success for ALL.

## **North Wayne Vision Statement:**

To be a part of the North Wayne Community, it is a dedicated decision:

- ◆ We are dedicated to kids!
- ◆ We are dedicated to educating students!
- ◆ We are dedicated to showing empathy and compassion to all!
- ◆ We are dedicated to our families!
- ◆ We are dedicated to our community!
- ◆ We are dedicated to each other!
- ◆ We are dedicated to being lifelong learners!

# Welcome to North Wayne Elementary School!



**Panther POWER!**

Dear North Wayne Families:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, we welcome you to another great year at North Wayne Elementary School. Your family is about to become part of the North Wayne Family. This partnership of dedicated teachers, involved parents, an active community, and students who are serious about learning, will work together to make North Wayne an even better place to learn.

We know that for students to be successful, parents and teachers must have common goals for the children, and we must work together to achieve those goals. We want to create a positive, structured school environment and an instructional program that will enable each student to maximize his or her potential as a lifelong learner. For us to be successful, we need your cooperation and support. It is important that you establish clear lines of communication with your child's teacher. He or she is crucial in ensuring success for your child this school year. Take time to familiarize yourself with school procedures and know what the expectations are in your child's classroom. If problems should arise, please contact the teacher and work cooperatively toward a resolution that is beneficial for the student.

If at any time a situation cannot be resolved, please feel free to contact Mrs. Boatright or Mrs. Wey. We are available to every student and parent, but the teacher is the most reliable source of information concerning your child's academic achievement and social adjustment. Our Home School Liaison and Cummins Behavioral Staff are also available to our families and students for support. The most important emphasis is the well-being and academic success of your child. Together, we can and will make a difference in your child's education.

This handbook has been prepared to help answer any questions students and parents usually have concerning the activities, procedures, and rules for the successful daily operation of North Wayne Elementary. We urge you to support our school, teachers, and programs. Your positive attitude and support make the difference.

Sincerely,  
Karen Boatright-Scherz, Principal  
Lindsay Wey, Assistant Principal



## **ABSENCES**

Attendance is critical to the success of your child in school. North Wayne is focused on improving attendance as a school. All children are expected to be in attendance each day unless they are ill. North Wayne and the State of Indiana recognize legal and excused absences only due to the illness of the child, death in the immediate family, or subpoena of the student to court.

When it is necessary for your child to miss school, please follow the procedures below:

- ❑ Absences are only counted excused with a physician's statement.
- ❑ Phone the attendance line at 988-6150 by 9:00 am.
- ❑ If homework is desired, please leave a request before 12:00 p.m.
- ❑ Send a note with your child when he/she returns to school.
- ❑ School personnel may contact your home if a report of absence has not been made.
- ❑ A tardy student must check in at the office when he/she arrives in the building after 7:45 a.m.
- ❑ It is a North Wayne and Wayne Township policy to automatically issue letters to parents when students have reached the following status for the school year (excused/not-excused):
  - After 3 days absent or tardy; after 5 days absent or tardy; and after 9 days absent or tardy. A medical notice needs to be sent to school after 5 days absent or tardy.
  - After 10 days absent, with no medical notice, the attendance matter will be turned over to the Marion County Prosecutor. If the absences continue you will be referred to the Marion County Juvenile Court for Failure to Ensure. You will be required to appear before a judge.

We encourage you to schedule your child's doctor and dental appointments outside of school hours. Please do not keep your child out of school for a full day for a doctor's appointment unless absolutely necessary. If an appointment is to take place during school hours, it is necessary for you to visit the office to sign out your child. For the safety of your child, school personnel will not release a child to anyone not listed on the enrollment form without your permission.

## **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

Breakfast and lunch are served daily. All North Wayne students will receive breakfast and lunch daily at no charge. When bringing lunch from home, please remember to NOT include canned soft drinks, glass containers, and excessive amounts of candy. Please remind your child that they are not to share their lunch with others.

Parents and families are invited to eat lunch with their child or children. An adult lunch is \$3.75 & an adult breakfast is \$2.25. Visitors eating with our students will need to be on the approved list via Skyward, as well as will be eating at the circle tables outside of the office. Any questions about your child's account should be directed to Felicia Whitted, Cafeteria Manager, at 988-6187. ALL families will still need to complete an online form to apply for free or reduced price lunches. Please visit the Wayne Township Website for information on completing this form or see your home school liaison for assistance.

## **BUS SAFETY RULES**

The Director of Transportation (988-6375) is in charge of bus drivers, bus routes, and schedules. The bus driver must maintain his/her own discipline on the bus. When a referral is turned into the office, it is acted upon by the Home School Liaison, assistant principal or principal. Parents are informed by phone, writing, or both, as to what action has been taken.

Typically, a **first referral** results in the child missing recess, eating lunch in an isolated area, and writing a letter to the driver or a paragraph about correct bus behavior. It may be a suspension from the bus also.

The **second referral** carries a suspension from the bus for 1–5 days, depending on the infraction, in addition to the same consequences as the first referral.

A **third referral** suspends the student from the bus for up to 5 days. The student may ride the bus again only after a meeting has been held with the Director of Transportation and/or a school official.

For a **fourth referral**, the student is again suspended from the bus for 5 days. The student may ride the bus again only after a plan has been made and a meeting with the Director of Transportation and/or a school official.

The **fifth referral** suspends a student from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Changing this consequence plan is at the discretion of the school administrator, based on the severity of the student's behavior. At the beginning of the school year, each student will receive a copy of the bus conduct rules. Parents and students are reminded that riding the bus is a privilege and not a right.

**It will be necessary to notify the office in writing, in advance, and/or advise the teacher in writing if there is to be a change in the transportation of your child. If you need to call in a transportation change, this call must be received in our office prior to 1:20.** If no notification is received, the student will follow his/her regular method of getting home. In addition, students will not be called to the office for dismissal. If you need to pick your child up, call the office prior to 1:50 and your child will dismiss with car riders. **NO students will be dismissed from the office after 1:50.** These practices are in place for the safety of our students and we appreciate your help in keeping all of our students safe.

### **Here Comes the Bus**

Here Comes the Bus is an easy-to-use website and mobile device app that enables parents and caregivers to view the real-time location of their child's school bus on a computer, tablet or smartphone. In addition, email alerts and push notifications help parents send their students to the bus stop at just the right time.

This application can be viewed on any smartphone (Apple iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, BlackBerry, etc.), by entering the student's ID and an account number provided by the school district.

Get started using [herecomesthebus.com](http://herecomesthebus.com) and use School Code 75632

### **CAR RIDER SAFETY RULES**

#### **A.M. Car Riders**

1. Please do not drop off your child before 7:15 a.m., when the bell rings for the start of school.
2. Please drive around the east end parking lot and **let your child out of the car at the curb by the kindergarten doors/playground.** Do not let them out in the bus loading zone in front of the school, the daycare loading area, or anywhere in the parking lot.
3. If you wish to enter the building, please park in the parking lot rather than along the curb by the kindergarten door/playground.
4. If your child arrives after the 7:30 a.m. tardy bell, they will need to enter the front doors and go directly to class. If it is after 7:45 a.m. they will report to the office for a tardy pass.

#### **P.M. Car Riders**

1. You should be in line to pick up your child by dismissal time, which will begin at 2:15.
2. Please drive around the east end parking lot and pick up your child at the curb. Students are not allowed to walk across the parking lot.
3. Because of safety concerns, we encourage you **not to park in the parking lot and walk across to get your child.**
4. At 2:35, all children who have not been picked up will be taken back into the building. **You will then need to enter the building through the front doors and sign them out.**

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE**

Please notify the front office (988-6100) of changes in address or phone numbers as soon as possible. Accurate records are important so that the school can notify parents in case of an emergency.

### **CLASSROOM VISITATIONS**

**KDG parents are welcome to walk students to class for the first week of school.** After that, students will walk to class on their own. Due to our new district policy, any classroom visit needs to be pre-approved and pre-arranged with the teacher for the safety of all of our students and staff. Classroom visits are not a time for parent/teacher conferences. Contacting the teacher, principal, or assistant principal in advance is recommended if

you would like to schedule a conference. All visitors must report to the office, sign in using our Safe Visitor System, this requires identification, and receive an identification tag. Teachers will be notified that a visitor is on the way to their classroom. It is illegal to videotape children in classrooms.

### **CLINIC AND MEDICATION**

North Wayne has a full time nurse on duty. She is available each day for health counseling with students, parents, and teachers. The nurse is responsible for conducting vision screenings for 1st, 3rd, & 5th graders each school year, as well as reporting immunization statistics for all students.

#### *ILLNESS AND INJURY*

If your child becomes seriously ill or injured at school, we will make the student comfortable and call you immediately. If you cannot be reached, we will attempt to contact the emergency numbers you have listed on the enrollment form. Please provide the name and phone numbers of two (2) adults, other than parents, that can be reached during the school day. If these numbers change, please let us know right away. Children with a fever of 100 or greater, are vomiting, or have diarrhea must leave school and stay home from school until those symptoms are gone for at least 24 hours without the use of medication.

#### *IMMUNIZATION RECORDS*

When any child enrolls in a school corporation, for the first time or any subsequent time, his/her parents or guardians must show that he/she has been immunized or that a current religious or medical objection is on file.

Minimum immunization requirements for all children enrolled in K-5:

- ❑ 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DtaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria tetanus vaccine (DT), or 4 doses are acceptable if the fourth dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- ❑ 4 doses of either oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), and any combination, or three doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the third dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- ❑ 2 measles, mumps, and rubella (German Measles);
- ❑ 2 Hepatitis A;
- ❑ 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.
- ❑ 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox). History of chickenpox disease is acceptable as proof of immunity. A written statement from the Doctor or Parent/Guardian indicating dates of disease and signed is the documentation needed.

Minimum Immunization Requirements for all children enrolled in Grade 6:

- ❑ 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DtaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), or pediatric diphtheria tetanus vaccine (DT), or 4 doses are acceptable if the fourth dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- ❑ 4 doses of either oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), and any combination, or three doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the third dose was administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- ❑ 2 doses of MMR
- ❑ 2 Hepatitis A
- ❑ 2 doses of Varicella
- ❑ 1 dose of Tdap
- ❑ 1 dose of MCV4
- ❑ 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.

**Failure to provide these immunizations may lead to the exclusion of your child from school.**

#### *MEDICATIONS*

Medication guidelines are consistent with Indiana Law and are intended to provide assistance for a safe, effective program of medication administration for students while they are at school. All medications sent to school must be in the original containers. Authorization for administration of medication form must be filled out by a parent

or guardian and must accompany all prescription and non-prescription medications. This form can be found in the enrollment folder or in the clinic.

### *BED BUGS*

*Cimex lectularius*, commonly known as bed bugs, are an invasion of a special type of bug. Bed bugs do not have wings and cannot fly or jump. Bed bugs lurk in cracks and crevices (ex. under and on the sides of mattresses) and they've been living on human blood for centuries. Though they aren't known to transmit diseases or pose any serious medical risk, the stubborn parasites can leave itchy and unsightly bites. Since bed bugs are not known to transmit diseases, students should not be excluded from school due to bed bugs.

Students may be screened periodically by the school nurse as needed. Jackets, clothing, backpacks and shoes may be inspected or laundered depending upon each individual case. Parents will be notified and educated regarding prevention and treatment.

### *HEAD LICE*

***What are head lice?*** Head lice are small parasitic insects adapted to living mainly on the scalp and neck hairs of their human host. Head lice are equal opportunity parasites; they do not respect socio-economic class distinctions. Their presence does not connote a lack of hygiene or sanitation practiced by their host. They cannot fly or jump-only crawl.

Head lice are mainly acquired by direct head-to-head contact with an infested person's hair, but may infrequently be transferred with shared combs, hats and other hair accessories. They may also remain on bedding or upholstered furniture for a brief period. Children are more frequently infested than are adults, and Caucasians more frequently than other ethnic groups.

***Do head lice cause harm?*** Head lice rarely (if ever) cause direct harm, and they are not known to transmit infectious agents from person-to-person. Thus, they should not be considered as a medical or a public health problem. Lice may occasionally be burdensome because of annoyance; their presence may cause itching and loss of sleep.

***Should children be sent home from school with head lice?*** The discovery of lice or their eggs on the hair should not cause the child to be sent home or isolated. Furthermore, treatment is not indicated if the infestation is not active. Although lice and their eggs may be seen without the help of magnifying devices, the viability of the eggs cannot be judged without magnification and a degree of training.

Because head lice is generally misdiagnosed, and because no illnesses are known to result from an infestation, the practice of excluding presumably infested children from school is unwarranted.

***How are head lice acquired?*** Head lice are acquired from other infested people. Upon learning of their child's infestation, parents frequently seek to ascribe blame. This "knee-jerk" reaction is understandable but unproductive. The offending lice came from some other person, but it is not currently possible to determine the identity of the donor. Parents are encouraged to focus their energies on education and treatment rather than on unsuccessful witch-hunts.

***What methods can be used to treat the infestation?*** Treatment should be considered only when active lice or viable eggs are observed. First, ensure that a correct diagnosis/identification has been made before considering treatment options. Several options exist to eliminate the infestation, but some are better tested than others. Success will likely depend on an integrated approach. See your school nurse or health care professional for treatment options.

***Should everyone in the home be treated?*** Only those with live lice or viable eggs should be treated. Each person (adults as well as children) within the home should be inspected to determine if live lice are present. All those found to be infested should be treated simultaneously.

***What should be cleaned?*** Washing and drying (with heat) pillowcases, sheets, nightclothes, towels and stuffed animals may possibly eliminate lice and eggs that might otherwise reinfest a family member. Combs, brushes,

hats and other hair accessories in contact with an infested person should be washed in hot water each day to dislodge any lice and nits.

### **STUDENT BICYCLE AND AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION**

In accordance with School Board Policy C475, parents may request their child ride a bicycle to and from school under the following guidelines:

- Permission is granted from the building level administrator.
- The student resides in the “walker” area of the school.
- A helmet is worn while riding the bicycle.
- The bicycle is locked in the bicycle rack with a lock provided by the owner.

The school district is not responsible in case of theft or damage to the bicycle while it is on school property. Failure to follow the above guidelines may result in the suspension of bicycle riding privileges and/or other disciplinary actions, as appropriate.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Good communication between home and school is vital to a successful school experience for each child. In order to communicate vital information to parents, our teachers use Friday or Monday Folders or program apps. (i.e. ParentSquare, ClassDojo, Remind). Completed work, notices, and sign-ups will be sent in these folders. Because so much information is contained in the folders, it is important for you to impress upon your child that you need to see the folder each week. Please take time to review the information each week with your child. School newsletters will be sent home each month. Each teacher has a telephone, voice mail, and email. Students, only in the case of an emergency, will use phones. Arrangements for after school activities should be made before coming to school.

### **COMPUTERS**

North Wayne has individual devices for K-6 student use. Please check your enrollment folder for an Internet User Policy. Students who break the Internet User Policy may lose computer privileges.

### **CONFERENCES**

North Wayne Elementary sets a goal each school year to conference with 100% of our parents during the October Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. When conferences are scheduled, it is important to keep your conference time and participate in the discussion with your child and his/her teacher.

If the need arises for you to conference with your child’s teacher, please feel free to contact him/her. You can call or send a note with your child for your specific request. Please include suggestions for convenient times for you. This will assist the teacher in establishing a mutually acceptable time for both of you. Remember that teachers cannot always make calls during the day until children are dismissed. The teacher will respond to your request as soon as possible.





## **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

Students are expected to follow the following Panther POWER Guidelines:

- P**-Put Safety First
- O**-Ongoing Learning
- W**-Work Together
- E**-Encourage Respect
- R**-Responsible Behavior

These guidelines are the school's expectations for student behavior. All classroom rules and discipline procedures support the development of the Panther POWER Guidelines and self-disciplined behavior. We will continue the use of our School-Wide Positive Behavior Plan. Students will be recognized for their efforts toward being a good citizen and for displaying positive behavior on a consistent basis. Students will earn prizes and invitations to special behavior celebrations (Panther Power Parties). Teachers will recognize outstanding student behavior by awarding them with Level 5 Positive Behavior Rewards. When a student earns a Level 5, their name will be read during morning announcements and they will get to come to the office to choose a special reward.

When a student misbehaves, action taken is dependent on the severity of the offense.

The 4 Level Discipline System is used for student management:

**Level 1:** At Level 1, student behavior will be addressed through the classroom behavior plan. Teachers are expected to contact parents if Level 1 behaviors persist. Some options for addressing behavior at this level include a timeout, turning a card, a student and teacher conference, loss of recess or other privileges, a phone call home, a mark off of the student's citizenship grade, and other options at the teacher's discretion.

**Level 2:** Students will serve a 15-20 minute timeout in another teacher's classroom and a Level 2 form will be sent home. During the timeout, the student should reflect upon what they did and what they could have done differently. Teachers may choose to call parents and notify them of the Level 2 behavior.

**Level 3:** At Level 3, the student will be referred to talk to a case manager about their behavior. A case manager can be another teacher, a counselor, our Parent Liaison, or an administrator. Once the case manager has spoken with the student they will attempt to contact the student's parents via notice home, a phone call, or email.

**Level 4:** Level 4 student behavior will result in an office referral to school administration. Possible consequences for Level 4 behavior are at the administrator's discretion and could include a conference, "in school suspension", "out of school suspension", or a recommendation for expulsion. Parents will be called and notified when their students receive Level 3s and 4s. If that is not possible, written notification is used. Please sign and return the written forms.

**Level 5:** A Level 5 is a positive behavior referral. Staff award these to students for excellent behavior, hard work, or going out of their way to be kind and polite to others. Students get to choose a reward for their positive behavior.

Please take the time to read the MSD of Wayne Township Student Code of Conduct. North Wayne will not tolerate fighting, bullying, disrespect toward others, obscene gestures or language, or destruction of school property. This includes behavior that injures or presents a risk of injury to the student or another person, or provoking or attempting to provoke or cause another person to fight. Harassing, bullying, threatening, hazing, or intimidating another person is unwelcome behavior that interferes with a victim's ability to learn or derive benefit from a school activity that is directed toward the victim after the victim (or another person on the victim's behalf) has stated or shown that the behavior is unwelcome. Students who interfere with the learning process will be dealt with in a way that allows learning to continue for others. Student discipline is the joint responsibility of the school and home. Parental support for good behavior and discipline enables us to maintain a safe and productive environment for learning.

## **ANTI-BULLYING**

### **North Wayne Elementary School Anti-Bullying Contract**

**The North Wayne School Community is committed to making our school a safe and caring environment for all students. We will treat each other with respect and refuse to accept bullying of any kind.**

Bullying is defined as: acts by anyone in the school community by themselves or with others with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm someone else. Bullying behaviors include the following:

- Hurting someone physically by hitting, kicking, tripping, or pushing
- Stealing or damaging another person's things
- Ganging up on someone
- Teasing someone in a hurtful way
- Using put-downs, such as insulting someone's race or making fun of someone for being a boy or a girl
- Touching or showing private body parts
- Spreading rumors or untruths about someone
- Leaving someone out on purpose, or trying to get other kids not to play with someone

To prevent bullying, North Wayne students will:

- Treat each other respectfully and try to include everyone in play, especially those who are often left out
- Refuse to bully others
- Refuse to let others be bullied or bully you
- Refuse to watch, laugh, or join in when someone is being bullied
- Report all bullying to an adult. Never keep it a secret.

To prevent bullying and help children feel safe at school, teachers and staff at North Wayne will:

- Closely supervise students in all areas of the school and playground.
- Watch for signs of bullying and stop it when it happens.
- Respond quickly and sensitively to bullying reports using the Four-A-Response process (Affirm Feelings, Ask Questions, Assess Safety, and Act by coaching the child on what to do in the future).
- Look into all reported bullying incidents.

### Violation of the Anti-Bullying Policy

Depending on the severity and nature of the incident, North Wayne will take one or more of the following steps when bullying occurs:

#### Intervention, Warning, and Redirection

A teacher, principal, or staff member will demand that the immediate behavior stops and reinforce to the student that bullying will not be tolerated. During this meeting with the student, the staff member will redirect the student and come up with a plan for success, in case they find themselves in a similar situation in the future.

#### Notification of Parents

School staff will notify the parents of involved students. The parents might be asked to meet with the principal or other members of the school staff, including the student's teacher and/or the school counselor.

#### Resolution with the Target of the Bullying

The student may be required to write a letter of apology to the student who was bullied. Depending upon the nature of the incident, the students involved may meet to help resolve the problem and ensure it does not happen again.

#### Referral to Professional School Support Staff

The student may meet with the school counselor to help prevent future violations.

#### Detention

The student may serve one or more days of detention during recess, or lose school privileges.

#### Suspension

In cases of severe or repeated bullying, the student may be suspended under school board policies.

**PARENTS and STUDENTS: Sign the parent/student contract. Please cut along the dotted line and send the contract portion back to the teacher.**

**North Wayne Anti-Bullying Parent/Student Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise that I will do my best to keep our school a safe and caring place. This means that I will:

1. Treat everyone with kindness and respect.
2. Resolve disagreements with other students peacefully.
3. Never tease, hurt, name-call, or bully another student.
4. Refuse to join in if I see someone else being bullied.
5. Ask for help from an adult if I am bullied or see someone else being bullied.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Students will not be released to anyone who is not listed on his/her enrollment form unless prior written notice is given to the school. If you are picking up your child early, please do so before 1:50. In this way, we can avoid the classroom disruptions during the critical last half-hour of the day when students and teachers are summarizing their day's work and planning for the next day. We will not hold the buses for a student to be taken off unless it is an emergency.

**EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

It may become necessary to close school due to inclement weather or emergency situations. As a practice, instruction is offered and schools are kept open as long as a learning environment can be maintained. Should it become necessary to close school for any reason, the following procedures will apply:

- A ParentSquare Message will be sent immediately from Dr. Butts to All of Wayne Township
- Announcements will be made on radio and television stations: WMYS/1430; WIBC/1070; WNDE/1260; WFMS/99.5; WTLC/105.7; WZPL/99.5; WTTV 4; WRTV 6; WISH 8; WTHR 13; WXIN 59.
- Announcements are also made through social media (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, etc.).
- Announcements will state the reasons for the school closing. If the closing results in an evacuation, the announcement would state where the children have been taken and what parents should do.

When watching for delays, please look for **Wayne Township Schools**. In the event of a two-hour delay, the school will start at 9:30 am. Bus riders will get picked up 2 hours later than their normal time. Students may begin arriving at school at 9:15 am. If they are dropped off early you will be called and asked to come to pick them up. Make sure your child is aware of the special arrangements in the event of an emergency closing. Please do not call the school to obtain information. We will need to keep the phone lines free.

**ENROLLMENT/WITHDRAWAL**

It is important that the enrollment form you receive at the beginning of the year is complete. **Any changes, such as address, phone number, parent work numbers, emergency numbers, or emergency contact people should be reported to the office right away.** Please make attempts to teach your child his/her address and phone number. There should be two (2) current emergency phone numbers listed.

Please notify the office and your child's teacher that you are moving so we can prepare the necessary information and bring records up to date. When you are moving to another school, all library books, technology devices, and textbooks must be returned. A parent must sign a school record release form before school records can be sent to another school.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

Classrooms and grade levels often take field trips as part of the curriculum. No child will be able to go without a signed parent permission slip. Parents who pass a background check may be asked by the teacher to chaperone field trips; however, younger siblings may not accompany the parent on the trip. Students who have an “F” in citizenship, or pose a potential safety risk may not be allowed to attend field trips without a parent attending with them.

### **FIRE/TORNADO DRILLS**

Monthly fire and tornado drills are necessary for the safety of the students, staff, and faculty. Everyone should know the specific directions for reaching a point of safety from those areas of the school building in which he/she may be. Specific information is posted in each area. Order and speed are essential during these drills. These drills are practiced monthly in order to ensure student safety.

### **FOOD TO SCHOOL**

Classrooms may have parties to celebrate holidays, attendance, high test scores, or finishing a unit of study. From time to time, parents are asked to donate food or may want to bring treats on their child’s birthday. If you choose to bring treats in the class, please arrange a day and time with the teacher in advance. Also, please arrive with the treats prior to 1:30 so the students have time to enjoy them before preparing for dismissal. It is a North Wayne Elementary policy that all food must be store bought and come to school in original wrapping.

### **GRADING SCALE**

100% - 90%	A
89% - 80%	B
79% - 70%	C
69% - 65%	D
64% - 50%	F

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework is a necessary part of each student’s educational program. Students may be expected to spend some time on homework in addition to scheduled class instruction to achieve proficient work. Homework reinforces skills taught in the classroom, increases the student’s success on achievement tests, gives practice in developing good work habits, offers opportunities for students to learn to budget their time wisely, and provides an opportunity for parent involvement, and responsibility. Please check with your child’s teacher for more information.

### **HOMEWORK HELP IDEAS**

1. Provide your child with suitable study conditions free from distractions Reserve a time for homework, and firmly adhere to a daily schedule.
2. Show an interest in what your child is doing, but do not do the work for him/her.
3. Set a good example for your child.
4. Limit the amount of time your child watches television, plays video games, and/or on the computer.
5. Make reading at least 30 minutes a day a habit.
6. Drill Math Facts
7. Choose good books, and keep books handy.
8. Encourage your child to do his/her best!

It is the child’s responsibility to ask for all assignments he/she might have missed due to absence from school. Work missed due to an excused absence must be made up within a reasonable amount of time.

### **HONOR ROLL**

The following guidelines will be used to determine Honor Roll:

- 1st-6th grade students will participate in Honor Roll.

- ❑ All grades will count toward the Honor Roll. (Special Class grades will be used at semester when they are given at each semester end).
- ❑ Students with all As will be on the “A” Honor Roll.
- ❑ Students with As and Bs will be on the “A-B” Honor Roll.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

North Wayne Elementary is organized to include Kindergarten through Grade 6. In general, there are self-contained classrooms at all grade levels. However, the self-contained organization may be modified in order to group for instruction and team teaching.

The curriculum includes the following: language arts (reading, English, listening, speaking, spelling, handwriting), mathematics, social studies, science, social & emotional, health, music, physical education, and art. Instruction is enhanced with the availability of computers to assist students in each of the subject areas.

The emphasis on the curriculum is aligned with the Indiana Academic Standards. Units and lessons are organized to give students the opportunity to meet and exceed the standards set forth by the state of Indiana. The Standards are rigorous and expectations for student achievement are high.

### **MONEY TO SCHOOL**

When sending money to the school, please put it in an envelope with your child’s name, teacher’s name, amount of money, and the purpose of money written on the outside of the envelope. The school will investigate lost or stolen money but does not take responsibility for refunding the money.

### **PARKING**

Parking in front of the school, in the bus lanes, or handicapped space is not permitted at any time. Parking in these areas could result in a fine and/or towing of your vehicle. Please use the parking lot on the east side of the building or park in the visitor spaces across from the front of the school.

### **PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

The PTO at North Wayne Elementary needs your support. You can join the organization at Back to School Night, or by calling the school office.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Certain items have no place in school and are prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to: gum, candy, tobacco products, vapes, alcohol, handheld games, weapons, toys which resemble weapons, and handcuffs. In addition, hats and hoods are to be removed prior to students entering the building. If they are not removed, they may be confiscated. If these items are confiscated they are kept at the office. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the parent that an item has been confiscated. If a parent does not claim the item by the end of the school year, the items are given to a local agency or destroyed. **If a student brings an item to school such as a cell phone, hand-held game, etc. and loses or misplaces it, the teachers and administrators are not responsible for these items, nor will they spend time investigating the location of them.**

### **CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONICS**

Cell phones and portable electronics are to be turned off and kept in backpacks during the school day unless given specific adult permission. The school and the MSD of Wayne Township are not responsible for lost/stolen items.

### **REPORT CARDS/MID-TERMS**

Report cards will be issued to students at the close of each nine-week grading period. Report cards contain academic grades and conduct assessment. Attendance is reported on the report card. Report cards need to be signed and returned to the classroom teacher. Electronic progress reports are available to all parents. In addition, parents may set up a Skyward account to view their student’s grades anytime. Contact the front office to get more information about these online opportunities.

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

### Arrival

School opens at 7:15 am. Promptness to class is very important. Students should be in their class and ready to work at 7:30 am. If students arrive after 7:45am they need to check in at the office to receive a pass to class. Students who are tardy cannot earn perfect attendance. For students who walk or are auto riders, we ask that they do not arrive before 7:15 when the building opens and adult supervision begins.

We will begin unloading cars at 7:15. We will form 2 lines in the back of the east end parking lot. Enter single file. Move to TWO LINES once you are in the parking lot. Move to SINGLE FILE at the end of the parked cars. Please go every other car when moving from double line to single line. Please help us ensure the safety of all by following the guidelines DO: -Follow the flow of traffic. Pull as far forward as possible when in the Drop Off Zone (curb-side). Drop off only when curb-side for safety. Make sure your child is ready to exit the car promptly. Refrain from cell phone use and have all papers signed, and money ready. Stay in line; do not attempt to pass others. Follow the directions of school staff on duty. Be patient and kind to our staff members. They are working hard to keep your kids safe.

### Dismissal

Students will be dismissed beginning at 2:15 in the following order: auto riders, walkers, YMCA, and bus riders. We will form 2 lines in the back of the parking lot. Enter Single File. Move to TWO LINES once you are in the parking lot. Move to SINGLE FILE at the end of the parked cars. Please go every other car when moving from double line to single line. Please help us ensure the safety of all by following the guidelines DO: -Follow the flow of traffic. Pull as far forward as possible when in the Pick Up Zone (curb-side). Refrain from cell phone use. Stay in line; do not attempt to pass others. Follow the directions of school staff on duty. Be patient and kind to our staff members. They are working hard to keep your kids safe. At Pick Up – Have the student name clearly written and clearly posted in the windshield for staff to read.

### Office Hours

The office is open from 7:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

## **TARDINESS**

Students should arrive at school and get to class on time. If a student is late due to a late bus, he/she is not counted tardy. A late student must receive a pass from the office and should have a written excuse from a parent. Parents are asked not to walk their child(ren) to classrooms. Students with excessive tardiness may be subject to disciplinary action or a referral to Wayne Township Truancy Court. Students who arrive tardy to school keep the class from earning perfect attendance rewards. Also, arriving tardy will cause students to miss their intervention time or special area classes, as well as important instruction. You will be contacted by the school if your child has excessive tardiness.

## **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Perfect attendance is when a student has no absences, including half days, and no tardies. A student will qualify for Outstanding Attendance if they have no more than a total of 6 tardies or early release days for the year.

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Please read the MSD of Wayne Township Student Code of Conduct in your enrollment package. North Wayne Elementary enforces those guidelines.

## **STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES**

In the interest of health, safety, and social acceptance, the Wayne Township Elementary Schools provide the following guidelines:

- Clothing is to be clean, neat, safe, appropriate, and must not create a distraction to the learning environment.
- Clothing is not to attract undue attention.
- Footwear must be worn. Shoes with wheels are not allowed.
- Good grooming and personal cleanliness are to be practiced at all times.
- Hats and coats may not be worn during the school day. Hats must be removed prior to entering the building.
- Students may not wear clothing with inappropriate writing, pictures, or drawings.

- ❑ Clothes, which promote drug use, alcohol, violence, or are sexual in nature, may not be worn.
- ❑ Shorts, skirts, and dresses are to be low enough that when a student drops his/her arms to his/side, the fingertips do not touch the skin.
- ❑ Tank tops, spaghetti straps, and sleeveless shirts may only be worn with a shirt over or under them.
- ❑ The midriff must be covered.
- ❑ No sagging pants or pajama pants. Should a child not have a belt or refuses to keep his/her pants around his/her waist, the school will use items to keep the pants in place.

Parents will be called and asked to provide appropriate clothing should a child come to school dressed inappropriately according to these guidelines. If the parent cannot bring proper attire, the student will be required to wear any clothing the nurse may have available.

### **STUDENT TEACHERS**

North Wayne at times will accept student teachers to work with our staff and students. Your child benefits by having another adult to help him/her in the classroom. If your child is in a class with a student teacher, the student teacher will contact you to introduce him/herself. All student teachers must pass a background check.

### **TELEPHONE**

Although each classroom is equipped with a telephone, children are permitted to use the telephone only in an emergency situation. A staff member must grant permission for the student to use the phone. Forgotten papers or school materials do not constitute an emergency.

### **VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Students who destroy or damage school property will be required to pay for losses or damages. If students willfully destroy school property, suspension and subsequent expulsion may be necessary. It may also be necessary to turn the situation over to legal authorities.

**Please refer to the following webpage for additional information about MSD of Wayne Township and North Wayne Elementary. <http://www.wayne.k12.in.us/district/>**



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