

## **2023-24 Scheduling Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Why does scheduling look different for my incoming 7th grader than when my older child went through WMS?**

**A:** As we continue to grow our student population, it is critical that we continue to streamline our process to allow for accommodating student requests, while simultaneously balancing class sizes and aligning student experiences with high school career pathways.

**Q: Why can't students choose all their electives?**

**A:** We provide as much choice as possible while also taking into account factors such as class size, student needs, and staff/licensing requirements. Students can have up to 8 out of 9 electives in their schedules, depending on year-long music and/or languages. For students that have 8 slots to fill, that doesn't leave much "choice". They will receive almost all the electives we offer. This variety gives students exposure to subject areas that align closely with career pathway options at WHS. Our electives are only 9-weeks in length, making them introductory in nature and designed to give students a snapshot of that area of study. Electives in middle school do not serve as prerequisites for any course opportunities in high school.

**Q: How can students become a(n) Office/Guidance Office Assistant or Peer Facilitator?**

**A:** We will send out a form for students via Canvas to express interest in these classes and adjust their schedules.

**Q: Can students take both Band and Choir?**

**A:** Yes, students may take both Band and Choir.

**Q: What if my student has an IEP**

**A:** Students with IEPs have the same course options available to them. You should speak with your child's teacher of record at his/her/their school to determine what specific support classes may be needed.

**Q: What if my student wants to make changes to their course selections after submitting?**

**A:** As long as it is within the scheduling window, students can go back in to make changes but must hit submit again. Once students receive their schedules in the spring, they may fill out a change request until the deadline in May (TBD).

**Q: When will WMS students receive their schedules?**

**A:** Schedules will be sent out in the spring via parent email and students/parents may request changes for a limited time. Final schedules are made available August 1st via PowerSchool. They can also be picked up at our Back-to-School Open House (date/time TBD).