

Welcome to Wethersfield Public Schools

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D.A.R.E. Officer – Manny Silva, (860) 721-2900

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SDMS Student Resource Officer - Robert Arduini, (860) 721-2900

Tri-Town YMCA - (860) 521-5830, 1321 Silas Deane Highway

Wethersfield Public Library - (860) 529-2665, 515 Silas Deane Highway

Wethersfield Social and Youth Services - (860) 721-2900, 505 Silas Deane Highway

Family & Early Childhood Coordinator – Kimberly Bobin, (860) 721-2885, 505 Silas Deane Highway

Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Services - (860) 721-2890, 505 Silas Deane Highway

Director of Special Services – John Karzar, (860) 571-8141, 127 Hartford Avenue

Superintendent of Schools – Michael Emmett, (860) 571-8110, 127 Hartford Avenue

School Social Workers

School social workers provide an essential link between home, school and the community. They also provide school-based individual and group counseling. Social workers have extensive knowledge of community resources, including those mentioned in this handout and are available for consultation by phone or in person.

Town of Wethersfield Social Services

The Town of Wethersfield Social Services Department is responsible for assisting residents with social, emotional, and economic needs, and the coordination of resources to improve the quality of life. Some of the specific functions of the department include: the coordination of programs and services for the elderly and persons with disabilities, including transportation services and a daily nutritional luncheon program; fundraising campaigns for the special needs fund and camp fund; food, clothing and fuel bank for residents; coordination of volunteer services; information and referral; crisis intervention; advocacy for youth, adults, seniors and the disabled; individual, family and group psychotherapy; juvenile diversion program; and positive youth development and primary prevention programs. Contact information: Patrick Telman, Youth Development Manager, (860) 721-2981.

211

211 Child Care is a confidential and free child care referral telephone service in Connecticut - just dial 211. Child care referral specialists are available to assist parents and child care providers in locating appropriate resources and referrals. For more information: <http://www.211childcare.org/>

Emergency Medical Psychiatric Services – Dial 211, press #1. This service provides emergency services including mobile response; psychiatric assessment; medication consultation, assessment, and short-term medication management; behavioral management services; substance abuse screening and referral to traditional and non-traditional services for any family with a child in crisis.

Infoline is Connecticut's free information and referral service. Simply by dialing 211, a toll-free number throughout Connecticut, callers can reach knowledgeable, multilingual staff and get information, referrals or seek help in a crisis. 211 operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year. TDD access is available.

McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The term “homeless children and youth” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement.

Students in homeless situations must have access to the educational and other services they need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same challenging state student academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

The Wethersfield School System’s McKinney Vento liaison is John Karzar, Director of Special Services. Mr. Karzar can be reached at (860) 571-8141.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Question:** How do I register my child for school?
Answer: Directions to register your child can be found on our website here:
[Student Registration](#)
- 2. Question:** What time does my child have to be at school? What time does school end?
Answer: Students are allowed to enter the buildings 20 minutes prior to the start of school. School start and end times:
- High School: 7:40am start, 2:15pm end
- Middle School: 8:00am start, 2:35pm end
- Elementary: Charles Wright & Emerson-Williams - 8:30am start, 3:00pm end
- Elementary: Highcrest, Webb & Hanmer - 8:55am start, 3:25pm end
- 3. Question:** If my child is absent, do I need to call the school?
Answer: Yes, please call the school as soon as possible to report your child’s absence. [A written note is also required](#) when your child returns to school.

4. **Question:** What is the cost for school lunch? Do you serve breakfast at school? Where can we find the school lunch menu? How do we apply for free and reduced?
Answer: Check the website at: [Food & Nutrition Services](#) or call the Business Office with additional questions at 860-571-8115.

5. **Question:** What if my child needs medication while at school, including aspirin?
Answer: All medications should be brought to the school nurse at the beginning of the school year. Written permission from the parent, along with a medication authorization form signed by the student's doctor, must be on file with the nurse's office. Please use this form for the authorization for the administration of medicines by school personnel:
[Authorization for Administration of Medicines](#)

6. **Question:** If I am picking up my child early, what do I do?
Answer: A note should be brought to school by the child in the morning and given to his or her teacher, or the main office. An authorized adult should sign the student out in the office at which time the child will be called down to the office from his or her classroom.

7. **Question:** What security measures are in place at the schools?
Answer: Every building has a buzz-in system in place, as all our buildings are locked during school hours. If you are visiting, please press the buzzer at the far right entrance door. Main office personnel will see you on our security camera and will answer. **Please announce your name and the reason for the visit.** The door will unlock, you will enter and immediately proceed to the main office where you will be checked in and receive a visitor badge. **EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VISITOR BADGE AT ALL TIMES WHEN VISITING THE SCHOOLS.** When your visit is complete, please return to the office to sign out.

8. **Question:** Is my child eligible to ride the bus?
Answer: The following guidelines are used to determine eligibility for transportation:
Grades 1 - 6: 1 miles
Grades 7 - 8: 1.5 miles
Grades 9 - 12: 2 miles
All kindergarten students are eligible for transportation at cluster stops.

Wethersfield Public Schools bus routes are devised with centrally located bus stops to serve the most students in one particular area or on a certain road. Each year, changes are made based on enrollment and residency. A bus stop is intended to be at or close to the address of the youngest student in a particular area or on a certain road. Transportation questions can be directed to Michelle Conlan in our Business Office at: mconlan@wethersfield.me or 860-571-8115.

- 9. Question:** How about after school activities and town sports programs?
Answer: Please call the Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Department for more information at 860-721-2890 or click here: [Parks & Recreation](#)
- 10. Question:** Who do I contact if I want to get involved with the PTO?
Answer: Check with your school's office staff for PTO contact information.
- 11. Question:** Is there a before/after-school day care program at the schools?
Answer: For information call the YMCA at 860-521-5830.
- 12. Question:** What are the dates of school vacation?
Answer: The school calendar can be found here: [District School Year Calendar](#)

Possible additional questions:

How does my child receive developmental screening?