

To the Parent of Incoming Freshmen Students:

We are excited to welcome our freshmen students to West Monroe High School for the 2021-2022 school year! We realize this is a big transition for our students as well as for parents; therefore, we are posting FAQ's to our school website at www.gorebs.org in order to try to answer as many questions as possible. It is important for us to provide concise and correct information to our parents and students. Please take time to read the FAQ section below. This will help everyone have the most accurate information. Thank you!

If you need anything, please let me know!

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Freshmen Counselor

FAQ

- **Can we change our student's schedule in the fall?** No. The Master Schedule is set in the summer and due to class sizes, we are unable to make changes to schedules in the fall. The only changes that will be made, is if there is an error on our part. For example, a student does not a PE course. We will then add it to their schedule. We do have coaches and sponsors of sports or JROTC that will make changes to the PE sport. We cannot change schedules for lunch shift requests, student's grades dropping in a class, or if students decide they do not like the class. We allowed parents and students to view courses the students are enrolled in the spring. Please understand in a school our size and balancing classes, we simply cannot honor all of the above schedule change requests.
- **Can JROTC be a student's PE course?** Yes. JROTC can either be the student's PE or it can be one of the elective courses. Sgt. Campbell was unable to go to the middle schools due to COVID, so students can contact him at waynecampbell@opsb.net and he will send me a list of students requesting JROTC. I will place it as the PE course unless otherwise stated.
- **My student is scheduled for English I Pre-Ap, once school begins, if their grades drop, can they be placed in English I?** No. We balance classes over the summer and work on the teacher's schedules and we cannot overload English I teachers due to students wanting out of English I Pre-Ap. We normally have upper class students who will let us know they will tutor, so if your student begins struggling, please email or call Mrs. Martin and she can recommend a student to tutor your child. They do charge a tutoring fee.
- **What if my student's grades drop in courses, what can we do?** If at any point, your student struggles in a course, please reach out to the teacher as they will be able to give you valuable information on their class. You can also call Mrs. Martin for recommendation of a tutor.
- **My student is scheduled for English I Pre-Ap, do they have to complete the Summer Reading assignment?** Yes. If students want to stay in the course, they must complete the assignments by the deadlines given from Mrs. Reynolds. The Summer Reading Assignment is located on our school website at www.gorebs.org.
- **My student is a Gifted (GT) student, what summer assignment will they need to complete?** All English I GT students will complete the English I Pre-Ap Summer Reading assignment.
- **Since it is high school, do I really need to monitor grades and assignments?** Yes. **Please** check grades using the Student's Progress Center. The earlier, you can detect they are struggling in a course, the better. Also, reach out to the teachers with any questions or concerns. We encourage parental involvement!
- **Is the information to be able to use the Student's Progress Center the same as in middle school?** Yes. If you need to set up a account, please refer to our school website with directions. Our website is www.gorebs.org.
- **I am not getting any Robo calls or information from the school. What do I need to do?** Please complete the Google Form on our school website so that we can make sure all information is up to date. This will be coming soon!
- **Are the freshmen having orientation?** No. All freshmen students will report to the Auditorium on August 17th. This will be their first full day of school. In the Auditorium, they will receive their schedules and we will have a short assembly in order to provide important information to the students. The first period teachers will give a short tour of the school while walking them to their class.
- **We are not sure what is allowed for dress code, what should my student do for the first day of school?** On the first day of school, dress code will be addressed so all freshmen students know exactly what is expected. If you or your student is not sure about hair or dress, please don't do it. When in doubt, wait until dress code is addressed on the first day of school.
- **On the first day of school, August 17th, does my student need to bring anything?** Yes. Please send basic supplies, a notebook and/ or binder and pens and pencils. They will need to be able to have something to write on and to write with throughout the day. Each teacher will give them a supply list for their class. Also, each teacher will let them know if there is a fee for their class.
- **Will attendance be taken each day and for each class period?** Yes. Attendance is taken daily and for each class period. If a student needs to miss for a doctor's appointment, please turn in excuses to Student Services. Students can F6, which means they have missed too many days in a class and will have to see Mr. Moore at the Child Welfare and Attendance Office. Students can F6 certain class periods, if they miss too many days for that class period. For example, if they check out 7th period and miss too many days, they can F6 7th period. In order for students to be successful in all classes, attendance is very important.