

How to Guarantee a Successful High School Experience at Westfield

- Join clubs & activities. Become invested in your school and you will have fun.
- Make it your job to find out about sports, band, literary offerings, chorus, or plays.
- Keep up with your homework. Do your assignments the day you have class. Don't wait until the night before. Teachers assign work to help you learn the material; if you wait the extra day, you may have forgotten how to do something. The extra day is for you to visit with the teacher to reinforce what you are unsure about.
- If you don't know something, ask questions.
- Stay after school to get to know your teachers. They will appreciate your interest in your work.
- Make it a point to get to know your counselor. Counselors want to know you as an individual.
- See your counselor when you have a problem. Don't wait for a small problem to become a crisis.
- Report harassment or bullying. You can trust your Sub School Administrator and counselor to help.
- Stretch yourself to take courses that are challenging. However, be sure that you are prepared for the extra work.
- Visit the Career Center located next to the cafeteria for college, job, and career information.
- If you are shy, take classes such as Theatre, Forensics, or Debate. Being comfortable speaking in front of people is a learned skill.
- Listen to the announcements to get important school information.
- Appreciate what other people do. A little gratitude goes a long way.
- Use a study buddy if you need one. Working in teams can help with work and making friends.
- If you don't know where to go for information, start with your sub school.
- Take care of yourself. Be your own advocate.
- Ask for what you need. Let your teachers know when you need their extra attention.
- Introduce yourself to new students. They are looking for friends in the crowd.
- Speak to someone that you do not already know. All friendships start by someone speaking first.
- Be outgoing and friendly toward other people. Make friends.
- Balance your courses, activities, and other responsibilities, so you are not overwhelmed and exhausted.
- Be responsible for your own choices. Ask for help to make good decisions.
- Use your talents, gifts, and interests to explore new opportunities.
- Get grade reports and interims signed. Your parents like to know how you are doing.
- Attend extra study sessions led by teachers offered during Bulldog Block and after school.
- Study consistently.
- Keep up with reading.
- Start projects when they are assigned.
- Call other students to get their advice and help. Their perspective may help you.
- Follow the Rights and Responsibilities. Following school regulations helps your reputation.
- Volunteer for school activities, such as Homecoming Float, etc.
- If you are absent, see your teacher the first day that you return. Do not wait until the next class.
- Follow the dress code. If you respect yourself, other people will too.
- In high school, we learn to be responsible for our own messes. Clean up your own place in the cafeteria. Use the trash can.

