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Twitter: [@CRWashingtonHS](https://twitter.com/CRWashingtonHS) & [@CRWarrior Activities](https://twitter.com/CRWarriorActivities)

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Information

[The Infinite Campus portal](#) provides students and parents with real-time access to assignments, grades, schedule, announcements, attendance, fees and more. Portal accounts for students and legal guardians are automatically created when a student is enrolled. It is important that parents obtain their own login and that they do not use their student's login to access the portal. To obtain login information, reset logins and/or passwords, please contact Amber Bonham abonham@crschools.us (319) 558-2161. For FAQs [click here](#).

[Annual Verification](#): Each year, it is important for returning CRCS D families to update their child's emergency contacts, fill out yearly field trips and laptop device agreements, complete eligibility for reduced school fees, and update contact information. Please login to your Infinite Campus parent portal to complete it by September 30th. For instructions, please click the link for your preferred language. [English](#) [Spanish](#) [Swahili](#)

Save the Date!

BIPOC Block Party: Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, 5:00-7:00 PM in the Courtyard. New and incoming BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) students and families are encouraged to attend. We will also do a backpack giveaway during this event! More details to come at a later date!

New Student Orientation (freshmen and transfer students): Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, *Registration in the new gym at 8:15am. Orientation from 9:00am -12:00pm.*

WAC (Warrior Athletic Club) Welcome Back Night: Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Courtyard. Families and student-athletes involved or interested in sports are welcome to food and to receive information regarding sports!

New Student Orientation Parent Session: Thursday, August 21st, 2025 *in the auditorium-* from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Picture Day: Thursday, August 28th, 2025

Warrior Walkthrough Open House (Meet the new Principal & College/Career Fair) - Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Makeup Picture Day: Friday, October 24th, 2025

The Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry: Sundays, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Located at 2202 Forest Drive SE in Cedar Rapids (between Cottage Grove Place and Washington High School).

Cedar Rapids Community School District Fee Schedule

What does the consumable material fee cover?

- Materials that cannot be used again (consumable)
- Classroom workbooks and other supplies for academic and elective classes
- Book use fee
- Various small field trips (Some special field trips may continue to have separate fees)

High School Materials Consumable Fees

Enrolling First Semester \$100.00

Enrolling Second Semester \$50.00

Athletics

School uniforms not returned are subject to replacement cost.

<u>Music Instrumental Rental</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Reduced Lunch Fee</u>	<u>Free Lunch Fee</u>
Each instrument – 12 months	\$75.00	\$45.00	\$0
Second instrument (special cases only)	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$0
Each instrument (3 summer months)	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$0
Percussion (players pay one fee)	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$0

*Shared-time, Dual enrolled, Foreign exchange and I-20 students are not required to pay the consumable fee.

Fee Waiver Available

Contact Information: Washington High School's Bookkeeper, Gregory Burgher, at 319-558-2161 or gburgher@crschools.us

If your student qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program, you may apply to have the consumable materials fee waived (see below). This waiver does not carry over from year to year. It must be applied for annually.

- Free lunch rate-consumable materials fee waived completely
- Reduced consumable materials rate-\$60.00.

Free/ Reduced Meal Application

Approved free/reduced meal applications also qualifies families for these additional benefits:

- \$100 consumable material fee will be adjusted based on meal benefits. PPA will pay fees if your student is in a performing arts group
- Reduced technology replacement fees
- Reduced Activity Ticket fee
- Reduced fees for ACT and AP exams

My student's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one?

YES! Applications must be renewed yearly. If you think you qualify (or qualified in the past), please apply at www.family.portal.cloud.

Please make sure Release Agreements are set to "Yes" in Infinite Campus when you update your annual verification for student fees to be adjusted. If you have any questions regarding the meal application, please contact food and nutrition at (319) 558-2305.

Warrior Closet & Warrior Kitchen

Warrior Closet

The Warrior Closet is a free supply center providing new and gently used clothing, school supplies, and toiletries for Washington students. Donations can be dropped off in room 112 Monday through Thursday, 8:00am - 3:00pm, or by appointment with Amy Rouse arouse@crschools.us. [Warrior Closet Facebook page](#)

Acceptable items: T-shirts, sweatpants, yoga pants, gym shorts, gym shoes, underwear & socks (new only), backpacks, school supplies, toiletries, winter coats & accessories, prom/homecoming attire, interview wear.

Unacceptable items: Blue jeans, Purses, Pajamas, Sweaters

Warrior Kitchen - *Open during the school year

The Warrior Kitchen, in partnership with HACAP, provides resources to Washington families. The Warrior Pantry provides take-home meals for families, personal care and household items based on availability. Please contact the main office at 319-558-2161 for more information. Some items may require the completion of the TEFAP form. The form remains valid for the school year. You may fill out the form here: [The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\) Eligibility](#).

Activity Pass

There are several different types of sport passes and individual tickets offered for the 2025-2026 school year. To see a list of passes offered along with their descriptions please visit the [Bound](#) website as they become available. No cash is allowed at the gate for the 2025-2026 school year! Visit the activities page [here](#).

The purchase of a student activity pass allows students to attend most Washington activities FREE of charge. An Activity Pass will show as an icon on your student ID. Student activity passes can be purchased through Infinite Campus under the fees tab or by contacting our bookkeeper at 319-558-2161.

* If a student has poor attendance, academics, or behavior, it could impact their ability to attend events.

** There are no refunds if a student purchases a pass, but then can't attend for the above reasons.

When can I use my activity pass?

Any event held at WHS and sporting events at Kingston Stadium. (Exception: state sponsored tournament games)

\$60 Check or online payment through Infinite Campus.

\$20 For students who qualify for free & reduced lunch.

What does a 1-year activity pass cost?

How much can I save purchasing an activity pass?

Varsity Football at Kingston

Lower Level Football at Kingston

Volleyball

Swimming

Basketball

Wrestling

Track and Field

Soccer at Kingston

Baseball

Softball

Concerts, Programs

Plays, Variety Shows

Musicals

Student Ticket

\$ 10

\$ 6

\$ 6-10

\$ 6-10

\$ 6-7

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\$ 10

\$ 10-15

Student w/Activity Pass

FREE

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\$ 10

Fall Sports

Beginning August 4th: Women's Tennis

Beginning August 11th: Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Men's Golf, Women's Swimming, Cheer

- Football
- Women's Cross Country
- Men's Golf
- Women's Volleyball
- Men's Cross Country
- Women's Swimming & Diving
- Cheer



ALL students must pay admission fees to attend sporting and performing arts events. For more information, contact Bre Sells at bsells@crschools.us or call the Activities Office (319) 558-2161 Option 6. Visit the athletics page [here](#).

School Bus Transportation

Routing Request Deadline

Plan now! Tuesday, August 12, 2025 is the last day to submit a bus request to guarantee a bus on the first day of school. All incoming 9th grade students (From a Cedar Rapids Community Middle School) who live in the free bussing areas will automatically be routed on a bus for the fall. All 10th-12th Grade students who had bussing in 2023-2024 and live in the free bus areas will keep their bussing. **Any changes to pick-up locations must be reported** (see below).

New Students OR New Address

Did you move? New to Washington? We must submit a new bus request. To submit a bus request, fill out the [WHS New Bus Request Form](#) or reach out to Amal Alyassiri at alyassiri@crschools.us or (319) 558-2161.

No Bussing Area/Parent Responsibility

The bus driver shortage has resulted in fewer available buses to transport the same amount of students. This means many buses are at capacity and students are riding longer. To make room for students that we are legally obligated to transport (living more than 3 miles from school) and reduce ride times, the Transportation Department will strictly enforce Parent Responsibility / No Bus areas. This means if a student lives less than 3 miles from school in the Parent Responsibility/ No Bus area, they will not be eligible for bussing. [Click here](#) to view school boundary maps and walking routes.

StopFinder Bus Tracking App:

StopFinder is a great tool for parents and students to track their bus to their bus stop. StopFinder is registered with each parent's primary email address in Infinite Campus. Transportation also uses StopFinder to quickly send push messages to parents, for example, if a bus route is running behind or is having significant delays.

If you have any questions regarding bussing, or registering for StopFinder, contact Amal Alyassiri at alyassiri@crschools.us or (319) 558-2161. *Reminder, CRCSD students can ride all [Cedar Rapids Transit](#) fixed-route buses for free with their student I.D.

Parking Permits

Parking permits are required to be displayed in all vehicles parked in Washington lots during the school day.

\$10.00 North Lot
(Adjacent to Fine Arts)

\$20.00 South Lot - *Premium spot*
(Near Gymnasium)

**For more detailed information on parking procedures, see the enclosed [Parking Policy/Procedures](#) document. For the [Iowa DOT Affidavit for minor school license permit form](#), please see main office.*

The ***Vehicle Registration Card*** is needed to issue permits, identify vehicles, and contact owners in times of emergency. Students with outstanding fines from the previous school year will not be issued permits until the fines are cleared. **Click this [link](#) to complete the digital vehicle registration card!**

*For any questions about parking fees please contact our bookkeeper, Gregory Burgher at 319-558-2161 or gburgher@crschools.us

Campus Restrictions

Lunch

- ***Closed Lunch:*** Freshmen and Sophomores who have a class may not leave the campus during their lunch period, and they must remain in approved areas of the campus during that time.
- ***Open Lunch:*** All Seniors and Juniors have open lunch and may leave campus or be in approved areas on campus.

Approved areas include the cafeteria and its open hallways, and the courtyard. Other areas, such as parking lots or athletic fields are unauthorized. **Food deliveries are prohibited and will be discarded if delivered.**

Release Periods

Freshmen and Sophomores must have a completed [Release Period Permission Authorization Form \(9th & 10th Grade\)](#) to leave campus with the understanding that students who have a release period **MAY NOT BE IN THE BUILDING OR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY** during this time. This form is good for the entire school year. You may revoke this privilege at any time by calling the attendance office 319-558-2161 Option 2. Administration reserves the right to cancel this privilege and will contact the parents if doing so. If this permission form is not completed, 9th and 10th grade students will be assigned and required to attend a study hall during their open hour. Missing study halls may impact in good standing or eligibility as this is a required class to attend if it's on the schedule. **Click this [link](#) to complete the digital form if interested in your 9th or 10th grade student having a release period. You can do this later as well.**

* Juniors and Seniors have open campus and thus do not need an authorization form completed to leave campus during their open hours of the day. However, if juniors and seniors are in the building during their open period, they must be in the library.

School Supplies

Supply needs will be explained at New Student Orientation, during the walk-through of classes, and during the first week of classes. Teachers may have specific supply requests for their classes.

Recommended Supplies

Sturdy backpack, Folders, Spiral notebooks, Binder, Pens, Pencils, Highlighter, Water bottle

Calculators

While the school will have some calculators available, students find it beneficial to own one for personal use.

While a graphing calculator is an expensive purchase, a **TI 84 Plus CE** is about \$120, it can be used throughout **all 4 years** of high school and the ACT, SAT, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics allow the use of this graphing calculator. Other TI-8X models or TI-9X models either have too little or too much capability and are not allowed.

If you are looking to get through **a single year** and **NOT purchase a graphing calculator**, Algebra One students (the class a majority of our 9th graders will be taking) **could** use a **TI-30XIIS** (currently around \$15). It would work for one year, maybe two years. While any scientific calculator with fraction capabilities could work for this class, if you are purchasing a new one for this year, the Washington Math Department prefers the TI-30XIIS.

*Lockers will be available upon request. Students should see our receptionist in the main office. (Lockers are not always convenient to use between classes due to them being assigned near the student's homeroom class).

Technology

Devices

Current Washington Warriors, for any Chromebook or technology issues, please contact Scott McWherter at cmcwherter@crschools.us. He is available over the summer if your computer is having issues. Do not wait until the beginning of the school year to get it fixed if you are currently experiencing issues.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is another tool many teachers may use to provide digital materials, assignments, or assessments to students. Students are also able to create and turn in work on Google Classroom. Students may receive teacher feedback on their work through Google Classroom as well. Each Google Classroom is linked to a Google Calendar to help remind students of deadlines and upcoming events. It is also linked to student emails in order to notify students of teacher postings. If parents would like a weekly update from their student's Google Classroom(s), please contact teachers directly once school starts to be added to the parent/guardian list.

[Click here for parent/student technology resources.](#)

Counseling Department

Student schedules will be available for viewing in mid-August.

Please be patient as counselors are not on contract in July.

The Washington Counseling Department is available to assist students with a variety of needs throughout the school year. Here are just a few of the ways counselors serve Washington students and their families.

- **Academic Planning:** Registering for classes, schedule changes, opportunities for learning off campus, advocate for students with special needs, counsel students on how to be successful in the classroom
- **College and Career Planning:** Job shadows, apprenticeships, college search and application process, financial aid, scholarship applications, recommendation letters, resume building
- **Personal & Social Support:** Helping students in crisis situations, finding solutions to personal and social problems, encouraging students to do their best in all aspects of their lives, making referrals for more serious mental health concerns

The counseling staff, the students they work with, and their email addresses are listed below. Ongoing counseling office information will be posted on the Washington website under the heading “[Academics](#)”.

- Secretary: Kim Weiland, kweiland@crschools.us
- 9th Grade Counselor: ShaNell Young shyoung@crschools.us
- Last Names A-K: Melaina O’Brien mobrien@crschools.us
- Last Names H-O: Chanelle Thomas, cthomas@crschools.us
- Last Names P-Z: Heather Waters, hwaters@crschools.us
- College & Career Transition: Kristin Mangrich, kmangrich@crschools.us



Course Drops & Taking a Course S/U (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory)

Dropping a class

A student may only **drop a course** with the approval of a responsible adult. Each student dropping a class must:

- Meet with their counselor to discuss how the number of hours remaining on your schedule will be spent.
- Meet with their teacher and return all books & materials checked out.
- Secure signatures from the student's counselor, teacher, attendance office, and parent/guardian.

Important to note:

- ❖ Students in **grades 9 and 10 must be enrolled in 7 classes and cannot drop a course for a study hall.**
- ❖ Schedule changes within the **first 10 days of each semester** can be done through your school counselor. After the first 10-day window, any schedule changes require students to complete a form, and receive approval from a building administrator **and** the Area Chief of Schools.
- ❖ Withdrawing from a course after the first 10-days, will result in a withdrawal/failure for the semester and a loss of credit.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (Pass/Fail)

A student may choose **one elective course per year to be graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis**. The criteria applied to all courses taken as satisfactory/unsatisfactory is as follows:

- Written parent/guardian approval is required.
- Students must visit their School Counselor for the satisfactory/unsatisfactory request form.
- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory requests must be made within 20 school days of the start of the semester.

- Students must complete all course expectations as if they were receiving a grade. Taking a class S/U (or pass/fail) will, at the completion of the semester, record the letter grade as an S with appropriate credit for a passing grade of D- or higher, and a U with no credit for a failing grade. A letter grade will remain on Infinite Campus throughout the duration of the semester and the S/U option will take effect **after** grades are posted on transcripts.
- Courses that are taken as S/U will not be used to compute grade point and/or class rank nor will they be computed for Academic Honors.
- Students with a failing grade who receive a U will still be subject to activity & athletic eligibility penalties, just as if a grade of F were recorded.
- Students with cumulative grade point averages above 4.0 may choose to take co curricular -related courses as S/U. Examples include all music, student senate, newspaper, debate, and yearbook courses. This use is intended to prevent an A (or even an A+) in a co-curricular-related course from lowering a students' cumulative GPA. This use of the S/U option will not be counted towards the S/U limit of one course per year.

Important Academic Dates

**These dates could change due to inclement weather.*

Fall Semester

- **August 26, 2025:** First Day of Fall Semester. This will be an "A" day.
- **September 10, 2025** Last day to drop a fall term course with no record on the transcript; after this date a course dropped will be noted on the transcript as a W regardless of the progress grade
- **September 24, 2025:** Deadline to request taking a class satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U or pass/fail)

Spring Semester

- **January 20, 2026** First Day of Spring Semester
- **February 2, 2026:** Last day to drop a spring term course with no record on the transcript; after this date a course dropped will be noted on the transcript as a W regardless of the progress grade
- **February 17, 2026:** Deadline to request taking a class satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U or pass/fail)

Student Publications

Monument

The Monument is in its 69th year of production archiving memorable events and moments of Washington High School's proud history. You would receive a 176-page, full-color, hardbound volume documenting moments and memories of the school year. With your purchase, you also support aspiring journalism and graphic design students, allowing high school writers and artists to share their work with a real-world audience. Our yearbook is comprehensive so it covers the entire school year. To do so, it goes to print over the summer and returns to Washington mid-fall of the following school year.

2025-26 yearbooks will be available for pickup in the fall of the following school year. For more information on pricing for the 2025-26 yearbook, please contact Kaitlin Haynes at Walsworth.

kaitlin.haynes@walsworth.com

To order a yearbook or submit a senior portrait, visit www.yearbookforever.com. Enter school: George Washington, select state: Iowa, and then select city: Cedar Rapids to enter the store.

Yearbookforever.com Features:

- *A yearbook ad space for adults to submit Then and Now images with a message for their graduating student(s)
- *Ad sponsorship spaces for businesses to congratulate seniors and/or advertise what they have to offer
- *An opportunity for students and families to upload candid images from school related events for consideration of being used in the yearbook (use code: warriors) or download the Yearbook Snap App and use the same code.

Senior Photo Criteria: Email a jpg or jpeg file of the senior photo to monumentyearbook@crschools.us Please put the senior's name in the subject line. Photos **must** be submitted to the yearbook staff **before Spring Break**. Our criteria for senior photos is as follows: photo is a vertical **headshot** (so there is no need to crop); do not include children, animals, other people, props or hats/sunglasses; no selfies or filters.

Washington Literary Press - Subscribe and support Washington HS writers & artists!

Throughout the year, the Washington Literary Press (WLP) compiles students' prose, poetry, art, and photography into published issues. We aim to release four regular issues ("The Unfortunate Mr. Farrows"), which we sell for \$2 each, as well as our end-of-the-year issue, Fingerprints, which sells for \$7.00. Purchasing issues allows you to support the literary and artistic efforts of Washington High School students—we could not get our issues to print without your financial support and the artistic talent of your student! Purchases can be made through Mr. Mark Hilton (mhilton@crschools.us) or at our annual Poetry, Art, and Music (PAM) Slam event.

Driver's Education

Driver's Education classes are no longer offered in Cedar Rapids Schools. Students have a lot of options in the community to complete a Driver's Education course. Families who are eligible for Free/Reduced Priced fees should contact the company to inquire about how to waive fees.

[Safe Driver, Drivers Education](#)- is located at Jefferson High School and will work with families in the CRCSO that are eligible for Free/Reduced Prices.

WHS Social Media

Facebook: [@WashingtonCRSCD](#)

Twitter: [@CRWashingtonHS](#) and [@CRWarrior Activities](#)

Instagram: [crwashingtonhs](#)

Flickr: [WHS event photos](#)

Here you'll find some of the latest pictures and news about Washington High School. Time and contributions are on a voluntary basis, so please understand if not all events are covered here. If you would like to see a particular event covered, please feel free to make a request by emailing cmewherter@crschools.us to complete the request.
