

# WCJSHS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This year's Waynesburg Central Junior/Senior High School after school program will be provided by the Central Greene School District through the ESSERS grant. The overall goal of the program is to improve overall academic achievement, class performance, standardized test performance, and student engagement by increasing instructional time. Sessions are slated to begin on October 3, 2023 in room A206, and, specifically, they will run from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

The academic enrichment aspect of the after school program is open to all students in Waynesburg Central Junior/Senior High School. Students are permitted to sign up for sessions necessary to fulfill their individual academic needs. After school sign ups are available in the classroom, guidance office and online. Sessions include: credit recovery assistance, subject tutoring (with homework assistance), PSSA/Keystone Test prep, AP test prep, and classroom specific Specialty Sessions. Descriptions of the sessions are as follows:

## **Credit Recovery Assistance**

The Credit Recovery program gives the student a second chance at earning the required credit in course(s) they may have had difficulty with in the past. While the students are often given time during the school day, the self-paced online courses are often found to be just as difficult because of the inability to ask content related to questions. Credit Recovery assistance will allow students in credit recovery to be paired with a content area instructor to receive additional assistance when needed.

## **Subject Tutoring**

Success in school is supported through additional activities, remediation, and study groups in the subject areas. Tutoring offers opportunities for students to build independent learning skills. Tutoring time can be used for homework assistance as well as extra guided practice. Tutors are readily available to answer questions. Computers, technology and games that combine entertainment with educational content can also be used.

## **PSSA/Keystone Test Preparation Sessions**

PSSA/Keystone Test Preparation sessions are held to increase student performance on the standardized tests. Students will review and practice test taking skills, tested skill areas and subject matter.

### **AP Preparation Sessions**

AP sessions are held to review test taking skills to avoid common pitfalls and traps, as well as additional time to cover/review material that is generally left to the students to cover on their own due to traditional time constraints.

### **Specialty Session(s)**

At the request of a classroom teacher for a specific class with a specific purpose. These sessions will occur individually or be part of a sequence as designed by the classroom teacher. These sessions will be scheduled and announced in the classes that the session will be tailored to, and will be held in addition to the general subject tutoring session. Specialty sessions include but are not limited to: test review study groups, individualized make-up/remediation, academic enrichment/enhancement or laboratory work.

**Students must sign in and out of all sessions they attend. It is important to note that once a student has signed out for the day, they will no longer be under the supervision of WCJSHS, and the school cannot assume responsibility for students after they have signed out.**

There are two ways students can attend the academic enrichment after school program: “Regular” Attendees and “As Needed” Attendees. The “regular” attendees will be fairly constant and will dictate the minimum number facilitated sessions available each day. The “as needed” attendees will participate in any of the daily offerings as their individual needs may require. Students attending will be asked to sign up each day completing a google form that can be found by scanning a QR code on the flyers, or online. Classroom specific Specialty sessions may have sign-up sheets within the individual classroom. All after school attendees will be asked to sign-in at the beginning of the session in A206 and will sign out using the QR code posted in every classroom at the conclusion of their time in the program each day.

Again, in order for this program to be successful, your help and support is vital. You, as the parent/guardian, best know the academic needs of your child. You know if they could benefit from a little extra assistance. Therefore, help the after school program support your child by being aware of the program, and urging your child to attend. In addition, student attendance will drive the scale at which the after school programs will be able to be implemented. Ideally, the after school program would have at least one teacher from each subject area available each night, as well as additional teachers for Credit Recovery assistance, PSSA/Keystone prep, AP test prep and any classroom specific Specialty Sessions. However, this can only be accomplished with the proper level of participation from the students. Additional information about Waynesburg Central Junior/Senior High School’s After School Program and the QR code for signing up for the programming can be found on the high school’s webpage.