

Westview Middle School



Student Handbook
2025–2026

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Westview Family,

As the Principal of Westview Middle School, I look forward to assisting you in fulfilling your goals. By taking advantage of the academic, athletic, and related arts opportunities, you are engaging in your future. I challenge you to work hard and utilize your talents to reach your potential in all areas. It is my goal for Westview Middle School to become the best middle school in the state of South Carolina and your success will enable us to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,
Eric Syswerda
Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to motivate, engage, and empower students in their learning.

BELIEFS

- Students are our most valuable resource.
- All students deserve a quality educational experience.
- All students can learn.
- The unique and diverse needs of all students should be met.
- Family and community affect a child's education.
- Everyone deserves respect.
- Teamwork, individual responsibility, tolerance, and academic success are essential.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Main Office	229-4301
Attendance Office	229-4301, ext. 2120
Principal (Syswerda)	229-4301, ext. 2111
Assistant Principal (Fisher)	229-4301, ext. 2105
Assistant Principal (Aiken)	229-4301, ext. 2109
Athletic Director	229-4301, ext. 2707
Cafeteria	229-4301, ext. 2502
Counselor – (Nabors, A-K)	229-4301, ext. 2119
Counselor – (Pridemore, L-Z)	229-4301, ext. 2118
Guidance	229-4301, ext. 2114
Nurse	229-4301, ext. 2125
Student Support Facilitator	229-4301, ext. 2116
Bookkeeper	229-4301, ext. 2110

ENROLLMENT

Westview cannot stress enough the importance of keeping student information updated. With today's society, it is of the utmost importance that the school be able to contact you at all times. That being said, addresses, parent contact information, and emergency contact information need to be up to date at all times should parents need to be contacted in the event of an emergency. Robo calls are sent out to keep parents updated about important information with regards to the school.

ABSENCES

Students are expected to be in school each day unless there is a very good reason for being absent. When you miss a day at school, you miss a very important part of your total education, and everyone knows it is no fun to "get behind" in your work. The Greenwood School District 50 Attendance Policy mandates that:

1. Students are required to bring written documentation for all absences within five days of the absence. (Failure to submit a lawful excuse will result in an unexcused absence.) **Parents' notes will be accepted, but are limited to ten absences per year. Included in these are unverified, unexcused, and excused absences. Thereafter, a medical note from a physician or hospital is required after 10 days of absences.**
2. Principal judgment will be used in individual cases after students accrue more than ten days. If a student misses fifteen or more days, he/she may be retained.
3. Absences with no documentation are automatically considered unexcused.
4. Students under court order to attend school must have a doctor's statement for **all** absences. Unexcused days will result in immediate referral to the court system.
5. The principal cannot approve student absences, even if the request is made in advance.

A lawful/excused absence occurs when:

1. A student is ill or his/her attendance in school would endanger his/her health or the health of others.
2. There is a serious illness or death in the immediate family of the student.
3. The student is absent to observe a recognized religious holiday of his/her faith. (Prior approval required.)
4. A student participates in interscholastic activities or other activities with prior approval of the school principal.
5. A student is absent in order to visit medical, dental, or counseling services **that cannot be scheduled after school hours.**

Makeup work must be completed and turned in within 5 days to receive credit.

State regulations require that school officials must take steps to intervene whenever a student has three consecutive or five total days of unlawful absences. The following policy is in effect:

- ❖ 3 non-consecutive absences–Letter to parent.
- ❖ 3 consecutive or 5 unlawful absences–Parent contact and student is placed on an intervention plan.

- ❖ After an intervention plan is in place, if a student has 2 additional unexcused absences, then a referral to the Attendance Officer and Greenwood County Court System will be made.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

School hours are 8:00 AM - 3:20 PM. Students are in the care of the school from the time they arrive in the morning until they are dismissed at the end of the day. The school day is underway at 8:00 AM and teachers arrive by 7:45 AM. Students who ride in cars or walk are to arrive between 7:15 AM–7:55 AM.

Car riders should not come to school before 7:15 AM, as teachers are not there to supervise them. The school cannot assume responsibility for the supervision of students who are brought to the school campus before school hours.

Students will be assigned to report to the cafeteria upon arrival to school by the teacher on duty. The teacher on duty will assign seating in the cafeteria for students who eat breakfast. The teachers on duty will dismiss students to their classrooms at 7:30 AM.

All car riders must arrive by 7:50 AM if they are going to eat breakfast.

TARDIES

Students are tardy if they are not in their 1st period each morning by 8:00 AM. Students who are tardy must get a pass from the guidance office before being allowed to enter class. **Students who do not arrive at school or class on time miss a very important part of their instruction.** If your child is a car rider, please make sure that he/she arrives on time each day. Only medical notes from a physician or hospital will be considered an excused tardy.

Students are expected to report to school on time. A student must be present every day and must not accumulate more than a total of 3 tardies within a school semester. This policy begins anew second semester.

Westview Middle School Tardy Policy Consequences:

- 3rd Tardy-Phone Call - guidance office
- 4th Tardy-Phone Call - administrative office/SSF
- 5th Tardy-After School Detention
- 6th Tardy-After School Detention
- 7th Tardy - 1 day ISS/OSS for each tardy past 6 tardies

Teachers will assign disciplinary actions for tardiness to periods other than 1st period.

DISMISSAL

Parents are encouraged to make appointments after school hours and early dismissals are discouraged. **Students will not be dismissed after 2:15 PM (to allow time for announcements and proper conclusion of the day's lessons) without administrative approval.**

Walkers and car riders will be dismissed before bus riders. **All car riders must be in the designated area on the side of the building. Car riders will only be dropped off or picked up in the front of the building between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 2:15 p.m. Pick-ups and drop offs will not be permitted in the bus pickup parking lot for safety reasons.** Teachers are on duty to help direct cars and supervise students. **All car riders must be picked up no later than 3:50 PM.** That is 30 minutes after school is dismissed and should allow ample time for parents to provide a ride. If a student is

consistently left for more than 30 minutes, he/she will be asked to ride the bus home. The full cooperation of those who pick up students is appreciated so that we can protect our students' safety.

Bus riders will receive a copy of the bus rules at the beginning of the year and are expected to follow these rules. All students, parents, and guardians must understand how extremely important it is for students to obey all bus safety rules and cooperate fully with both the bus drivers and the teachers who are on bus duty.

No student is allowed to ride a bus other than his/her regular bus unless permission is given by school administration.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

During the winter months, it may become necessary to dismiss students early due to the weather. Students should know where they are to go and what to do if school is dismissed early. Listen to your radio and TV for information on school closing or delayed openings. You may also check the District 50 website at www.gwd50.org.

Please do not call the school or district office. Telephone lines must be kept open. The district has designated a specific telephone number to call in case of an emergency. Please call 941–5511 for information. The following radio and TV stations will be notified of District 50 delays or school closings.

RADIO STATIONS – WCRS, WMTY, WQXJ, WBBQ, WANS, WESA, WFBC

TV CHANNELS – 4, 6, 7, 13. Most radio and TV stations announce delays and closings only. If you do not hear a delay/closing announcement, you should assume that schools are on a regular schedule. If a decision is made to delay school openings, radio and TV stations will be informed by 6:00 AM.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

During the school year, students may have to pay for lost library books or textbooks, fees for materials, library fines, Chromebook fees, or some other financial obligation to the school.

Student accounts must be paid in full prior to participating in any student extra curricular activities, such as, but not limited to: field trips, school dances, etc.. Students are expected to clear these obligations promptly. **If financial obligations are not cleared, report cards will be held at the end of the year.** Fees can be accepted at any time. See the bookkeeper or call if you have any questions 864-229-4301.

CARE OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS

All equipment and facilities are here for the students to use and enjoy. We believe that our students are proud of the school and will take an active part in caring for the building by picking up litter inside as well as on the school grounds. When we show respect for our school property, we show respect for ourselves.

PBIS

Westview Middle School is a PBIS school. PBIS is a research-based organizational approach for improving the social behavior climate of our school. Consistent expectations for student behavior are the foundation for PBIS. A school leadership team developed the matrix defining behavioral expectations throughout Westview. Faculty and staff members teach and reinforce appropriate behaviors at the beginning of the year and as needed throughout the year. Positive behaviors are rewarded on a regular basis throughout each nine week

period. Our school leadership team, along with the entire faculty, monitors and reviews disciplinary data and constantly reviews ways to improve student behavior in order to provide an exemplary learning environment at all times.

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

We are most concerned about working together to promote a well-behaved student body. Good discipline is extremely important for an effective educational program. The faculty and staff at Westview Middle School have agreed upon a specific code of discipline, which is explained to the students at the beginning of each year. These discipline rules and consequences are posted in each classroom. Parents are asked to encourage their children to abide by these rules so that they can learn and not distract from the learning of others. Rights and Responsibilities Handbook is posted on the Greenwood School District 50 website. Parents are encouraged to read and discuss with their child the discipline policy and consequences of Greenwood District 50.

These policies will be enforced at Westview Middle School.

UNIFIED CLASSROOM RULES

1. Follow directions.
2. Be in class on time.
3. Be respectful of others.

HALL RULES

1. Walk quietly on the right side of the hall.
2. Keep your feet and hands to yourself.

CAFETERIA RULES

1. Talk quietly only to persons next to or directly across from you.
2. Before leaving your table, be sure your area is clean and pick up anything you may have dropped on the floor.
3. Stay in your seat until dismissed.

CONSEQUENCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Verbal Warning
- Student/Teacher Individual Conferences
- Student/Team Conference
- Guidance/Parent Contact
- Lunch Detention
- After School Detention
- In-School Suspension
- Out-of-School Suspension

Fighting, profanity, and disrespect will not be tolerated and will result in immediate consequences that follow the district's Rights and Responsibilities.

LUNCH DETENTION PROCEDURES:

Students who receive lunch detention will eat in a designated area and follow all directions of the supervising teacher.

FOOD DELIVERIES:

To minimize classroom and front office disruptions, **outside food is not permitted to be delivered to students.** All students have the

opportunity for breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. Students who are participating in after-school athletics or events will be allowed to have food and drinks brought in at the end of the day.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

A School Resource Officer is assigned to our campus to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The officer will monitor hallways and conduct law related activities several times each month.

ID BADGES

For the safety of all at Westview Middle School, students will not be allowed to enter a classroom without wearing a current year ID badge. ID badges must be worn around the neck on the provided breakaway lanyard during the school day. If the ID badge is lost, an additional ID badge may be purchased for \$5.00. A student may also purchase a temporary ID sticker or bracelet for \$1.00. If a student is unable to purchase an ID, a sticker or bracelet will be provided to the student to wear. This student will serve silent lunch detention.

If a teacher has a student reporting to class without a current year ID badge, the teacher will provide the student with a temporary ID sticker or bracelet. A new ID badge, which is purchased, will be obtained from the Media Center. Students who deface an ID badge will be required to purchase a new ID badge at \$5.00 each. If a student wears another student's ID badge, that ID badge will be confiscated. Students are to wear only one badge which must be for the current year.

BOOK BAGS

For safety and general classroom management purposes, book bags, string bags, and purses may need to be placed in the back of the classroom. This will be at the discretion of the teacher/administrator.

STUDENT DRESS CODE – BOARD POLICY JICA

In an effort to have a school environment that is safe, orderly, and conducive to learning, the following dress code will apply to all schools in Greenwood School District 50. Inappropriate and impermissible student attire includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- All pants will be worn above the hips.
- Clothing or accessories that depict alcohol, drugs, tobacco, racial slurs/epithets, sexual suggestion/insinuation, inappropriate language, or gang association is prohibited.
- Halter tops, tank tops, and see-through clothing are prohibited. Cleavage will not be shown.
- Shorts, mini-skirts and culotte-type clothing are allowed in grades 5-12 with the following restrictions:
 - * Said garments may not be made of clinging material, such as but not limited to biker shorts and pants, surfer pants, form-fitting knit material, etc.
 - * All garments should be of an appropriate length, as determined by the school principal.
- Hats will not be worn in the buildings.

Westview Middle School has expanded and clarified this district policy as follows:

- Shower shoes, pajamas, bedroom shoes, beachwear, short shorts, midriff tops, bodysuits, and short skirts are not allowed.

- Physical education clothing is to be worn only during scheduled PE classes as required.
- Students may not wear sunglasses inside any campus building. If worn on campus, these items will be confiscated.
- Facial piercing and tongue piercing are discouraged due to safety concerns. Students may not wear accessories or clothing that would pose a safety threat to themselves or interfere with the educational process. This includes heavy chains, fish hooks, multi-finger rings, studded bracelets or collars, nose/lip to ear chains, etc.
- Doo Rags, caps/hats of any kind, hoodies, bandanas, bonnets or other head coverings are against dress code. Students are allowed to wear appropriate headbands for the purpose of keeping hair out of their faces. (This means the hairband must be worn on the top of the head, not the forehead.) The rule applies for both boys and girls.
- Shorts or skirts are to be no shorter than mid-thigh. This includes shorts or skirts that are worn with non-sheer leggings or tights.
- Sheer or see through tights/leggings are not allowed unless a short/skirt/dress is worn over them to the mid-thigh level.
- Pants are to be worn at the waist level. The school administration will have ties for students who are in violation of the expectation. If a student refuses to meet the dress code, the student will face consequences for disobedience.
- Outdoor coats may not be worn in the building. Light sweaters or hoodies work well in the classroom.
- Open holes or tears in clothing must be no higher than mid-thigh. Students must wear leggings, tights, shorts under clothing that has holes above mid-thigh, or have patches sewn on any holes above mid-thigh. No skin may be showing above mid-thigh. Pants that have holes that are visible in inappropriate areas are not to be worn to school.
- No stomach/ back/ sides visible
- No tube tops
- At a minimum, shirts must have straps that are approximately two fingers wide.
- Students may wear special dress, uniforms, or costumes for specific events or special occasions during the school day when approved by the principal.

To write a regulation that will adequately cover every detail of appropriate dress is virtually impossible. Therefore, the administration reserves the right to make judgments as to whether a student is properly attired. The administration may make an exception to these rules for medical or religious situations or for school spirit or curriculum activities. The administration has the authority to judge a student dress situation.

DRESS CODE VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

A student in violation of dress code is sent to the office by a staff member. The student will call home for a change of clothing. Students will sit in In School Suspension class until proper clothing is brought to the school. Continued violations will result in additional consequences due to student disobedience.

USE OF TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES IN SCHOOL

Students may use a Westview Middle School phone to call parents for emergencies during the day. Please make sure that students are aware of transportation arrangements for getting home before they leave for school each day. **Cell phones and all ECDs (ex: airpods, earbuds, headphones, etc) may not be used by students to call or text parents during school hours. These items MUST be turned off and stored in the students' bookbag during school hours.** Parents/legal guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office. (864-229-4301)

Students riding a bus may use an electronic communication device, after school, when approved by staff; otherwise, students may not use or display an electronic communication device while on school property during school hours. **All ECDs MUST be turned off and stored in the students' bookbag during school hours.** Any display or use of wireless communications is considered misuse and violations may result in disciplinary actions.

NOTE: School and district personnel are not responsible for the loss or damage of any telecommunication device brought onto school/district property by students. Students are expected to be responsible and accountable for their devices and the use of the devices in accordance with policy.

Per Greenwood District 50 school board policy, the staff will follow these basic enforcement procedures when the ECD policy is violated: **ECD examples include, but are not limited to the following: cellphones, airpods, earbuds, headphones, etc**

- **1st Offense** - 2 days ISS
- **2nd Offense** - 1-2 days OSS
- **3rd Offense** - 2-4 days OSS

If a telecommunication device emits a signal and more than one unit is found to be **on** during a search, all owners of the units that are **on** will be subject to the consequences listed above.

Bringing a telecommunication device to school is a privilege, not a right. School and district personnel are not responsible for the loss or damage of any paging device brought onto district property, by students. Further, the school and district will not be responsible for the condition of any confiscated device, upon its return to the student's parent/guardian.

Additionally, airpods, earbuds and headphones, etc must be turned off and stored in a bookbag as any ECDs are not allowed throughout the building during the school day, unless on rare occasion, they are approved by the classroom teacher.

SCHOOL COMPUTERS ARE FOR EDUCATIONAL USE ONLY

Greenwood School District 50 utilizes a safety monitoring system for all student-issued chromebooks and school electronic devices named Gagggle. This system notifies administration of any violations of the student code of conduct including but not limited to profanity, inappropriate images, messages regarding self-harm or violence, unauthorized website visits, etc. These violations will receive a follow up from school administration in accordance with district policy.

VISITORS

Our school business hours are from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM daily. Parents and the business community are invited to visit our school. All visitors to our school will enter through the front door. For safety and security, visitors must follow the directions in the lobby for admittance into the school. **A driver's license or photo ID will be required for the check-in process.** A visitor's pass will be issued and should be displayed so that it is visible upon entering the hallways, classrooms or other areas of the school building and grounds. Visitors are expected to enter the areas that they have been approved for only. Staff members will ask to see your visitor's pass if it is not visible. This procedure will help us to identify people who should or should not be on the campus.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

In order to ensure the safety of students in case of fire, tornado, or other emergencies, practice drills will be held during the year to show students what to do to protect themselves. Verbal warning may be given before fire drills. The teacher will tell the students the proper route and a copy of the exit plan will be posted in each classroom. Tornado drills and other drills may be announced and the students will be given instructions about proper procedures.

ACADEMICALLY GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

MISSION

The mission of gifted education is to maximize the potential of gifted and talented students by providing programs and services that match the unique characteristics and needs of these students.

In Greenwood School District 50, gifted and talented students are provided the following program services in Middle and High School:

- Grades 6–8: Placement in specially designed English Language Arts or Mathematics classes for daily instruction. Placement based on Area of Giftedness.
- Grades 9–10: Placement in GT honors classes for Algebra 1, 2, Geometry, English 1, 2, 3 for daily instruction. Placement based on Area of Giftedness.

At the beginning of each school year, parents and students will receive the Greenwood School District 50 Gifted and Talented brochure. The brochure contains specific details on the South Carolina Department of Education's identification and placement process, along with eligibility criteria.

GRADING POLICY

Promotion

Promotion of students will be based on grades, assessment results, attendance, and teacher recommendation.

Grading Scale

A	Excellent	(90–100)
B	Above Average	(80–89)
C	Average	(70–79)
D	Lowest Passing Mark	(60–69)
F	Failure	(59 and below)

PROGRESS REPORTS

Teachers update students' grades weekly, and parents may access those grades through the parent portal. If you have not signed up for the parent portal, please come by the school to get your code. You must have a driver's license to sign up for Parent Portal. **Report cards will be issued four times during the year beginning with parent conferences held at the end of the first nine weeks.** Quarters 2 and 3 report cards will be sent home with the student. Quarter 4 Report Card will be mailed which will include your student's status for promotion, summer school, or retention. If you would like to meet with any of your child's teachers, call the guidance office to arrange an agreeable conference time. All fees must be paid and textbooks and library books must be returned before the last report card is issued. The final report card will have the grade assignment for the next year. Report cards will be held if fees are owed.

HONOR ROLL

In order to make the honor roll, a student must make all A's, or all A's and B's. The End of Year Honor Roll is determined based on all A's in all subjects throughout the year for the A Honor Roll and all A's and/or B's in all subjects for the A/B Honor Roll.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE STATUS

Students must be present every day and must not accumulate more than a total of 4 early dismissals or tardies within a school year. In middle school, attendance is taken each class period. If a student misses more than 30 minutes of class, an absence will be recorded for that class period. To qualify for perfect attendance, a student must have no absences in any class period.

PARENT PORTAL

Communication with parents is a vital component of a student's success. Our Parent Portal, a web based portal of information, enables parents and students to access grades, attendance, teacher comments, and teacher email addresses in real time through the internet via a secure, district-hosted website. In order to gain access, a parent or legal guardian of each student must come to the school with a driver's license or other state approved picture ID card to pick up their username and password credentials, which will enable the parent to access their child's information through this portal. If you have already accessed this portal, your access to it will remain the same for the coming year. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

HOMEWORK

The purpose of homework is to provide the students with the opportunity to extend learning outside the classroom. Students may have homework daily in their core classes. The amount of homework will vary by grade level. Parents can help by providing time, place, and a quiet atmosphere for assignments. At a minimum, students should read 20 minutes each night.

GUIDANCE

Counselors work with parents, teachers, and administrators to help students adjust and succeed in school. Counselors welcome students who seek help on their own, as well as those students who are referred. The counselors work with students individually, in small groups, and in the classroom. Students can refer themselves to the counselors, or parents or teachers can refer them. We encourage students to talk with counselors about problems with peers, academic or personal/social issues.

CONFERENCES

Parent/guardian-teacher conferences are encouraged for giving each person a better understanding of the student's needs. With prior notification, teachers are available for conferences during their planning period. You may arrange for a conference with the teacher or your child's team of teachers by calling the guidance department. Conferences with the Principal or Assistant Principal may be scheduled at any time; however, if the conferences concern a child's work or teacher, the parent/guardian should have a conference with the teacher first.

HEALTH ROOM

The health room is to be used only for illnesses or injuries occurring at school. Any student going to the health room must have a Nurse's pass from his/her teacher. The teacher will be notified if the student is going home. No student will remain in the health room longer than 30 minutes without an attempt being made to send him/her home. **It is vitally important that we have emergency numbers on file so we may reach parents/guardians in case of illness or injury.** This includes all numbers possible, such as home, cellular, work, next of kin, etc. Please help us help your child by keeping this information current.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If a student is required to take oral medication during school hours, only the school nurse or trained guidance/office personnel will administer the medicine according to the directions on a medical form to be completed by the student's doctor and parent/guardian.

- Students are not allowed to keep any medication (prescription, as well as over the counter) with them.
- Prescription medicines, like antibiotics that are to be taken 1, 2, 3 times per day—should be taken at home.
- Students requiring emergency medications that need to be kept with them at all times should contact the school nurse to develop a plan of care.
- All medications, both prescription and over the counter, must be in the original container. Medication sent to school in bottles other than the original container will **NOT** be given.
- The school is not allowed to return left over medication to students. An adult must pick it up; otherwise, it will be destroyed according to district policy.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Parents are asked to keep the school informed of any medication their child may be taking. If your child needs to take a non-prescriptive drug such as aspirin, Sudafed, etc. please adhere to the following:

1. Medication must be sent in a container labeled with the name of the student and type of medication. **(We prefer that all non-prescription medication be brought to school by the parent or a responsible adult.)**
2. A note that gives the date, time, and dosage that should be taken.
3. Signed note—giving permission for your child to take the medicine.

The nurse will keep all information and medication in the health room.

LOST AND FOUND

Middle school students should be able to take full responsibility for keeping up with their property. Please do not bring money or other valuables to school. Students should be sure that their names are put on all coats, jackets or anything else brought to school which could be lost or misplaced. Check with the front office first to locate missing items. Items remaining at the end of the year will be given to charity. The school does not accept liability for property that is damaged or stolen.

MEDIA CENTER

The Media Center is open from 7:45 AM–3:15 PM daily to serve the needs of the students and the teachers. Flexible scheduling enables students to use the media center throughout the week to check out books, do research, and utilize the media center resources/computers.

FIELD STUDIES AND REWARD ACTIVITIES

Throughout the school year there may be field studies and reward activities. **In order to participate, students must exhibit acceptable school/classroom behavior and all school fees must be current.** Field studies and activities may be canceled by the school for safety reasons including inclement weather or pandemic. In the event of cancellation, the school will work with the organization to refund money if possible. However, if tickets or deposits are non-refundable, the school will **not** be able to issue refunds to students.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

Breakfast and lunch are free this year. Students may purchase additional items such as cookies, chips, and drinks, but **no change will be given.** Money may be deposited to the students account online or paid in cash. **No charges will be allowed.**

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Westview Middle School will offer a variety of clubs and activities for student participation. Club and activity members may be required to meet before and/or after school. Criteria for membership in any of our clubs may be obtained from the club sponsor. The following is a partial list of the clubs and activities that may be offered during the year: National Beta Club, Future City, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Titan Choir, Yearbook, PEARLS, Lego, and Academic Challenge Team.

WITHDRAWALS AND TRANSFERS

In order for a student to withdraw from Westview Middle School, the parent/guardian must come into the Guidance Department to complete the required forms prior to the student's withdrawal. It is the student's

responsibility to return books and school issued chromebooks to the office, pay all fees and fines to the bookkeeper and clear all obligations due to the school during the student's last full day of attendance before he/she can be released.

PTO

Our Parent-Teacher Organization renders a number of valuable educational services to the school and sponsors fundraising projects during the year. Parents are encouraged to become actively involved in supporting the PTO.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Each year, a group of parents and teachers are elected to serve on the School Improvement Council. The members of this group assist the principal in preparation of the annual school report and the school's budget requests. They also help the principal identify major needs of the school and make suggestions for improvements in the operations of the school for the benefit of the students and teachers. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to provide ideas and suggestions to this working group.

Titans Organized and Prepared for Success

The purpose of our TOPS notebooks is to teach responsibility and organization skills. All basic supplies are included, which may be purchased at Westview Middle School.

TOPS NOTEBOOKS OR BACKPACKS include:

Nylon pencil pouch with:

- 1 highlighter
- 2 pens
- 2 #2 pencils
- 1 eraser
- 1 set of personal earbuds
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 glue stick
- 1 package sticky notes
- 1 package of 100 index cards
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 pack 5 tab notebook dividers
- 1 Composition Book
- 1 Spiral Bound Notebook
- 1 package 150 sheets college ruled notebook paper

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

July 18, 2025 - July 23, 2025	Teacher Inservice Days
July 24, 2025	First Day of School
August 15, 2025	Teacher Inservice Day (No School for Students)
September 1, 2025	Labor Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
September 29, 2025 - October 10, 2025	Intercession Days
November 26, 2025 - November 28, 2025	Thanksgiving Break (Schools and Offices Closed)
December 17, 2025	Exams (½ Day Dismissal)
December 18, 2025 - December 19, 2025	Intercession Days
December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026	Winter Break (Schools and Offices Closed)
January 5, 2026	Teacher Inservice Day (No School for Students)
January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)
February 16, 2026	Teacher Inservice Day (No School for Students)
March 23, 2026 - March 27, 2026	Intercession Days
March 30, 2026 - April 3, 2026	Spring Break (Schools and Offices Closed)
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day (Schools and Offices Closed)
May 27, 2026	Exams (½ Day Dismissal)
May 28, 2026	Exams and Last Day of School (½ Day Dismissal)
May 29, 2026	Teacher Inservice Day
June 1, 2026 - June 2, 2026	Teacher Inservice Days