



July 21, 2025

Dear West High School Families,

As we prepare to embark on the 2025-2026 school year, we extend a warm welcome to our returning families and those who are joining our West High community for the first time. **We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students, particularly in our International Studies Diploma program, concurrent enrollment, language studies, and Career and Technical Education program.** West High School is committed to meeting the needs of each and every student while changing systems that are racist and harmful to our students and families. To do that, we will need your participation and feedback throughout the year. We work hard to create a safe and welcoming environment at our school while holding high expectations for attendance and academic success.

As you come back to school, we want to share important information and dates with you in preparation for your first day.

- ☐ Every student must be registered for school through the Parent Portal at myportal.dpsk12.org. **Students cannot start school until they are officially registered online.** Registration will open on **July 28th**. There is a \$40 registration/class fee. You can pay your registration fee by logging into myschoolbucks.com, entering your student ID, and clicking on the registration fee.
- ☐ **Required materials:**
 - ☐ Chromebook and charger (school-issued). All students in Denver Public Schools will be provided with a Chromebook and are responsible for their assigned Chromebook and charger throughout the school year. Damaged/lost Chromebooks and chargers will incur a fee. The current Denver Public Schools policy for lost or damaged Chromebooks is below:
 - Loss of technology-
 - Chromebook: \$399.13
 - Chromebook charger: \$27.95
 - Chromebook case: \$19.89
 - Hotspot or hotspot charger: \$20 (this includes loss and/or damage)
 - Damage that is not claimable under warranty:
 - As the cost of each part varies, this amount will be based on the type of damage and which parts are impacted



- When schools send a device in for damage and it is determined to not be claimable under the warranty, the DPS team will notify the school tech of how much it will cost to replace the part(s).
- If damage leads to parts replacement costs that exceed the amount of a replacement Chromebook, the student will be charged that amount (currently \$399.13)

- ☐ Pens & pencils
- ☐ Highlighters

As a high school, we do not have school buses. The RTD bus fare is free for high school students. For more information on the district's transportation, visit [DPS Transportation page](#). High School students with middle school siblings at Denver Center for International Studies (DCIS) may *apply* for a Bus exemption to ride on the school bus to DCIS and walk to West High School in the morning. Applications are not guaranteed and are determined by the Office of Transportation. Student drop-off will be at the main entrance in front of the school and the parking lot on 9th Avenue.

The first week of school schedule is as follows for grade level academies*:

- Monday, August 18th - 8:20 am - 3:50 pm for **9th grade (Class of 2029) students only.**
- Tuesday, August 19th - 8:20 am - 3:50 pm - **All students return**

* Adjusted schedule for the first week of school.

Registration information: Can be found by clicking [HERE](#) and on our website at <http://west.dpsk12.org>.

School starts at 8:20 am and ends at 3:50 pm. Students will have classes on a block schedule twice a week. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday are gray days with all numbered class periods. Wednesday is a black day schedule for class periods 1, 3, 5, Seminar, and 7. Thursdays will be an orange day schedule for class periods 2, 4, Seminar, and 6. We will have a late start every Thursday at 9:30 am for students.

The daily schedule for high school in [English](#) and [Spanish](#):



WEST HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE 2025 / 2026

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	TIME	WEDNESDAY	TIME	THURSDAY	TIME	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 1	8:20 AM	PERIOD 1		LATE START	8:20 AM	PERIOD 1
9:18 AM	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 2					9:18 AM	PERIOD 2
10:16 AM	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 3	9:54 AM	PERIOD 3	9:30 AM	PERIOD 2	10:16 AM	PERIOD 3
11:13 AM	LUNCH	LUNCH	11:24 AM	LUNCH	11:00 AM	LUNCH	11:13 AM	LUNCH
12:02 PM	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 4	12:13 PM	PERIOD 5	11:49 AM	PERIOD 4	12:02 PM	PERIOD 4
1:00 PM	PERIOD 5	PERIOD 5	1:47 PM	SEMINAR	1:23 PM	SEMINAR	1:00 PM	PERIOD 5
1:58 PM	PERIOD 6	PERIOD 6					1:58 PM	PERIOD 6
2:56 PM	PERIOD 7	PERIOD 7	2:20 PM	PERIOD 7	2:20 PM	PERIOD 6	2:56 PM	PERIOD 7
3:50 PM	DISMISSAL	DISMISSAL	3:50 PM	DISMISSAL	3:50 PM	DISMISSAL	3:50 PM	DISMISSAL

West High School follows the Denver Public Schools calendar aligned with our schedule. See the calendar here in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we will make this school year a memorable and successful one! Welcome to our Cowboy family.

Respect and love,

Mia Martinez Lopez
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