

## Schools: 10 Days and Counting

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Student enrollment and parent consent forms will be provided as needed at school and are also available on the parent links page of the Watauga County Schools website ([www.watauga.k12.nc.us](http://www.watauga.k12.nc.us)).

Orientation at the high school should be attended by all high school students and their parents.

There are assigned orientation dates for each class, with seniors scheduled for August 13, juniors on August 14, and sophomores on August 15. For these three classes, students and parents will choose to attend orientation at either 3:30-4:30 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m. on their assigned date. High school freshmen and their parents will attend orientation on August 16th, with the time of orientation based on the student's last name. Freshmen students with a last name beginning with A-L and their parents will attend from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and those with a last name beginning with M-Z will attend from 1:00-3:30 p.m. All orientations at the high school will take place in the high school's Ross Auditorium. The complete orientation schedule for Watauga High School is posted on the school's homepage (<http://wataugasd.whs.schoolfusion.us>).

Student fees are \$7 in kindergarten through fifth grade and \$8 for sixth through eighth grade. School fees will not be charged for pre-kindergarten students. General fees for high school students are \$50, with additional fees depending on the student's classes.

Regular lunch prices will be \$2.20 for prekindergarten through fifth grade, \$2.30 for sixth-eighth grade, \$2.45 for grades 9-12, and \$3.50 for adults. Breakfast is available for a regular price of \$1.25 for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, \$1.55 for grades 9-12, and \$1.80 for adults. Reduced price lunches are 40 cents for eligible students in all grades. All students eligible for free or reduced price meals will receive free breakfast. Cafeteria prices and menus are available on the parent links page of the WCS website.

Applications for free and reduced price meals will be provided to all parents on the first day of school and will be available in schools throughout the year. Applications will also be available on the parent links page of the WCS website and on request from Watauga County Schools Child Nutrition at 828 264-7190.

Students must be registered for afterschool before they can attend. Parents can speed up the process by filling out and submitting the registration form online before coming to school. The form is available by going to [www.watauga.k12.nc.us](http://www.watauga.k12.nc.us), clicking on the first heading under parent links, and then choosing the link for afterschool program registration. State licensing standards require that parents meet with afterschool personnel to receive additional policy information before the registration is officially complete. The hours for afterschool registration vary by school and a list of the available dates and times for each school is posted on the afterschool page of the website. The WCS afterschool program serves children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

An afterschool program for students in grades 6-8 is offered by Western Youth Network (WYN) at Western Watauga Community Center and at Boone United Methodist Church. Information and registration forms for WYN's afterschool program are available on their website at [www.westernyouthnetwork.org](http://www.westernyouthnetwork.org) and the forms will also be available in schools on opening day. Contact WYN at 264-5174 for more information about their afterschool program.