



Pierce Weekly Update

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

We have approximately 227 online registrations that have not been completed yet. Walk-in registrations are scheduled for next week. The online registration process must be completed before the walk-in registration can be completed. If you haven't done the online registration process yet, please do so before next week.

Time is running out to be entered into the online registration contest! Complete the online registration process for your child to be entered into the contest to win a \$50 iTunes gift card!

ADDRESS CHANGES

For those of you who indicated an address change when completing the online process, **please go to Central Enrollment to complete the address change**. You will need to complete a Change of Address form, included in this packet, and provide proof of residence. The various types of proofs that are accepted by the district are listed on the Change of Address form. This must be done before the student schedule will be released.

WALK-IN REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration packets were mailed out the last week in July. We've had some registration packets returned to us due to incorrect addresses. If you did not receive a registration packet in the mail, please contact us at 248-674-0331.

STAY CONNECTED

Waterford School District web page—www.waterford.k12.mi.us

Waterford School District Facebook page—www.facebook.com/wsdnews

Pierce Middle School web page—www.waterford.k12.mi.us/pierce

Pierce Middle School Facebook page—www.facebook.com/waterfordpiercemiddleschool

Pierce Middle School Athletic Facebook page—www.facebook.com/piercepiratesathletics

Pierce PTO Facebook page—www.facebook.com/PiercePTO

Navigate your day with Pirate Pride!

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS



Tuesday, August 21—8th grade

Wednesday, August 22—7th grade

2:00-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 23—6th grade

Last names beginning A-K—2:00-4:00

Last names beginning L-Z—4:00-6:00

It is highly recommended that you complete the online registration process before arriving to the walk-in registration. The back-to-school online registration link is up and running in MiStar Parent Portal. You may access the link using a desktop computer, laptop computer or a tablet. You will not be able to use your smart phone for this process.

Once you have completed the online registration process, at the walk-in registration you will be able to:

- Turn in sports physical form, parent volunteer affidavit, and medication form (if needed)
- Pay any outstanding fines, including outstanding meal charges
- Turn in immunization record (7th graders and students new to Waterford only)
- Receive student schedule and locker assignment
- Purchase a yearbook
- Sign up to start selling raffle tickets for your child's 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip (Yes, 6th & 7th graders may start selling now for their trip!)
- Sign up for Pierce sports
- Join the PTO

After going through the walk-in registration, you will be able to tour the school, find and practice the assigned locker, and find the students assigned classrooms.

Counselors will be available should you have any questions pertaining to your child's schedule.

ATHLETICS

Fall sports at Pierce are:

- Football—7th & 8th graders
- Volleyball—7th & 8th grade girls
- Cross Country—6th, 7th & 8th graders
- Tennis—6th, 7th & 8th graders

Football practice starts Monday, August 27 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. This will be mostly conditioning; no pads, no helmets.

Volleyball tryouts tentatively start Tuesday, September 4.

Cross Country starts Friday, September 7.

Tennis tentatively starts Monday, September 10.

Winter sports are:

- Boys Basketball—7th & 8th graders
- Girls Basketball—7th & 8th graders
- Wrestling—6th, 7th & 8th graders

Spring sports are:

- Track—6th, 7th & 8th graders

Any student who wants to participate in Pierce athletics, including participation in tryouts, practices, and conditioning must turn in a completed sports physical form. All sports physicals must be on the official MHSAA form which is available in the office at each secondary building and on the Pierce website (click on Athletics under school menu).

Tryout and start dates are subject to change. Students should listen to PA announcements for up-to-date information. Parents should refer to the latest Weekly Update and/or the Pierce Athletic Facebook page for the latest information.

BUS PASSES



Any student wanting to ride a bus home with a friend must obtain a bus pass from the office. The student must provide a note from his/her parent and a note from the parent of the friend he/she is riding home with. The parent notes must contain the names of both students along with the bus number they will be riding on. Once the office receives both notes, a bus pass will be issued. We are unable to honor verbal requests for bus passes.

Some of our buses may not be able to accommodate additional riders. Those bus numbers will be published as soon as they become available.

Bus passes will not be issued during the month of September, and possible a week or two into October. Once Transportation gives the approval for bus passes to be issued, parents will be notified via our Weekly Update and students will be notified via PA announcements.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS

The 6th grade camp field trip is scheduled in November. Half of the 6th graders will attend on November 1st and the other half will attend on November 2nd. The cost of this field trip is \$65.00. Payment is due by Friday, October 5th. Checks should be made payable to Pierce Middle School.



Waterford School District

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

As a school, our goal is to offer an environment that is conducive to learning. We are an educational institution, preparing our children for life-long learning and the world of work. With this in mind, we work hard to establish an atmosphere that is respectful to all, encourages work, is safe and does not distract from the learning process. Our dress code policy is aligned with these goals.

The school has a right to ask a student to change his/her dress or personal grooming habits if it is deemed inappropriate or disruptive to the educational environment. Repeat violations of the dress and grooming code shall be considered defiance of authority and may result in disciplinary action as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Administrators will make the final determination as to what constitutes appropriate attire.

PROHIBITED APPAREL

- Pajamas, pajama pants, loungewear, or other sleepwear.
- Beachwear
- "Bag and sag" pants/sweats/shorts (oversized pockets, oversized crotch, oversized legs) that must be held up to walk.
- Biker and spandex shorts.
- Low cut tops
- Muscle shirts, razor back shirts, thin shoulder strap tops, backless, strapless, cut-out or halter-tops, sheer or see through blouses unless a blouse/top is worn over at all times.
- Any article of clothing that displays alcohol or drug slogans/symbols or other suggestive or inappropriate designs, including but not limited to those that promote (suggest) sex or violence. This refers specifically to advertising said products as well as any form of narcotic paraphernalia. Clothing and buttons with writing and/or graphics with objectionable themes or implied obscenities are also strictly prohibited. This would include articles of clothing with any writing placed on the seat of the pant.
- Wristbands (athletic type)
- Headgear of any kind, including hats, caps, scarves, do-rags, stocking caps, bandana hats, visors, and baseball caps (unless permitted for a school spirit day).
- Spiked jewelry or belts
- Slippers or shower shoes
- Any clothing, jewelry, symbol or other object that may reasonably be perceived by a staff member as evidence of membership in or affiliation with a gang.
- Outer clothing such as sunglasses, gloves, jackets, and overcoats designed strictly for outdoor wear are not to be worn in the school building or carried to and from classes. They must be stored in the student's locker. If classrooms are cool, students should bring sweaters to wear at school.
- Any clothing articles that the administrative staff deems inappropriate for a learning environment will not be permitted.

REQUIREMENTS

- All clothing must fit and be worn appropriately (no underclothing may show).
- Shirts must go below the top of the pants at the waist.
- **Tops with thin shoulder straps must have straps the width of three fingers without having to combine other thin-straped tops with it.**
- All tops must be no more than 3" below the collarbone.
- Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist.
- **Pants with holes in them higher than the knee must be worn with leggings underneath. No flesh may show above mid-thigh (finger-tip) length.**
- Shorts/skirts must fall midway between the knee and thigh when seated. The general rule is they must be fingertip length.
- Shoes/boots or other appropriate footwear must be worn.
- **Students wearing leggings, jeggings, yoga , or any other thin, tight-fitting pants must wear a top that reaches mid-thigh (or finger-tip length).**

Students violating the dress code shall be subject to correction and disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by administration.