

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO MAY ATTEND

The Westchester Area School of Seventh-day Adventists is operated for the benefit of Seventh-day Adventist children from the Seventh-Day Adventist Churches of the Northeastern Conference. It is the desire of the School Board that every boy and girl of school age be in our school.

Students of other religious beliefs are welcome provided there is an opening and that they will always show respect for the Word of God, maintain a reverent attitude during religious programs and classes, and observe all regulations of the school.

Only students who are in full harmony with the standards of Christian education and who will cheerfully endeavor, with the help of God, to live in harmony with the principles and regulations of the school should apply.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Northeastern Conference schools, of which Westchester Area School of Seventh-day Adventists is a part, do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of programs of education, admissions policies, or in any activities made available to students.

Seventh-day Adventist schools usually do not have the equipment or staff necessary for special education; therefore, they may not be able to accept students who have severe mental, physical or social handicaps.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Secure an application form from Westchester Area School, 456 Webster Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801, or download application from the website: www.westchesterareaschool.com.
2. Fill out the application and mail it back to the above address with the applicable non-refundable registration fee.
3. Await information regarding an interview with the Principal or the Admissions Committee.
4. Shortly after the interview the student will be informed of the decision of the Committee and what further steps are to be taken for registration.

AGE REQUIREMENT:

Pre-kindergarten – Students enrolling in Pre-kindergarten must be a minimum of 2 years and nine months and fully potty trained.

Kindergarten & Grade 1- Students enrolling in the Kindergarten and the 1st grade must be five and six respectively on or before December 15th.

NEW STUDENTS

New students will be accepted on an individual basis. Transcripts for transferring students will be required. Parents must sign a request form to be sent to the previous school. Placement tests will be administered and placement considerations will be based on the results. Once accepted, registration procedures will apply.

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Students who have been evaluated and have been supplied with an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) must attach their IEP to the application. The student's IEP will be reviewed. If Westchester Area School is unable to meet the special needs of the student admission will be denied.

PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

All new students must present a current physical examination and proof of immunizations before entering school. Medical forms are available at the school office.

CURRICULUM

Academics:

The philosophy of S.D.A. education is reflected at all levels of the academic program: to provide for the total development of the child and to restore in him/her the image of his Creator, as well as to enable him/her to live well with their fellowman. The following subjects are taught:

Math	Language arts	Writing
Social Studies	Reading	Health & Safety
Spelling	Physical Education	Social Skills
Music	Physical & Life Science	Communication Skills
Art	Computer Skills	

Students are also provided with opportunity through Bible classes to improve character and human relations, work responsibility, and other essential Christian graces.

Co-curricular programs include Community Outreach, Black History Programs, Bell and Vocal Choirs, Orchestra, Science Fairs, Bible Memory Gems, Spelling Bees, and after school clubs.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

School begins at 8:15 am. Students are allowed entry into the building beginning at 8:00 am. Extended care is available for students who need to arrive between 7:00 am and 8:00 am. for a fee. School is dismissed at 3:45 pm Monday through Thursday and at 1:30pm on Friday. Students must be picked up promptly. The children who do not travel on the school bus or private van must be picked up promptly upon dismissal from their classroom. Students left on premises after 4:00pm Monday thru Thursday will be supervised in aftercare for a fee, when someone is available for supervision. There is no aftercare program on Friday. If parents cannot be contacted, students will be left in the care of the nearest police precinct.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Children may leave at dismissal time only or in the company of a parent or designated guardian. The school must receive advance written notice from the parent for release of a child to anyone other than the parent or guardian. Parents, or the person taking the student out must report to the office upon arrival, with valid photo identification, and sign the student out when leaving.

LUNCH AND RECESS

These are divided into three periods, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm daily, and are supervised by teachers and other helpers.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents who can volunteer some time may do so in assisting with supervision of students at these periods, as well as at morning supervision at 8:00 am.

LUNCH PROGRAM

The Westchester Area School operates a hot lunch program. When food is to be brought in by students we:

1. Discourage the use of “junk food”.
2. Forbid drinks with caffeine.
3. Forbid the use of pork, any products containing pork, or shell fish.

SCHOOL ATTIRE

School uniform is required of all students in Grades K-8. Students are to wear the complete school uniform every day. If there is an emergency and the uniform cannot be worn, a written note sent by a parent indicating the problem is required.

Full uniform Boys: Navy slacks, white shirts, navy blue or black socks, black shoes
plaid school tie, and navy blue sweater, navy blue blazer with school patch.

Girls: Grades Pre-K-3: Plaid Jumpers, white blouses (peter pan collars), plaid tie, navy blue tights or socks, navy sweater with school patch

Grades 4-8: Plaid skirts, white blouses, plaid tie, navy tights or socks and navy sweater/blazer with school patch, black shoes.

Note: Colorful jackets and sweaters are **not** to be worn in the classroom. School sweaters may be worn when it is cool. Hair accessories should be close to the color of the uniform.

Gym Uniform

A gym uniform is required of all students in Grades PK-8. The gym uniform consists of a pair of navy blue sweat pants, with the W.A.S. emblem, a white W.A.S. t-shirt, a pair of white socks and a pair of sneakers. A blue W.A.S. sweatshirt may be worn instead of the t-shirt. Please see school website for location to purchase school uniforms.

Friday Uniform

Each Friday students must wear their house shirt and **blue** jeans. White socks and sneakers are to be worn. House shirts are assigned to students during the registration process. Students are not permitted to change their house without permission from the Administration.

Morning Inspection:

Students will be inspected daily for complete uniform, and personal cleanliness (nails and hair). Offenders who cannot provide a parent signed written excuse will be excused from the class, and their parents contacted, for correction of the problem.