

# Quarterly Update Fall 2023

WRHS Special Education

## Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Our special education department is dedicated to supporting a smooth transition for 9th grade students entering high school and beyond. This letter will highlight a few of the ESY program's achievements, outline the special education liaison's role, and provide a brief description of the ASR (academic support class) experience. Here's to an excellent year ahead!



**ESY recap:** During ESY, students engaged in diverse job training and community activities. Our post-grad students visited Berries'n'Blooms in Holden, blending enjoyable picking with functional math skills. Vocational placements included Whole Foods, Price Chopper, Community Harvest, JCC, Thrifty Car Detailing, and Holden Light Department, offering valuable hands-on experiences that nurtured growth, independence, and real-world connections. The summer journey concluded with a BBQ hosted by our staff and Mr. Pratt flipped the burgers for the whole group!

**Special Education Liaison:** The special education liaison is the person listed on your student's PowerSchool schedule as an academic advisor. The liaison is the primary contact for parents and guardians regarding IEP questions and concerns. Additionally, the liaison writes the next IEP, conducts some assessments in preparation for the team meetings, and ensures the IEP is followed. Each parent/guardian can expect to hear from their student's special education liaison by the end of the first week of school.

**ASR:** In the ASR (academic support & remediation) program, students will concentrate on enhancing executive function skills. This includes mastering calendar planning, short and long-term, as well as refining test prep and assignment prioritization abilities. The grading is based on a pass/fail structure, and progress data is gathered from work completion and the pursuit of study skill objectives outlined in the students' IEPs.

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