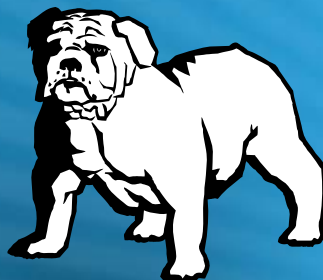




LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY

West Point Middle School

Open House 2009





Open House Schedule

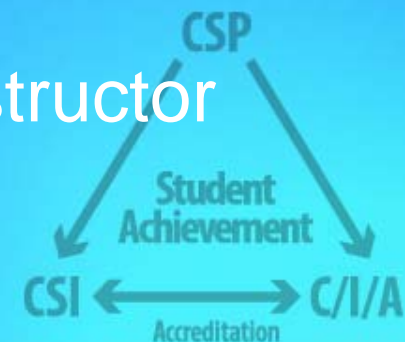
- 1630 - 1700: Introduction of exploratory teachers and specialists, school overview
- 1700 - 1730: Grade-level mtg. session 1
 - Grade 5- Information Center
 - Grade 6- Room 110 (Computer Lab 1)
 - Grades 7 & 8- Auditorium
- 1730 - 1800: Grade-level mtg. session 2 or self-guided tours





WELCOME!

- Parents are their children's first teachers and play an integral role in middle level education.
- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) supports our educational program- please support them by joining
- School Liaison Officer provides link between schools and Garrison
- School Resource Officer and DARE Instructor





School Leadership

- WPMS is a DoDEA- Americas school, in NY/VA/Puerto Rico District
 - Superintendent: Mr. Michael Gould
 - Asst. Superintendent: Mr. Gary Gerstner
- WPS has an elected School Board that advises District Superintendent
- Principal is almost always your first stop for school-level concerns





School Overview

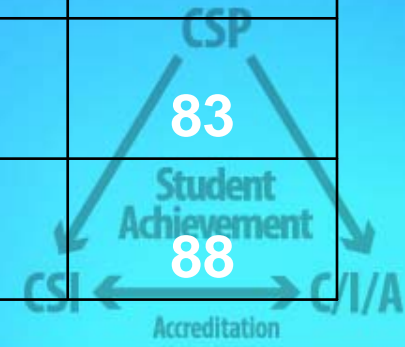
- Built in 1934 (School on WP since 1821)
- National Blue Ribbon School 1997-1998
- Block schedule- four classes per day, 82 minutes each, 2-day rotation
- Middle school concept- we teach the “total child,” addressing academic and affective domains





- DoDEA students take *TerraNova, Third Edition*, norm-referenced standardized test
- 50th percentile represents national average

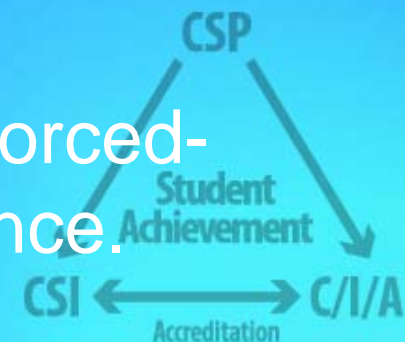
2009 SCORES	Reading	Lang Arts	Math	Science	SS
Grade 5	74	71	65	75	73
Grade 6	83	86	81	93	88
Grade 7	74	80	79	73	83
Grade 8	85	89	82	86	88





Must-knows for Parents

- Newsletters sent by email on school web site only (saving trees and money)- please provide office with current email address!
- Teachers meet as grade-level teams during conference days and upon request.
- Parents must sign students in and out- no drop-offs or walk-homes! Absence notes required upon return.
- Immunizations requirements strictly enforced- disenrollment will result for noncompliance.





Must-Know for Parents (cont'd)

- Weather delays and closures- telephonic notification by One Call Now, local radio, USMA web site
 - Decision made after consulting with USMA
 - Only two days allowed- must be made up after 2. Make-up days identified on school calendar





WPMS Mission Statement

West Point Middle School strives to provide all learners with exemplary educational programs that inspire life-long learning in a global environment.





About DoDEA

- DoDEA's schools serve the children of military service members and Department of Defense civilian employees throughout the world.
- 191 schools in 14 districts located in 12 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico.
- Approximately 8,700 educators serve more than 77,010 DoDEA students.





The Three “C’s”

- CSP- Community Strategic Plan
- C/I/A- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- CSI- Continuous School Improvement (Kaizen philosophy)
- All 3 ensure highest student achievement and ongoing accreditation





CSI Goals

- Goal 1: All students will improve their writing skills across the curriculum.
 - Intervention: 6 +1 Traits of Writing
- Goal 2: All students will improve their problem solving skills across the curriculum.
 - Intervention: Big6 Problem Solving Skills





Communication

- Email and web site are the primary methods
- We need your email address!
- Newsletter posted to web every two weeks
- Web site has all course information, student/parent handbook, homework for some classes (others posted in Gradespeed)





Gradespeed

- Web-based parent access to see student grades and upcoming assignments
- Teachers will input at least the next assignment in Gradespeed (or on school web site- check there first)
- Grades entered within 5 school days of learning task completion
- Every student has an account





Gradespeed

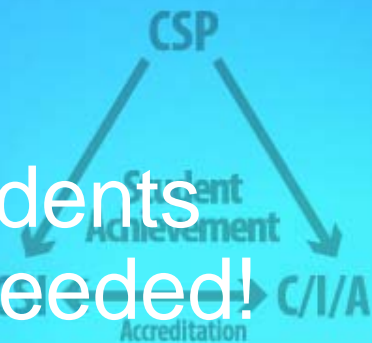
- Has “note” feature to communicate with teacher regarding an assignment or grade
- Email communication encouraged for time-sensitive queries
- Login requests not complete until requestor brings form to school and shows ID to staff





Seminar

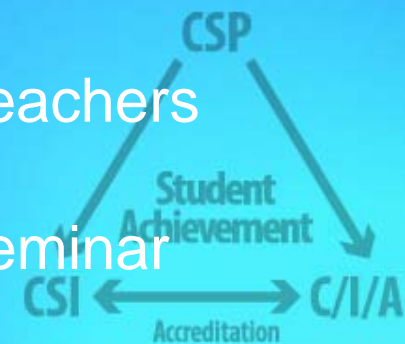
- Specifically focused on academic support and enrichment
- The time when assemblies will be held
- Character Counts, DARE (grades 5 & 7), and other affective activities take place during Seminar
- Includes silent reading and a library rotation schedule
- Interest assemblies offered that students may sign up to attend- volunteers needed!





Seminar Expectations- Students

- Actively engage in the following learning tasks, listed in order of priority:
 1. Individual assistance from a teacher on a recent lesson
 2. Completion of assignments missed due to absence(s)
 3. Completion of quizzes/tests not finished during class
 4. Completion of in-class assignments not finished during class
 5. Completion of late homework assignments
 6. Completion of current homework assignments
 7. Reading for school or leisure
- Take responsibility for arranging visits to other teachers before Seminar class begins.
- Fully participate and cooperate throughout all Seminar activities.





Seminar Schedule

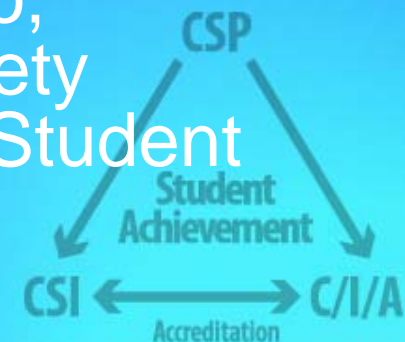
- First 15 Minutes- School-wide silent reading except classes rotating through Information Center
- Next 30 Minutes- Academic support activities listed on previous slide
- Final 30 Minutes- Enrichment activities including GE services, band/chorus practices, self-selection of guest speaker or special-interest opportunities (or additional academic support)





Extracurricular Activities

- Athletics (grades 7 & 8): Registration through FMWR at the Youth Center for all sports
 - Fall: Cross Country (practice starts 31 August)
 - Winter: Basketball
 - Spring: Track and Field
- Intramurals (grades 5 & 6): Registration through FMWR at Youth Center
 - 3 seasons, activities determined by interest survey
- Clubs: Art, Band, Chorus, Drama, Video, Homework, National Junior Honor Society (grade 7 and 8), Newspaper, Spanish, Student Government, Yearbook





School Safety

- All visitors must sign in and wear visitor's badge (even when in uniform)
- Main entrance controlled by remote access
- Fire, evacuation, and shelter-in-place drills conducted
- Close partnership with Provost Marshall's office
- Safety committee meets quarterly
- Please follow kiss-and-drop procedures- no POV's in the bus loop





Contact Information

- Teachers: Email address format is `firstname.lastname@am.dodea.edu`
- Principal: `david.rudy@am.dodea.edu`
- Web site: (or search “West Point Middle”)
`http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/westpoint/middle/index.htm`





Meet the Teaching Teams

- Grade-level session locations
 - Grade 5- Information Center
 - Grade 6- Room 110 (Computer Lab 1)
 - Grades 7 & 8- Auditorium
- Parents needing to attend two sessions are asked to visit 5th grade at 5:30

