



WESTERN
MENNONITE SCHOOL



2011-2012
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



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Western Mennonite School equips students for a life of faith and learning by providing an educational experience centered around five key distinctions: Christ-centered, academic excellence, a nurturing community, peace and service, and enrichment opportunities.



CHRIST-CENTERED

At Western we teach the Bible as the inspired Word of God, upholding an Anabaptist interpretation. We encourage, mentor, and disciple students to develop a personal relationship with Christ, recognizing the presence of the Holy Spirit in daily life. We invite students to examine the centrality of Christ's teaching in all aspects of life, and we model and teach the way of Christ in dealing with life issues, conflict, and reconciliation.

Bible classes are a part of graduation requirements at Western.

Chapel Programs & Small Groups –

Two days a week students are challenged and enriched as a community of believers in Christ through attendance in chapel. Weekly small group meetings build a strong support group for students. Chapel attendance and small group participation are required.

Quick Facts

- Established in 1945
- 250 Students enrolled in Middle School and High School in 2010-2011
- 16:1 Student/Teacher ratio
- 19 International students from seven countries in 2010-2011

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students at Western are prepared for a lifetime of learning by being challenged to develop analytical and critical thinking skills in a broad program of college/university preparatory, technological, practical arts, and fine arts courses. WMS commits to helping each student reach individual academic goals by offering modification and individual help as needed, and promotes the value and contributions of all people and cultures.

Middle School Academic Program

Middle school is an important transition time in the lives of young people. Western's middle school program reflects an awareness and sensitivity to this transition. It is our goal that the curriculum content meets the developmental needs unique to children this age, while providing a solid foundation for the academic rigors of high school. The program focuses on building upon and refining established knowledge and skills; however, the central emphasis is on nurturing faith development and expanding Biblical knowledge. See the middle school course offerings on page six for more information.

High School Academic Program

Western offers a college preparatory curriculum that includes college credit and/or advanced level classes in all core subject areas. Our program includes assistance with SAT registration and preparation, college applications, scholarships, financial aid, university campus visits, and tours.

Private, fee-based *tutoring* and/or supervised study hall are offered for students who need academic support.

University Preparation –

Over 85% of graduates continue their education attending universities and an average of 9% commit to missions/service before attending a university. Western students have attended colleges and universities such as:

American University	Michigan State University	University of Alberta
Anderson University	Montana State University	University of Notre Dame
Arizona State University	Musicians Institute	University of Oregon
Bethel College	Northwest Nazarene University	University of Portland
Biola University	Oral Roberts University	University of Puget Sound
Boston University	Oregon State University	University of Washington
Corban College	Penn State University	University of Wisconsin
Cornell University	Pepperdine University	Warner Pacific College
Eastern Mennonite University	Purdue University	Villanova University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Rice University	Washington College
George Fox University	Seattle Art Institute	Western New England College
Goshen College	Seattle Pacific University	Western Oregon University
Gordon University	Seattle University	Whitman College
Indiana University	Simpson College	Willamette University
LeTourneau University	Taylor University	
Linfield College		
Masters College		



Technology –

Western has consistently upgraded technology to ensure students have current education tools. We have an estimated 150 computers on campus. We also offer high-speed filtered Internet connection and wireless access. Western has a full-time Information Technology Director and a variety of computer class options.



Accreditation & Memberships –

Western is fully accredited and meets the academic requirements of:

- The Northwest Accreditation Commission
- The Oregon Department of Education criteria for private schools
- The Mennonite Education Agency

Western holds membership in the following organizations:

- Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) – Association of over 40 Mennonite schools throughout Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United States
- Oregon Federation of Independent Schools (OFIS)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA)
- Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC)





NURTURING COMMUNITY

Western's community is an important part of student success. It starts with our desire to form relationships of accountability and respect among students, faculty, and staff. We encourage students to develop a Christian life of gratitude, service, peacemaking, justice, and stewardship. We also challenge students to actively participate within the school, the church, and in the local and global community.

High School International Program –

Western Mennonite School's International Program was created to fulfill our desire to be a global community. Over the past 64 years Western has hosted students from 38 different countries. International students currently represent approximately 12% of the high school student body.



Middle School Social Activities

Throughout the year, special days are set aside for students and faculty to build relationships and a sense of community. Students get to know each other through games, personal sharing, activities, and day trips.



High School Dorm Program

Western offers a five-day and seven-day dorm program which provides a safe environment that nurtures relationships, develops independent living skills, and serves as preparation for college. With a 5:1 student/staff ratio, each student receives personal attention and care. The dorm is a structured family atmosphere with supervised study time during the week. We also encourage social interaction among domestic and international dorm students through social activities and weekend outings such as bowling, attending sporting events, hiking, trips to the beach, and shopping in Portland.

Dorm students and staff gather once a week for a *fellowship time* to help build relationships among dorm students and promote character growth.

Western's Campus –

Western's 45 wooded-acre campus provides a beautiful backdrop for many opportunities, both academic and spiritual. It contains a boys and girls dormitory, chapel, multiple classroom buildings, a new Academic Center, two gymnasiums, and athletic fields. A campus map is shown on page eight.



PEACE & SERVICE

At Western we teach and model an active, purposeful, and compassionate lifestyle of concern and justice for all people. To do this we provide experiences for students to lead, serve, and share their faith journey within the school, the church, and in the local and global community. We also promote the awareness and understanding of God's creation by focusing on the care and stewardship of the earth.

Small Group Service Afternoons –

During the school year, Western's high school and middle school small groups spend time in the community volunteering for people in need or at local non-profits and businesses.



High School Mini-Term

Western high school students participate in Mini-Term, a week-long service-learning experience outside the classroom. Through mini-terms, students have traveled to over 13 different states and to 11 different countries. Experiences include a service project and include exploring areas such as marine biology, rock climbing, drama, computers, wilderness survival, and world travel.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students at Western have the opportunity to participate in music, drama, and sports. Other extracurricular activities include Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook, and school-sponsored clubs such as the International Club, Book Club, and Worship Team.



Music Program –

Western offers opportunities to participate in choir, band, and worship. In the last eight years, Western's A cappella Choir has been one of the top three 2A choirs in Oregon, finishing first in each of the last three years in state competition.

Also, the choirs travel each year to a national or regional music festival where they sing with students from up to 14 different schools around the country. Tours include trips to places such as California, Idaho, Washington, and Canada.



Drama Program –

Western's drama program offers a unique blend of quality theatrical and servant-leadership training. The program helps create well-rounded students who gain artistic creativity, build confidence, and develop leadership skills. Also, the program gives back to the community by donating proceeds from performances.





ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED...

Sports Program –

Western offers a competitive sports program to all students:

- Girls’ Sports: cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball
- Boys’ Sports: cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball
- We are members of the 2A Tri-River Conference and of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA).
- Western’s teams consistently compete for league titles and advance to the state playoffs.



LOCATION

Western is located on a 45 wooded-acre campus in the beautiful Willamette Valley just outside Oregon’s capital city of Salem. It is in a rural setting on Wallace Road between Salem and McMinnville. Located only an hour from the Pacific Ocean, the Cascade Mountain Range, and Portland, students are able to experience the variety of historic, cultural, and scenic opportunities offered only in the Pacific Northwest.



MENNONITE FAITH PERSPECTIVE

The Mennonite Church is a Christian denomination, numbering about 1.2 million members worldwide. Mennonites are anchored in the deep tradition of the Christian church and committed to practicing the teachings of Jesus as they are recorded in Scripture.

For more information on distinctives of the Mennonite faith, go to www.westernmennoniteschool.org/about-us/beliefs.

Mennonite faith perspective from “Beliefs: Mennonite Faith and Practice” by John D. Roth



MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Bible

The emphasis throughout the Bible Department is on the relational aspects of our faith. Throughout the curriculum the message is repeatedly given that through Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. Learning activities include Bible study, memory passages, drama, creative expression, worship ideas, and mission projects. Course content is divided thematically by grade.

Keyboarding

An opportunity for students to develop and improve keyboarding skills.

Language Arts

Through the study of various literary genre, students integrate vocabulary development, comprehension, critical thinking skills, and writing techniques. The goal is to develop a solid foundation in reading and communication skills that will prepare them for entering high school and cultivate mutual respect, positive attitudes, and a healthy work ethic.

Math

Incoming students are tested at the beginning of the school year to determine their skill level for math placement in Math Foundations, Introduction to Pre-Algebra, Pre-Algebra, or Algebra.

Physical Education and Health

Emphasis is put on the development of healthy Christian living focusing on emotional, social, spiritual, and physical health.

Science

Science classes in each grade are activity-based and inquiry-based courses, teaching students science by having them think, talk, and write about what they do and discover. Exploration includes physical, life, and earth sciences.

Social Studies

Students explore and learn an appreciation for people, places, and cultures of the world through the study of Geography, World History, and US History.

6th

Information Literacy

7th

Literature Circles

8th

Oregon History/Geography

Electives:

6th

Choir/Art

Band

7th

Choir

Band

Exploratory*

8th

Choir

Band

H.S. Spanish I

Exploratory*

* *Exploratory class examples include art, drama and woodworking.*

*For more detailed course information, ask to see the Middle School Curriculum Guide,
which can also be found at www.westernmennoniteschool.org.*



HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

Bible

Introduction to Christianity (ESL Bible)
New Testament
Old Testament
Life of the Church
Mennonite Faith
Christian Life & Stewardship
Media & Faith Issues
Faith Journey
I Corinthians
Sermon on the Mount
Gospel of Luke
Gospel of John

Business

Career Education
Accounting I, II, & III
Business Law

Computer

Keyboarding I & II
Computer Programming
Independent Computer Studies
Web Design
Microsoft Office
Auto CAD

English

English I, II, III, and IV
Novel/Film Literature
Dramatic Literature
Speech & Oral Interpretation
* Advanced English III
* Advanced English IV
* Advanced Novel

Fine/Applied Arts

Concert Choir
A cappella Choir
Western Singers
Band
Drama
Art & Ceramics

Fine/Applied Arts continued...

Digital Photography
Videography
Yearbook
Living Skills
Woodworking

Math

Pre-Algebra
Algebra I
Descriptive Geometry
Bridge to Algebra II
Geometry
Algebra II
* Pre-Calculus (College Credit
Algebra/Trigonometry)
* Calculus (College Credit Calculus)

Physical Education

Health I & II
Basic PE
Advanced PE & Conditioning
Sports Specific PE

Science

Introduction to Physical Science
General Biology
Environmental Science
* Chemistry
* Physics
* Human Anatomy & Physiology

Social Studies

Economics
American Government
U.S. History
Global Geography
Global Citizenship
* Psychology

World Language

Spanish I, II, III*, & IV*

* Advanced courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>Standard</u>		<u>Honors (College Prep)</u>		<u>Advanced Courses**</u>	
English	4 credits	English	4 credits*	Advanced English III	1 credit
Math (Algebra I or higher)	3 credits	Math (must include Algebra II)	3 credits*	Advanced English IV / Novel	1 credit
Lab Science	3 credits	Lab Science	3 credits*	Pre-Calculus	1 credit
Social Science	3 credits	Social Science	3 credits*	Calculus	1 credit
Bible	4 credits	Bible	4 credits	Chemistry	1 credit
PE/Health	2 credits	PE/Health	2 credits	Physics	1 credit
Career Education	.5 credit	Career Education	.5 credits	Anatomy/Physiology	1 credit
Electives	1.5 credits	Electives (1 must be core)	1.5 credit *	Psychology	.5 credit
Mini-term	1 credit	Mini-Term	1 credit	Sociology	.5 credit
Fine/Applied Arts/Language	3 credits	Fine/Applied Arts	1 credit	Spanish III	1 credit
		Global Language	2 credits*	Spanish IV	1 credit

Total = 25 credits (13 core)

Total = 25 credits (16 core)

Total = at least 5 credits

Notice: Bible and Mini-Term requirements may be modified for transfer students. Transfer students may need additional elective credits to meet graduation requirements.

* To graduate with **honors**, students must complete all required courses on the “honors” list with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; all 16 core classes must be completed with a grade of C- or better.

** To graduate with **high honors** or be eligible for Valedictorian/Salutatorian, students must complete all required courses on the “honors” list with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, including at least 5 credits of Advanced Courses classes from the “Advanced Courses” list.

CAMPUS MAP



- 1 - Administration Building
 - Classrooms
 - Administration & Student Services Offices
 - Business & Advancement Offices
 - Student Center
- 2 - Chapel
 - Chapel
 - Classrooms
 - Stage & Choir Room
- 3 - Boys' Dorm
- 4 - Girls' Dorm
- 5 - Middle School Classrooms
- 6 - Sports Pavilion (Practice Gym)
- 7 - Gymnasium
 - Main Gym
 - Weight Room
 - Courtside Cafe
- 8 - Shop/Middle School Classroom
- 9 - Facilities Office/MS Classroom/
 - Band Room
- 10 - Middle School Classroom
- 11 - Heritage Hall
 - Classrooms
 - Cafeteria
- 12 - Academic/Media Center
 - Library
 - Computer Lab
 - Guidance Counselor Office
 - Tutor & Work Study Rooms



2010-2011 TUITION RATES

Application Fee (<i>New Applicants Only</i>):	\$ 50 (Non-refundable)
Registration Fee:	\$100 (Non-refundable)

	Middle School	High School
Tuition:	\$6,420	\$7,700
Instructional Materials Fee:	\$ 110	\$ 215

Discounts:

Sibling	(\$ 600)	(\$ 800)
Matching Church Scholarship	(\$)	(\$)

Transportation:

First Student (2-way)	\$ 690	\$ 690
(1-way)	\$ 415	\$ 415
Second Student (2-way)	\$ 400	\$ 400
(1-way)	\$ 240	\$ 240
Third Student	Free	Free

Room and Board:

5-day		\$4,048
7-day		\$5,731

Participation Fees: (Invoiced at time of participation)

Sports (per sport)	\$ 100	\$ 120
Music		
Spring Choir Tour		\$ 150
MSC Music Festival (estimate)		\$ 210
Drama		
Fall	\$ 40	\$ 40
Spring	\$ 50	\$ 50
Yearbook	\$ 23	\$ 63
Single meal charge	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75
One-way bus trip charge	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
Tutoring (per semester)		\$2,500

Other charges may be incurred, such as Mini-Term Fees, Class Dues and Graduation Expenses.

Fees and tuition costs can be paid in full or through a monthly payment contract.

Grant Program:

Western offers need-based financial aid. The program is funded through the generosity of alumni and friends of Western. Funds are limited so families are encouraged to apply early. To apply for a student grant, visit our website at www.westernmennoniteschool.org. You will find a link to Financial Assistance for School Tuition (FAST) under Quick Links > Student Grants. The application is submitted to FAST, an outside agency that assesses financial need. Grants are awarded based on FAST's recommendation.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The Enrollment Process below outlines the plan for applying for admission to Western Mennonite School. Admittance is based on academics, references, and openness to study in a Christian school.

Explore Western Mennonite School

- Call, e-mail, or stop by the Admissions Office for an information packet, application, and calendar of events.
- Attend a Visitors Day.
 - ◆ Middle School Visitors Days - November 10, February 9, and May 11
 - ◆ High School Visitors Days - November 11 and May 12
- Visit campus - You are welcome to schedule a campus tour at any time. Please contact the Admissions Office to make arrangements.
- Attend a WMS event for free - You are invited to music programs, athletic events, drama performances, and other public events. Call the Admissions Office for details.

Application Submission

Applications are complete when WMS has received the following:

- Completed application form
- \$50 non-refundable application fee
- Copy of applicant's most recent report card
- Pastor reference
- Teacher reference
- Adult friend reference

Notification Process

Once your application file is complete and all three references have been received, the Admission Committee will review your application. *You will be notified within several days by phone and in writing of the committee's decision. Within two weeks of admittance, a \$100 registration fee is due to reserve your place at Western Mennonite School.*

Financial Aid Process

Western offers financial assistance grants to families who qualify. The grants are funded through the generosity of alumni and friends of Western. Funds are limited, so families are encouraged to apply during or directly after the admission process. Financial aid applications are available in the Admissions Office. Applications are submitted to FAST (Financial Assistance for School Tuition), an outside agency that assesses financial need. Grants are awarded based on FAST's recommendation. Formal grant award letters are sent by mail from Western. For priority consideration, financial aid applications are due to FAST before April 15.

Registration

June - July: You will receive registration documents by mail

August: Registration

September: Orientation and classes begin

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