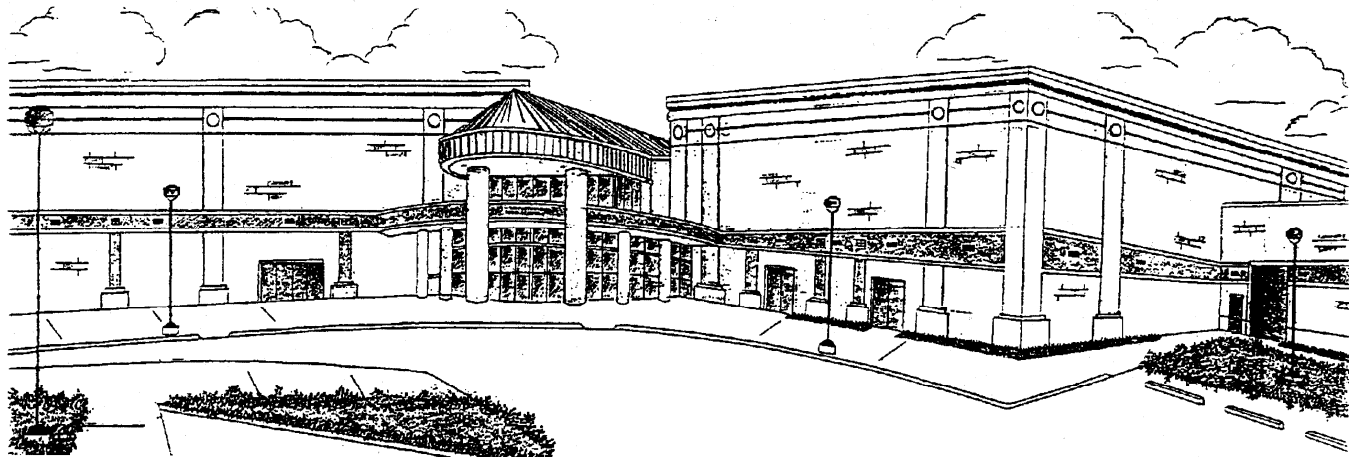


Watertown High School Club & Activity Handbook



WHS Clubs and Activities

Watertown High School is proud to offer a variety of opportunities for students to be active participants in school activities; from social clubs to events that help promote and foster emotional well being and those that assist our community. Listed in this book are the school board approved club activities.

Anime/Manga Club

This club is open to anyone who enjoys comics and animation. In meetings you can learn to develop your own cartoon style, help produce our own WHS manga, and view works of anime and manga.

Art Club

The WHS Art Club meets all school year long and will appeal to any students who enjoy being involved in artistic activities. The club provides art-related services for the school and community.

Athletic Trainer Club (Student)

As a participant in the Athletic Training Club, students will be given the opportunity to prepare themselves for a future sports medicine profession or, at the very least; they will learn more about how to take care of injuries. The Watertown High School Sports Medicine Program functions to provide medical coverage to the student athletes of the Watertown School District. The Athletic Training Club has the goal of providing a sports medicine program that will facilitate the prevention and rehabilitation of sports-related injuries.

DECA (An Association of Marketing Students)

DECA is the national youth organization for students enrolled in Marketing/Business Education Programs. WHS has a DECA Chapter that participates in regional, state and national DECA activities. Students can become members of DECA when they are enrolled in Marketing and Business classes.

Destination Imagination

This is a problem solving organization where groups of students from grades 2-12 work to find and present a solution to a long-term problem. Creativity is often the key to success. Long-term problems may require students to design vehicles, build weight-supporting structures, act or do improvisations. Teams also practice instant challenges. These challenges are “think on your feet” activities. Teams usually have limited time to solve these instant challenges.

Drama Club

Drama club is a service and activity group open to any and all WHS students with an interest in theatre. The club exists to provide an outlet for theatre-lovers to pursue and promote theatre in a number of ways. Acting, directing, working backstage, attending productions, conducting theatre workshops, publicizing WHS productions, writing, and fundraising for supplies and scholarships are some of the activities pursued by this group. We hold a full group meeting once per month with committee meetings as the need arises. Membership in drama club is NOT a requirement for participation in either the fall musical or the spring play.

Drama Productions

At WHS we produce two full-length plays per year—a musical in the fall (November) and a non-musical (generally a comedy) in the spring. Both shows offer on stage and backstage opportunities for many students. The musical has a cast of about 45 while the spring show offers acting opportunities for 10-15 students. We have also been fortunate in the past several years to offer a third “student-directed” production, which gives our student performers yet another outlet. Casts are chosen through an open audition process, and membership in drama club is not a requirement for participation in either the fall musical or the spring play.

Ecology Club

The Ecology Club is an active club focused on visiting and learning about incredible natural places and working to restore and preserve them.

Forensics

Are you looking for an audience? Forensics is the art of public speaking. It is the perfect opportunity for people who are already involved in sports or other clubs because of its flexibility on scheduling. In addition, a varsity letter can be earned in forensics for those people who excel. This group consists of a team of people getting together to practice and polish speaking skills in order to prepare for competitions. The events for competition includes public address, oratory, moments in history, poetry, prose, solo acting, play-acting and more. The team gets organized in December and finishes in April.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

Future Business Leaders of America is a national association of more than 250,000 students. WHS's chapter holds monthly morning meetings. Some of our activities include community service, fundraising, social gatherings and competitions. There is much satisfaction belonging to a group that is not afraid of having fun and helps you prepare for the working world.

FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America)

FCCLA is a national vocational technical student organization. Our local chapter has monthly breakfast meeting and provides fun, hands on activities including: community service activities, attending leadership labs, social gathering and fundraising. You have the opportunity to participate in STAR events competitions by presenting personal or chapter projects as a chapter, team or individual.

FFA (Future Farmers of America)

FFA is a national organization of young people interested in developing leadership skills, organizational skills and career interests. FFA provides recreational activities, travel experiences and self-development conferences throughout the year. The activities include state and national convention, Made for Excellence, speaking contests, judging of animals, horticulture, wildlife and small animals.

HC/HY (Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Committee)

Be a part of a team that is making our community a better place for the youth of today. Student members work alongside adults to build the assets that make everyone feel valued and appreciated.

International Club

The International Club is designed to help our foreign exchange students become familiar with a group of students quickly in the school. Activities include attending theater, ballets, breakfast every Thursday morning, Great America trips, Chicago, Milwaukee, and any other activities we can think of to keep the exchange students involved.

Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble 1 and 2 are available to those students enrolled in music performance classes at WHS (Choir, Band, and Orchestra). Both groups require an audition for admittance. Dixieland Band and Jazz Combo are available to those students in Jazz Ensemble.

Key Club

The Key Club is a service club sponsored by the Kiwanis. Activities and service projects are planned throughout the year.

Marine Biology

Marine Biology is a 7-day field trip/workshop taken each year at the end of February to the Florida Keys to study the marine ecology of the various habitats of the Keys through lectures, labs, and many field trips, which include snorkeling in the ocean. There is a heavy emphasis on hands on learning activities and active participation of all students. This is a week of very intensive learning and, for most students, a once in a lifetime opportunity to see, learn, and experience things unfamiliar to most Midwesterners.

Math Team

Anyone can participate on the math team; you merely need to fill out the sign-up sheets in your math class. We have four after school meets each year, (October, November, February and March) with approximately 10 schools. Eight students are on a team and do three individual events (arithmetic, algebra, geometry) and one team event where student's work together. Winners will earn individual medals and a team trophy.

Mock Trial

Mock Trial takes place November – February. The State Bar Association develops a case each year based on current issues relevant to teens today. All schools are provided with sworn statements of the people involved. Students are responsible to build the case from the viewpoint of the defendant and prosecutor. Each team consists of 3 lawyers and 3 witnesses. The team competes against other schools and in February at the Waukesha County Courthouse. The winner of that competition will move on to the state competition in Madison.

Model UN (Model United Nations)

This is a club organized to give students who are interested in world issues and different cultures the opportunity to participate in a two day Model United Nations in Milwaukee in March. Students act as ambassadors of different countries and discuss world problems or how each country can get together to avoid war and starvation and to prevent diseases.

NHS (National Honor Society)

NHS is a select group of juniors and seniors who have demonstrated exceptional character, leadership, service and academics. It is a yearlong organization including activities such as mentoring, food drives, book drives and sponsorship of various charitable organizations.

Pep Band

Membership is voluntary but limited to students enrolled in the band program, or to students with approval by a director. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to further enjoy their musical talents. The Pep Band includes a council of student advisors responsible for setting up activities such as pizza parties and numerous costume nights. The Pep Band performs at selected home basketball games throughout the season.

Pledge of Excellence

This club recognizes students who make the commitment to abstain from using drugs or alcohol. It is an educational based club that plans school wide awareness activities dealing with alcohol and drug related concerns. Members have their pictures displayed in the Commons.

POMS/BLUE REVUE

Dance team members need to audition for a limited number of spots on the team. They perform at football and basketball games, 4th of July parade, state and national competitions and at Riverfest.

Science Olympiad

Anyone who wants to test their science knowledge or their designing and building skills should join Science Olympiad. In Science Olympiad you will choose one or more events and prepare for a competition against students from other schools. These events range from testing your knowledge of basic science topics to building a machine, such as a bridge or a robot.

Show Choir

Students involved in curricular choirs at WHS are invited to participate in one of the three Show Choirs. Show choirs sing and dance to upbeat music. Practices take place in the morning before school. The choirs make many appearances in the community throughout the year and perform in the Show Choir Spectacular/Elementary School visits in April. Membership in Show Choirs is by audition only. The 3 Show Choirs include: Rhapsody in Blue: A mixed choir of 32 singers, Girls Show Choir: A group of around 50 girls, and Men In Blue: WHS's all blue, all male show choir.

SkillsUSA

Are you career oriented? Do you like Technology and Engineering classes? SkillsUSA is the national student organization for Tech Ed! With over 80 contests to get involved in ranging from photography, construction, screen printing, welding, drafting, speaking, engineering, small engines and even Carbon Dioxide cars! Leadership opportunities include committee chairs and officer positions. Check us out on our website at www.GoslingElectric.com.

STAR (Students Talking About Respect)

This club is involved in projects to build awareness of tolerance and respect to our school.

Student Council

What's it all about? Student Council is your chance to become a leader and represent the student body. It is open to any student willing to make a year long commitment to his or her class. Yes we do homecoming and the dances, but we also do sports tournaments, school spirit activities, community service, charity fundraisers and much more. Each class has eight members on the council. Elections are held in May, except for Freshmen who are elected October. Eligibility for Freshmen is based on participation in homecoming events. Get involved with Student Council and help make a difference in your school.

Supermileage

Do you like to problem solve? Does engineering sound like a career for you? This team works together to design, build, test, and race a single drive vehicle traveling at 30-50 mph! Members work as a team to develop the best engineered and manufactured vehicle to compete at three different challenges in Wisconsin and Iowa! The team is always looking for new members interested in Engineering and manufacturing. Check us out on our website at www.GoslingElectric.com.

Teens of Tomorrow

This is a service organization that focuses on providing opportunities for teens to have fun while making a contribution to our community. It meets monthly and anyone can participate as often as they are able.

Tri M Music Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is the international music honor society for high school students that motivates and recognizes musical achievement. Founded in 1936 by Alexander and Frances Harley, incorporated and renamed Modern Music Masters in 1952, and in 1983 recognized as Tri-M Music Honor Society. A program of MENC, Tri-M has helped young people provide years of service through music in thousands of schools throughout the world. Through nearly 3,700-chartered chapters, thousands of students have received recognition for their efforts and honor for their musical accomplishments.

VAC (Visual Arts Classic)

Put your creative skills to use on our competitive visual arts teams. Members compete in both individual and team events and can choose their own category from a list including drawing, painting, ceramics, photography, and much more!

W.A.I.T. (Why Abstinence is Terrific)

W.A.I.T. is a group of students devoted to spreading the message that abstinence from sexual activity is a healthy choice for teenagers. The club is open to any student – regardless of sexual experience – who is currently committed to being abstinent until marriage. The group has meetings at least monthly to focus on education about healthy relationships and other topics, and they complete several activities throughout the school year. Additionally, since we are affiliated with the state initiative called the Wisconsin Abstinence Initiative for Youth, students are able to participate in weekend leadership training conferences and other statewide activities.