



Special Education Transition Night
Frequently Asked Questions
Middle School to High School

1. Q: When holding a transition IEP meeting, does a representative from the high school level attend the meeting to respond to questions specific to high school?

A: A high school representative may participate in the transition IEP meeting, when possible. However, when a high school representative is unable to participate in the transition IEP meeting, the case manager will be able to address the supports, services, and schedules available for your child at each high school.

2. Q: How can I become more informed about the supports and services high schools offer prior to my transition IEP meeting?

A: All parents can request to tour a high school by contacting the school site principal/administrator. A school site administrator will conduct the tour and provide information specific to the supports and services the school site offers. We encourage you to participate in available “School Nights” for incoming students; you can participate at your home school event and/or your school of choice.

3. Q: Can I submit a “School Choice” application for my student? What if the IEP team names a school that is different than my school of choice?

A: Yes, all parents have the right to submit a “School Choice” application. If the IEP team names a school that is different than your school of choice that was approved, parents have the right to disagree with the IEP team’s recommendation of services and placement and enroll their child in the approved school of choice. When a difference occurs, we will work with you through the IEP meeting process to resolve the difference.

4. Q: How will the high school case manager know about my student's individual needs?

A: Your student's current case manager will meet with the special education department chair from the high school to review your student's IEP after the transition IEP meeting. The case manager will share information on current levels of performance, services, learning styles, strategies, preferences, etc.

5. Q: Will my student receive transportation to their high school?

A: Transportation services are offered when your child's services and needs cannot be provided at your home school and subsequently a different school site is named as part of the IEP process. Please know, students who go to parent-selected school choice sites are not necessarily entitled to special education transportation services.

6. Q: Can we reach out to parents who have gone through the Transition process to ask questions?

A: Every school site has a SEDAC representative that may assist with responding to questions or connect you with a parent that has gone through the transition process. Please contact your school site principal to request for your SEDAC representative.

7. Q: Where can we find the copy of tonight's powerpoint and responses of FAQs?

A: A copy of the PPT and FAQs reviewed tonight will be posted on the District's website, under Special Education.

8. Q: When will my student receive his/her schedule?

Thousand Oaks High School (TOHS)-Students will receive their class lists at the two day freshman orientation in August, check school website for dates/times. Students/Parents can check Q as well. The night before school starts Q will have updated information on teachers & classrooms.

Newbury Park High School (NPHS) - Students will be issues course lists during orientation. Final schedules will be made available 1 to 2 nights before school starts. Final schedules will include teacher names and classroom numbers. Parents can always check the parent portal in Q to access the schedule information. The following link is for Q <https://q.conejousd.org/>

Westlake High School (WHS)-We usually issue final schedules 1 to 2 nights prior to the start of school. The final schedule will include classroom #'s, teachers, etc. Prior to this students can see their class schedule, but it will not

include teachers & classrooms. Schedules can be viewed on Q our online portal for grades, attendance, etc. The following link is for Q <https://q.conejousd.org/>

Century Academy- All students at Century Academy participate are scheduled for a consultation with administration and counseling to design their schedule for the school year during the time of their enrollment. Official copies of schedules are also available during orientation held 2 nights prior to the start of school.

9. Q: When can we meet the teachers?

TOHS-The first official opportunity is at Back to School Night (BTSN). This usually occurs around the second week of September (dates vary). Additionally, parents are encouraged to communicate with their students teachers, and can independently establish a time to meet prior to the BTSN. If there are extenuating circumstances that require an earlier meeting parents should communicate with the middle school IEP team.

NPHS - The first official opportunity will be during NPHS Back to School Night which takes place by the end of the third week of school due to the block schedule at NPHS. Parents are always welcome to reach out to teachers at anytime with questions or concerns.

WHS-The first official opportunity is at the WHS Back to School Night (BTSN). This usually occurs around the second week of September (dates vary). Additionally, parents are encouraged to communicate with their students teachers, and can independently establish a time to meet prior to the WHS BTSN. If there are extenuating circumstances that require an earlier meeting parents should communicate with the middle school IEP team.

Century Academy-Century Academy runs on a collaborative model with families. You will meet all teachers prior to the start of the school year and be in weekly communication regarding the progress of your student. Parents are also invited to join student weekly advisory meetings to address concerns or questions.

10. Q: How is the case manager assigned?

TOHS-Case managers are assigned based on their class schedule. We try to pair students with a case manager they see on a daily basis in class. Incoming freshmen

students will be paired with a case manager based on their schedule as soon as schedules are adjusted. It may take a couple weeks for the master schedule to balance out before case managers are set. Until case managers are set any case management issues can be taken of by the Dep't Chair. As your student progresses through High School, if at all possible we like to maintain the same case managers from the previous year but that would all depend on next year's schedule.

NPHS - The NPHS Special Education Department Chairperson determines case manager assignments. We additionally take into account input from the middle school IEP team to ensure a productive relationship with the case manager and student. We also try to pair a student up with a teacher that will have during the school year to establish consistent contact time.

WHS-The WHS Special Education Department Chairperson determines case manager assignment. Exceptions to this are students who are in special programs on the WHS campus. These students (in general, not always), are usually assigned the teachers/case manager who is running that particular program. We additionally take into account input from the middle school IEP team to ensure a productive relationship with the case manager and student.

Century Academy- The Century Academy administration team determines the case manager assignment utilizing input from the student's advisor, IEP team, and family.

11. Q: When will my student meet the case manager?

TOHS-Your student will meet their case managers once the master schedule is completed and classes are balanced, typically within the first couple weeks of school. Case managers will be in contact with parents as soon as caseloads are balanced.

NPHS- We try to develop a schedule in which at least one class will be taken with a students Special Education Case Manager. If this is not possible due to scheduling issues then case managers usually do introductions within the first 2 weeks. Case managers will also send out introduction letters to parents within the first few weeks of school.

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Century Academy- Century students meet all teachers, including their case managers during the first week of school during “success seminars”.

12. Q: How will my student receive help with locating classes and lockers?

TOHS-Students/Parents have many opportunities to tour the campus during the summer leading up to the start of school. Students will get a tour of campus during the 2-day Freshman Orientation in August (See school website for times/date). On the 1st couple days of school students from Link Crew will be walking around to help any students needing assistance. Once a case manager is assigned they are always open to help, until then students can see Dept Chair or counselor for assistance.

NPHS - We strongly recommend that all student attend Future Panther Night on Thursday, April 4. We also recommend that all students attend the NPHS Orientation for two days during the week of August 12. The official dates will be posted soon as well as in the summer mailer. Once the campus opens up again in August, families are welcomed to come on campus and walk around to get a feel for the campus.

WHS-We highly recommend that all students attend the Westlake Orientation Week (WOW) prior to starting their Fall semester at WHS. The 2019 WOW Dates: Monday, August 5th - Thursday, Aug. 8th. Time: 9:00am-12:00pm. This will provide a campus orientation and demystify many questions for inbound WHS freshman. The following link provides more info.

<https://sites.google.com/learn.conejousd.net/westlakehighschoolactivities/wow-classes-of-2023>

Century Academy-All students will meet the faculty and receive a tour of the campus during success seminars held the first week of school. Additionally, student Advisors ensure access to all subject level teachers, counseling, and administration.

13. Q: What does the typical day look like?

TOHS-TOHS has a period 1-7 schedule. Currently, this means that school starts at 7 a.m. and goes until 2:48 p.m. Period 1 Starts at 7:00. Most students have a period 2-7 day which has an 8 a.m. start and 2:48 p.m. end. The typical day has 2 breaks; one for nutrition, and one for lunch. Please see website for 2019-2020 bell schedule/calendar.

NPHS -NPHS has a 5 period day with period 1 and 5 being 55 minutes, Periods 2-4 are either 90 or 95 minutes in the block format. Many students end the day at

2:05. If your child has period 1 class, they will start at 7:00 am. If your child has a period 5 class, that period ends at 3:05 pm.

WHS-WHS has a period 1-7 schedule. Currently, this means that school starts at 7 a.m. and goes until 2:48 p.m. Most students have a period 2-7 day which has an 8 a.m. start and 2:48 p.m. end. Every Wednesday we have a Common Planning Day (CPT) and period 2 starts at 8:45 a.m. The typical day has 2 breaks; one for nutrition, and one for lunch. The following link is for the WHS 2018/19 bell schedule.

<http://www.conejousd.org/Portals/49/18-19%20WHS%20Bell%20Schedules.pdf?ver=2018-08-22-152216-103>

Century Academy- Century Academy is a blended learning school. As such, student schedules are individually designed for every student depending on their needs and learning preferences. While the campus is open Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm, a student schedule can range within those hours. We encourage families to make an appointment for a consultation where we can create a potential schedule for your student.

14. Q: What if my student has difficulty changing for PE?

TOHS-TOHS has changing booths in both the male and female locker rooms that provide privacy for changing. If your student requires more help, please talk with Case Manager and they will set a plan in place to meet your needs.

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WHS-WHS has changing booths in both the male and female locker rooms that provide privacy for changing. If this is not sufficient please speak with your middle school Special Education Case Manager.

Century Academy-If students participate in our on-site classes such as Spin or Yoga, they may come to campus in the appropriate dress. Private restrooms are available for students to change as necessary.