

*WEHS Club Descriptions*  
*2023 - 2024*



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## **Art Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Lescota](#)

Classroom Code: ktvlf4u

The Art Club is open to all high school students, whether they are enrolled in art or not. The Art Club provides art services to the school community, creating exhibitions, murals, posters, backdrops, and decorative help with special events.

## **Band - Marching Knights**

Advisor: [Ms. McAloon](#)

Classroom Code: By Invitation

The Marching Knights are the "Pride Of West Essex." As one of the top marching bands on the East Coast, the Marching Knights continually put on shows that are creative, entertaining, and inspiring. Whether it is performing at football games, competitions, or parades, the Marching Knights always draw a crowd due to their excellent musicianship and crisp visual presentation.

## **Book Club - WE Reads**

Advisors: [Ms. Rich](#)

Classroom Code: tkla4ch

The purpose of the club is to promote a love of literature and the arts. Students meet once a month to discuss a book of their choice. The books are contemporary and consist of all genres of literature. Students discuss characters, themes, plots, motifs, and relevance to society and their personal lives. We also try to link the readings to subject matters we are discussing in classes. Typically we have a yearly trip to see a film that is based off one of the books we have read. We periodically have bake sales to raise funds for field trips and/or philanthropic endeavors.

## **Chess Club**

Advisor: [Mr. Gilgur](#)

Classroom Code: 766rkmz

Whether you are new and want to learn chess, or want to compete against the best, all are welcome to the West Essex Chess Club. We will determine your skill level, and match you with similar players. Not only do we play regulation chess, but you can also practice speed chess. We will offer online competitions, as well as regional competitions for those who wish to participate. We provide all the equipment, so come, learn, play, and win!

## Computer Science Club

Advisor: [Mr. Carchietta](#)

Classroom Code: gttsdii

The Computer Science Club will expose a diverse range of West Essex students to computer science and computer-related careers. It will help students understand up-to-date computer technology, review current hardware and software products, explore different areas of interest in technological advancement, and create a social environment where students can share information.

## Cooking for a Cause

Advisors: [Mr. Eckert](#) - [Mr. DelaPaz](#)

Classroom Code: fgoi43r

The Cooking 4 a Cause Club kicked off in 2016 and has since grown to include nearly 100 participants! The primary cause of the club is giving back to those in the community with the use of food. The club hosts bake sales, food drives, and extramural cooking classes to enable them to donate to many deserving causes.

## Dance Team

Advisor: [Ms. Mooney](#)

Classroom Code: qacxo2p

The West Essex Dance Team is an advanced tryout group that is composed of 9th-12th graders. Activities include performing for the community at local events, school pep assemblies, and varsity football and basketball games. Dance combinations are taught by the advisor and guest choreographers. West Essex Varsity Dance Team's season begins in August for private dance camp. In the winter all teams perform in an annual dance show. The season culminates with next school year's team tryouts that take place in May. A clinic is offered in April.

## Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)

Advisor: [Mr. Cardinale](#)

Classroom Code: dw2ywp4

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) provides opportunities for students to develop skills in the areas of vocational understanding, leadership development, civic consciousness, and social intelligence. DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management, and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service. DECA provides leadership, career development and competitive event conferences, as well as scholarship opportunities. Always developing future leaders in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship. Visit the following site for additional information [njdeca.org](http://njdeca.org)

## **Drama Club/Masquers**

Advisor: [Mr. Galioto](#)

Classroom Code: 6qa6lem

Masquers of West Essex is the high school theatrical production club open to students in grades 9-12, which produces two shows a year (one straight play and one musical). Students participating hone their acting, singing, and dancing skills. The Technical Theatre Crew, Scenic Design Crew, and Stage Crew, are all associated with the Masquers and provide students with back-stage and technical theater experience in addition to on-stage performance.

## **Esports Team**

Advisor: [Mr. Johnson](#) - [Mr. Siragusa](#)

Classroom Code: ycwmsmr

West Essex Esports competes at the varsity and junior varsity level in a variety of video games from our in-school arena— including Rocket League, League of Legends, Overwatch 2, Super Smash Brothers, and Valorant. As members of the Garden State Esports League and High School Esports League, players commit time to practice and compete during one to three distinct competitive seasons. We also have non-playing positions available for aspiring broadcasters, producers, managers, and more!

## **National Engineering Design Challenge**

Advisor: [Mr. Shea](#)

Classroom Code: xbyah35

Students will join as members of the West Essex chapter of the Technology Student Association (TSA), a national student organization created to develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as well as business education. TSA aims to develop leadership, academic, and business management skills in the workplace among students and leaders within the community. Students can choose one or more of the 40+ architectural, engineering, and design competitions and work independently to design a project that fits the competition's criteria for the given year. Students will compete at the state level with the opportunity of going to Nationals. The competition criteria are announced in January and the New Jersey State Conference is held at TCNJ in mid-April/May.

Students also can compete in the STEAM Tank Challenge which encourages students to apply science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) in response to world issues. The challenge is open to K-12 public school students in New Jersey. It lets students contribute to making the country sustainable, healthy, equitable, and safe. Students apply as teams to invent something new, modify an existing product, or identify a situation or real-world problem that needs attention. Teams are provided criteria, and a panel of experts judges their designs and/or solutions. This year's virtual competition challenges students to use the digital environment in their creativity. STEAM Tank is an opportunity for students to share their ideas and make a difference.

## **Essex County Math League**

Advisor: [Ms. Ayers](#)

Classroom Code: j6ahhij

The Essex County Mathematics League provides a challenging and stimulating opportunity for all high school mathematics students. The League is composed of teams of students from each level of mathematics starting with Algebra through and including Calculus and Statistics. The students compete against other Essex County schools to solve problems that are critical thinking in nature. The meet is hosted by Caldwell College.

## **Fashion Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Clark](#)

Classroom Code: 2xpmz4x

The WE Fashion Club will provide students interested in fashion a forum to learn more about the fashion industry and create projects based on current fashion trends. The club will be channeling their interests in the clothing-related service projects within the community as well.

## **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**

Advisor: [Mr. Ratajczak](#)

Classroom Code: vcy4udw

The Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) is a nationally recognized organization comprising of a quarter of a million high school and middle school students, college and university students, faculty, educators, administrators, and business professionals. It is open to students in the high school that are interested in Business as a career choice. The club will meet monthly and participate in competitions at the Regional, State, and National levels.

## **Film Club**

Advisor: [Mr. Myerson](#)

Classroom Code: bcdzjkc

The Film club meets to explore and discuss the world of film as an insight into art and human nature, to imagine extraordinary worlds and stories and compare them to our own—to broaden our horizons—to celebrate cinema.

## **Gay-Straight Alliance**

Advisor: [Ms. Rowen](#)

Classroom Code: 2ynqqqm

The Gay-Straight Alliance works to promote tolerance and acceptance throughout the school community and to provide a safe, non-judgmental space as a support network for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and straight youth who share a common vision of social equality.

## **HarmoKnights**

Advisor: [Ms. Drew](#)

Classroom Code: g3qnpev

HarmoKnights, the new co-ed acappella group at WEHS, is open to any students who are currently enrolled in choir, band or orchestra. As this music is exclusively acappella, it is more challenging than the music for the school ensemble choir class. The group meets Wednesdays from 2:45-4:15. This group performs at the two major Choir Concerts each year, as well as various other functions.

## **Health and Wellness Club**

Advisor: [Mr. Logan](#)

Classroom Code: mx3me55

The Health and Wellness Club is a place where students can come together to share experiences, ideas, and strategies for leading a happy and healthy lifestyle. The club will meet once a month in room 628 with Mr. Logan to check in on everyone's progress and come up with strategies to maintain health and wellness. Whether you are seeking to improve your physical health, mental health, or just find balance in life, the Health and Wellness Club is the place for you!

## **Investors Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Llauget](#)

Classroom Code: 7usmrqn

The purpose of the Investor's Club is to educate its members about the world of investing and the variety of investment opportunities through engagement with professionals and participation in investment simulations and field trips in order to promote wise personal investment decisions.



## Key Club

Advisors: [Ms. Fernicola](#) - [Ms. Carollo](#)

Classroom Code: By Invitation Only

Key Club is a national organization of Grade 9-12 students who participate in a variety of service activities to benefit their schools and communities. Students will complete community service projects that will provide students with the opportunity to serve, build character and develop leadership skills.

## Multicultural Club

Advisors: [Ms. Perez](#) - [Ms. Duby](#)

Classroom Code: nwipqxa

The goal of the Multicultural Club is to spread cultural awareness to diversify our school through discussion, food and activities. This club is for students interested in countries across the globe and teaches members of all types of ethnic backgrounds through cultured themed foods, music, movies, crafts, language and other activities.

## Orchestra

Advisor: [Ms. Shroyer](#)

Classroom Code: 5o7qvr4

Orchestra is an after school music program that provides students opportunity for performance in addition to the MS/SHS Orchestras. There are three ensembles: SHS String Ensemble (for students in the SHS); MS String Ensemble (for students in the MS); West Essex Chamber Orchestra. Participation in the groups is determined by audition and enrollment in the orchestral program is not a prerequisite. These groups perform a more varied repertoire ranging from the Baroque to the Contemporary.

## Newspaper - Wessex Wire

Advisor: [Mr. Hermosilla](#)

Writing Classroom Code: hh5ul4n

Artwork Classroom Code: rgfavmn

The Wessex Wire is the student newspaper of West Essex High School. Students write, edit, and layout four issues a year.

## Photography Club

Advisor: [Mr. Miller](#)

Classroom Code: 3pqw2r4

The photography club is a group of budding photographers at West Essex High School. The club is open to all students with an interest in photography (you do not need to own a camera to join). Club members meet once a week to learn new skills and techniques and are given weekly “challenges” to work on their photography skills.

## **Pre Med Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Fink](#)

Classroom Code: 66ml2uq

The purpose of the Pre-Med club is to promote interest in a variety of medical fields. Invited guest speakers will discuss the path leading to entrance into professional schools, the various specialties available for pursuit and the typical day in the life of a doctor.

## **Quiz Bowl**

Advisors: [Ms. Blanchard](#) / [Mr. Myerson](#)

Classroom Code: ezx7wsa

The History Bowl is a national competition of academic teams. Students compete in regional and state competitions from October through March and answer questions ranging from the ancient history of India to world religions, geography and modern pop culture. Students compete in teams and meet monthly, answering practice questions in a simulated quiz environment. Membership is open to students in A.P. US History and European History.

## **Robotics Club**

Advisor: [Mr. Shea](#)

Classroom Code: xbyah35

The club consists of students from grade levels 9-12 who design projects and participate in a variety of local and national robotic competitions. These competitions include The Panasonic Design Challenge, First Tetrix's, Vex First Robotics, North Jersey Robotics Competition, Rocket America and Zero Robotics MIT. Students interested in engineering and architecture find this club challenging.

## **Roundtable**

Advisor: [Ms. Duby](#)

Classroom Code: v3mtbhj

Roundtable meetings consist of work-shopping student writing and evaluating student submissions, as well as laying out the magazine for publication and subsequent distribution.

## **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)**

Advisor: [Ms. Capen](#)

Classroom Code: t3joi6n

SADD'S mission is to empower students to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them throughout their daily lives.

## Senior Service

Advisor: [Mr. McGlynn](#) - [Ms. Zuppa](#)

Classroom Code: smgtafm

The Senior Service program allows graduating seniors the opportunity to spend their last 4-5 weeks of the school year outside the building, getting real-world work experience. Students can get internships working for local businesses, professional offices, municipalities or other volunteer opportunities of their choice. The goal of the program is for students to explore the working world in a field that may be of interest to them as a career, or simply provide them an opportunity to give back to their community with any number of volunteer opportunities

## Stage Crew

Advisor: [Mr. Peluso](#)

Classroom Code: 6qa6lem

The Stage Crew is responsible for creating and manipulating the sets for our school drama production and school musical. Meeting after school, the crew builds and decorates the set during the two months prior to the performances. The running crew is then chosen from those who have been present and working during the building process. The running crew moves set pieces and props around the stage during the performances. After the performances, the crew is then responsible for the disassembling and storage of the set.

## STEM Club

Advisor: [Ms. Berthelot](#)

Classroom Code: 7efmoz7

As a team, it is our mission to introduce sustainable practices, engineering, and ideas into the minds of the next generation. Together, we can increase awareness and concern for our environment amongst the student body, and promote habits that work to mitigate the effects of climate change and pollution within our community.

## Student Council

Advisor: [Ms. Llauget](#)

Classroom Code: By Invitation Only

Students who take part in Student Council, are given the opportunity to represent their fellow classmates on many school issues. Students will go through the campaign and election process. Should they succeed, they will become part of a group that is the students voice, giving feedback to the administration. Members of the student council are also responsible for being the face of the school and volunteering time to organize and attend school events and fundraisers.

## **Student Productions - Art**

Advisor: [Ms. Clark](#)

Classroom Code: v7evasn

Masquers Student Production Paint Crew or better described the "Creative Crew"! Students help create the stage scenes for the Fall Play and the Spring musical. We design and paint everything from the stage props to the advertising posters and sandwich boards. If you have a flair for decorating, painting or coordinating clothing...we would love for you to join us. We are currently accepting all Creatives!!

## **Technical Theater Crew**

Advisor: [Mr. Galioto](#)

Classroom Code: v7evasn

Technical Theater crew is the team that works specifically with sound and lighting needs for any performances/events that are held in the high school auditorium. These students work with new state-of-the-art computerized lighting and sound systems, learn how to hang and set stage lights, and basic principles of stage lighting and sound design and implementation.

## **WE CARE**

Advisor: [Mr. Florance](#) / [Ms. Lippi](#)

Classroom Code: debeehz

WE CARE is an environmental club working to improve and enhance the environment at West Essex as well as the local community.

## **Winter Guard**

Advisor: [Ms. Barrett](#) / [Mr. Cuevas](#)

Classroom Code:

Winter Guard is an indoor version of Color Guard which combines dance and spinning of equipment set to music. This activity focuses on expressing individual creativity within a team setting. Winter Guard competes throughout the Northeast against other area high schools. This high-paced, high-energy activity is continually growing and always welcomes new members.

## **Women's Empowerment Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Blanchard](#)

Classroom Code: lkdxvql

The Women's Empowerment Club's mission is to make West Essex more aware and inclusive of issues women face and to provide WE resources to help implement change through club discussions, fundraisers, and programs led by students of all genders. This club will provide students at West Essex with a safe space to explore gender-related topics, build connections with other like-minded people, and help affect positive change in the West Essex community and beyond.

## **World Language: Chinese Club**

Advisor: [Ms. You](#)

Classroom Code: 6kg2w7v

Students will experience Chinese culture by participating in the club events and activities. The club members will have the global view, and grow character in the charity opportunity.

## **World Language: French Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Monkowski](#)

Classroom Code: dslnjtg

The French Club meets once or twice a month and is open to all students. Some of the cultural activities include movies, music, current events, games, trips to NYC, and holiday celebrations. The club organizes a school-wide international dessert contest and holds several crêpe sales throughout the year.

## **World Language: Italian Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Pivetta](#)

Classroom Code: invxmf3

There are diverse fun activities held throughout the year, such as dinners, parties, cultural games, listening to Italian music, and Italian movies when available. Elections are held in September. The members hold a yearly fundraiser.

## **World Language: Spanish Club**

Advisor: [Ms. Vallone](#)

Classroom Code: vo7xcdc

The Spanish Club is an extension of the cultural studies that take place in Spanish classes. It provides students with a social outlet related to the Spanish language and the different cultures associated with Spanish speaking countries.

**Yearbook (Milestone)**

Advisor: [Ms. D'Angelo](#)

Classroom Code: d6hyjmi

The Milestone Yearbook is West Essex High School's premier student publication. Each year, the Yearbook Committee works to highlight the school year in a lasting way. The Milestone keeps the memories of West Essex Regional High School alive and always promises to be an amazing publication every year. Students are responsible for photography, layout, content, art and editing.