

## COMMUNITY SHARING RESOURCES

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**Listed below are several resources that will help parents and students with student's homework, preparing for ACT, accessing emotional/social information, relationship building and program interventions.**

### Parent Resources

- ✓ [www.act.org/path/parent/news/0806.html](http://www.act.org/path/parent/news/0806.html) (This website will help you guide your kids through middle school and high school toward college and a career)
- ✓ [www.justanswer.homework](http://www.justanswer.homework) (Ask your homework question, homework experts answer you ASAP)
- ✓ [www.homeworkspot.com](http://www.homeworkspot.com) (References for elementary, middle, high school, parents/teachers)
- ✓ [www.ops.org/reading/parentshomework](http://www.ops.org/reading/parentshomework) (resources on study area, study tools, family schedule, television, homework schedule, assignments, textbook chapters, studying for a test)
- ✓ [www.familyeducation.com/article/noframes](http://www.familyeducation.com/article/noframes) (Homework contract)
- ✓ [www.nea.org/parents/homework](http://www.nea.org/parents/homework) (Help your student get the most out of homework through the NEA – National Education Association)
- ✓ [www.cdh.org](http://www.cdh.org) (Programs which offer highly structured, multi-disciplinary treatment to adolescents who need more than what traditional outpatient services can provide.) or call 630-653-4000

### Preparing for the PSAE

#### **The Princeton Review – Online ACT Practice Test**

- ✓ <http://princetonreview.com/>

#### **ACT Online Practice Test**

- ✓ [www.dupage88.net/wbhs](http://www.dupage88.net/wbhs)

Select the Library tab; choose Online Resources, then ACT Online

#### **ACT Website**

- ✓ [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Sample Test Items and Test Information

#### **Work Keys Information**

- ✓ [www.act.org/workkeys](http://www.act.org/workkeys)

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#### **Test Prep Review**

- ✓ <http://www.testprepreview.com/>

Online resource to a variety of practice exams, including the ACT.

### **COMPASS COLLEGE PLACEMENT EXAM**

- ✓ <http://www.act.org/compass/index.html>

Online guide to a comprehensive, computer-adaptive testing system that helps place students into appropriate courses and maximizes the information postsecondary schools need to ensure student success.

### Literacy Department Resources

**Department Chair:** Mrs. Ann Kimpton [akimpton@dupage88.net](mailto:akimpton@dupage88.net).

**Tutors:** Ms. Lindhorst [mlindhorst@dupage88.net](mailto:mlindhorst@dupage88.net) or Ms. Kosior, Tutor [kkosior@dupage88.net](mailto:kkosior@dupage88.net)

- ✓ Literacy Department brochure to explain interventions
- ✓ Test-Taking Strategies – A Student’s Guide (handout)
- ✓ Project **CR**ISS for Parents **CR**eating **I**ndependence through Student-owned Strategies (handout in Spanish and English)
- ✓ [www.LearningExpressAdvantage.com](http://www.LearningExpressAdvantage.com) (on-line resources for students and staff)
- ✓ [www.allkidscovered.com](http://www.allkidscovered.com) (Governor Blagojevich’s Healthcare for all kids)
- ✓ [www.isp.state.il.us/sor/](http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/) Access this website for more information regarding the Public Act 94-0994 which requires school districts to notify parents that information about sex offenders is available to the public as provided for by the Sex Offender Registration Act.

**Freshman Folder** is a packet of information that provides freshmen guidance and direction as they enter their high school years.

### **Student Resources for Freshmen:**

**New Beginnings** is a freshman mentoring program that links freshmen students with upperclassmen during their lunch/study. Contact Scott Forcash – [Sforcash@dupage88.net](mailto:Sforcash@dupage88.net)

The New Beginning goals are:

1. Improve academic achievement
2. Improve attendance
3. Increase student involvement in extracurricular activities

**Meetings for New Beginnings are:**

- ✓ **Colors Training**
  - September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Counselor Presentation (Guidance Office and High School Intro.)**
  - September 8<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Sports/Clubs Information**
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ✓ **Getting Acquainted**
  - **October 4<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ **Human Knot**
  - October 25<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Counselor Presentation (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Review/ Freshmen Interviews)**
  - October 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Memory Strategies**
  - October 14<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **How to get Good Grades**
  - December 6<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Registration Information**
  - **January 10<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ **Team Building Activity**
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Reducing Test Anxiety**
  - April 4<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Interpreting the PLAN**
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ✓ **New Beginnings Breakfast**
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Progress Program** – This program hopes to ease the transition for freshmen and eliminate some anxious feelings for the parent or student as well as give freshmen the best possible start at Willowbrook. The cost is \$45.00 and meets for 2 hours a day the first week in August. Contact Mr. Jim White – [JWhite@dupage88.net](mailto:JWhite@dupage88.net)

**Freshmen Mentor Study Hall** – assists students who are having academic difficulty. These students will work with National Honor Society students during lunch/study hall. Contact Paul Drennan at [PDrennan@dupage88.net](mailto:PDrennan@dupage88.net).

**Honors Study Hall** – Freshmen are able to work in pairs or teams to problem solve, collaborate in projects as well as help one another in honors study hall. Contact Paul Drennan at [Pdrennan@dupage88.net](mailto:PDrennan@dupage88.net).

### **Student Resources for Sophomore, Junior, Senior**

**Ambassador Program** – This program was designed to help transfer students get better acclimated to Willowbrook. Current Willowbrook students volunteer their time to welcome new transfer students and help them build relationships with peers and get to know the building in a new environment.

**Breaking Free** – a United Way agency, is a private, not-for-profit corporation providing counseling and prevention services for students in Kane, Kendall and DuPage counties. This program offers:

- ✓ Drug/Alcohol Assessments
- ✓ HALT Education Program (Alternative to Suspension)
- ✓ Seven Challenges (Treatment Program)
- ✓ Family Education Program, a program designed for family members of teens or adults who are using drugs or alcohol.

**Career Week** – Local businesses visit with our students during Career Week to present the various career opportunities in the community. Contact Scott Forcash at [Sforcash@dupage88.net](mailto:Sforcash@dupage88.net)

**Character Counts** – The club is designed to encourage students to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair and caring citizens in the Willowbrook and Villa Park community. Members of the club are leaders in this effort. Contact Jen Burns at [JBurns@dupage88.net](mailto:JBurns@dupage88.net)

**College Visits** – Representatives from Area College's visit with students in the Library Media Center to showcase their school(s). Contact Pam Bradford at [Pbradford@dupage88.net](mailto:Pbradford@dupage88.net).

**Diversity Outreach Committee** - is a collective group of staff members and parents with the goal of increased parent involvement and interaction between the parents of our African-American and Latino students and Willowbrook High School. Contact Evan Whitehead at [EWhitehead@dupage88.net](mailto:EWhitehead@dupage88.net).

**Hispanic Leadership Team:** Provides information on immigration and scholarships for Latino students.

**Hispanic Achievement** - Willowbrook has established a partnership with Literacy Volunteers of DuPage to provide tutoring in English to parents of our students free of charge. We are looking for parents who are:

- Not functionally literate in English
- Willing to make a commitment to meet with a tutor for 2 hours per week for 6 to 12 months
- Unable to take advantage of COD classes for whatever reason, i.e. job commitments, child care issues, etc. Contact Ann Kimpton, Literacy Department, 782-3001 or [email-Akimpton@dupage88.net](mailto:Akimpton@dupage88.net).

**Prudential Spirit of Community** – This website provides information about youth volunteerism. [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit)

**Spirit & Pride** – Get to know teachers. Contact Chuck Tassio at [Ctassio@dupage88.net](mailto:Ctassio@dupage88.net) or Cristy Hebreard at [CHebreard@dupage88.net](mailto:CHebreard@dupage88.net)

## Tutorial Services

**Literacy Center** – The Literacy Center is open to the whole student body but with referrals from teachers, guidance staff, parents or students themselves. The Literacy Center staff assists students seeking academic help from 7:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. Contact [Akimpton@dupage88.net](mailto:Akimpton@dupage88.net)

**National Honor Society** – 20 service hours needed for completion. Contact Judy Pompei @ [Jpompei@dupage88.net](mailto:Jpompei@dupage88.net) or Matt Zaucha @ [Mzaucha@dupage88.net](mailto:Mzaucha@dupage88.net) for tutorial services

**National Univ. of Health Sciences** students are offering free tutoring to WB students in a variety of subject areas available on Wed. evenings 6-8 p.m. on the Lombard Campus at Highland and Roosevelt. Flyers are available in the Literacy Center.

**Writing Center** - The Writing Center is in computer lab 138, and is fully staffed all day by a certified English teacher, Mr. John Biernacki. He is available to help students with essays and revisions, and tutors students having difficulty with literature. He keeps a full array of college application information in the lab, and helps students with their college admission essays and scholarship essays. He also keeps a binder with writing contests available to students, and helps students working on our student publications, Skyline and Centurion. To talk with Mr. Biernacki, phone 530-3727.