

W.I.N. is a Win for our Youngest Students

W.I.N. or the **W**hat **I** **N**eed period is proving to be a great success for our grade seven students.

This academic year the Portage Area JR/SR High School has attempted to further assist our seventh grade students with the transition from elementary school to secondary school. We reduced the number of teachers our younger students interact with and provided a dedicated period to focus on student learning. Each day these students work with peers, staff members or older students to get organized, prepare for assessments, complete projects or homework, revisit core content teachers for further clarification or tutoring, seek assistance from our guidance department, or plan for the next academic day. The W.I.N. period has allowed our younger students to transition nicely into our building. We have been able to focus our core content learning in the mornings, with the opportunity to experience various electives after 11:25am.

A quick stop into the end-of day W.I.N. period sees 60+ students, a senior student volunteer and 6 staff members on task, collaboratively focusing on assignments, recording tasks in our daily planners and preparing for the next day. Our hope is the W.I.N. period becomes a stress reducing opportunity for those transitioning to secondary school.

As the saying goes, "A W.I.N. is a win, is a win!"

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