



WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Lea Pizinger, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
DATE: October 1, 2026
RE: Curriculum Night 2026

This memo is:

- ☒ Information only.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed:

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated:
- ☐ or attached to this memo

Basic information:

District 33 hosted its annual Curriculum Night at each school this September. We are always working to take feedback from families and staff to ensure this is a productive and engaging event. We made a few minor adjustments to Curriculum Night this year based on the feedback that was received.

- The event continued to be advertised as parent-only. The District worked with the West Chicago Park District to offer free child care for families. The childcare attendance at the Park District is as follows: Gary 25 registered, 17 attended, LMS 10 registered, 2 attended, Currier/IK/Turner/Wenger 28 registered 15 attended.
- We continued to provide parents with their child's MAP scores and guidance on how to read them.
- We continued to hold separate presentations in English and Spanish, replacing the previous practice of simultaneous translation.
- Elementary schools maintained a consistent structure across all buildings to ensure district-wide alignment.
- We added additional time for discussion about MAP scores in the teacher presentation.

Here is the attendance for the event by school for 2026, 2025, and 2024.

School	2026 Total Attendees	2025 Total Attendees	2024 Total Attendees
Currier	79	89	72
Gary	203	145	84
Indian Knoll	129	153	86
Turner	65	96	44
Wegner	103	154	33
Leman	485	345	74

This year, Leman held a separate Curriculum Night for 6-7th-grade families and one for 8th-grade families. The structure remained similar to an open-house format, where families could go from class to class to hear from teachers. On the 6th and 7th-grade night, the building administration offered a presentation to all families with simultaneous translation from English to Spanish.

The 8th-grade event was structured similarly to the 6th and 7th-grade events, but a guest speaker, [Hector Garcia](#), presented to families specifically on high school readiness.

The Department of Teaching and Learning sent a survey to request feedback from families on the 2026 Curriculum Night. You can view the Curriculum Night survey [results here](#).

Preschool

On Thursday, September 18, 2026, Pioneer held the annual Welcome Back Family Picnic on the playground from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The event gave preschool families a chance to reconnect with the staff and each other as we kicked off the new school year. Families were greeted and signed in as they arrived, shared a meal together, and spent time enjoying a variety of activities alongside their children, including face painting, a balloon artist, cornhole, a petting zoo, hula hoops, checkers, and Connect 4, and tricycles. Staff were on hand throughout the evening to welcome families, run the activity stations, and make sure everyone had a safe and enjoyable time. There were a total of 448 attendees at the event.

Background or historical information:

The dates for Curriculum Nights are typically set in the spring in order to publicize and plan accordingly. With the exception of preschool, this is a 2-hour evening event for families in September, after the school year has started.

Curriculum Night is an opportunity for parents and guardians to visit their child's school and learn about the curriculum, classroom expectations, etc. It is an opportunity for parents/guardians to meet the building administrators and teachers, ask questions, and gain insight into their child's educational experience. Curriculum Night fosters communication between parents and teachers, encouraging a collaborative approach to a student's education.

Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

Recommendations:

Administrators, the Board of Education, teachers, and parents shared insights about Curriculum Night and explored strategies to increase attendance as well as enhance the overall experience. We will continue to make adjustments to the event as needed.

Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: